

Carver Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Joint meeting with Finance Committee  
Carver Town Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
March 19, 2019 - 7:00pm

In Attendance: Board of Selectmen – Chairman Ronald Clarke, Vice-Chair Dave Robertson, Alan Dunham Sarah Hewins, Mark Townsend, Town Administrator Michael Milanoski & Elaine Weston

In attendance for Finance Committee: Chair Alan Germain, Vice-Chair Kate Bandzul, Bill Duggan, George Callahan & Beth Sulger.

Absent: John Cotter

Chair led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Townsend read the community prayer.

**Citizens Participation:** Jenn Dowding spoke against cutting an art teacher from the school budget

**Appointment to the Conservation Commission:**

Dan Badger present & spoke about his passion for the eco system.

Motion to appoint the full time position to Badger by Dunham, second by Hewins. Vote 5-0

Motion to appoint the Associate position to Peg Blackwell by Hewins, second by Townsend. Vote 5-0

Townsend recused himself and left the table

**Chapter 61A:** No one present to represent the application. Motion to table by Dunham, second by Hewins. Vote 4-0

Townsend returned to the table

Finance Committee opened their meeting

**Discussion/Vote of Town Meeting Warrant:**

Town Administrator went through each item of each Article:

Article #4: Supplemental Appropriations- Finance Committee vote 5-0, Selectmen Motion by Tonwsend, second by Dunham. Vote 5-0.

Article #5: Appropriations of Free Cash- Item C (Operations and Maintenance Field Maintenance and Supplies) was moved from the school budget to the Town budget into free cash this year and will be as a capital item next year so the school is able to maintain a full-time art teacher in their budget. Item C Fire Department Personal Protective Gear was out of date which also required the vote of the Capital Outlay Committee. Recreation Committee start-up

funds in order to grow the recreation program for the benefit of activities for the community. Last bonding proceeds going toward one-time expenses added to the cost of the building of the Police Station.

Finance Committee Voted 5-0 on A, B, D-J and 3-2 on C

Selectmen:

A-C: Special Ed Reserve- Dunham feels by taking money away from other areas and putting it into the school, it is a bandaid just to get us through this year and doesn't think it's the right way to resolve the school deficit.

Hewins stated that according to MGL no one can tell the school how to spend their money.

Townsend: stated that he feels that people came together and solved the problem and is proud of the outcome.

Robertson: feels this was a creative way to solve the problem.

Clarke feels that the fields is a capital item and could have been corrected earlier in the budgeting process and would have avoided this situation and is comfortable with what is being done this year. The Town and School have been working together and the school budget is a bigger issue due to the underfunding of education to Carver by the State.

G: Hewins questioned specifics on -Site Improvements, Parking & Demolition. TA stated this would not be funds used for the existing playground or the new playground & the only thing that would be demo'd is the old Police Station. TA will change G will to state demolition of existing Police Station. TA will add additional descriptions to elaborate on site improvements, parking and demolition.

Vote A: Motion to approve by Dunham, second by Robertson. Vote 5-0

Vote B: Motion to approve by Dunham, second by Townsend. Vote 5-0

Vote C: Motion to approve by Hewins, second by Townsend. Vote 5-0

Vote D: Motion to approve by Townsend, second by Dunham. Vote 5-0

Vote E: Motion to approve by Dunham, second by Townsend. Vote 5-0

Vote F: Motion to approve by Townsend, second by Robertson. Vote 5-0

Vote G: Motion to table by Hewins until amendment is made, no second. Motion to approve as amended by Dunham, second by Townsend. Vote: 4-0-1 (Hewins abstain)

Vote H: Motion to approve by Dunham, second by Townsend. Vote 5-0

Vote I: Motion to approve by Robertson, second by Townsend. Vote 5-0

Vote J: Motion to approve by Townsend, second by Dunham. Vote 5-0.

Article #6: Town-wide budget – Finance Director LaMay explained each item. Finance Committee Chair Germain went through their votes and abstentions. Sulger abstained on Fire, Bandzul abstained on EMS and Germain abstained on Conservation Commission. Germain stated that the committee discussed increasing the stipends of the Conservation Commission to \$1,000 for chair and \$800 per member and the Board of Selectmen to: \$3,000 for chair and \$2,000 per member. They discussed that the Conservation Committee does the same if not more site visits as the Planning Board. Finance Committee Vote 5-0-1 for each.

Selectmen vote: Motion to approve by Dunham, second by Robertson. Vote 5-0

Article #7: Revolving Funds- Finance Committee voted 5-0. Selectmen –Motion to approve by Dunham with amendment for LED lighting as approved by the Finance Committee at their 3/19/19 meeting, second by Townsend. Vote 5-0

Article #8: Capital Items-Finance Committee vote: 5-0. Dunham explained the new Fire Department Tanker and the need of it for the Fire Department. Motion to approve by Townsend, second by Dunham. Vote 5-0.

Article #9: Community Preservation Committee article for debt service to the MHS sports complex-which will be the same for the next 10 years in the amount of \$29,343. There are 3 categories, historical, housing and open space which can be also considered recreational. Finance Committee Vote: 5-0, Board of Selectmen motion to approve by Townsend, second by Dunham. Vote 5-0.

Article #10: Reallocation of funds for the Police Station-these are one time funds to complete the project. Finance Committee Voted to table. Motion by Dunham to table, second by Robertson. Vote 5-0.

Article #11: Old Colony Regional Voc. Tech. HS agreement-language was updated, no substantial changes were made. Finance Committee vote: 4-0-1 (Bandzul abstain) Selectmen motion to approve by Hewins. Vote 5-0

Article #13: MGL : Treasurer/Collector Fees-acceptance would allow fees to be increased for Treasurer/Collector only. All other departments would need to go before the Selectmen. Finance Committee vote: 5-0. Selectmen motion to approve by Robertson, second by Dunham. Hewins requested wording to be amended to specify any increases need to go before the Selectmen. Motion to amend original motion to include new wording for fee approval by Selectmen by Dunham, second by Townsend. Vote 5-0.

Article #17: Grant Program – would request the petition money articles make a request, would cap the amount at \$25,000 total so it could be budgeted annually. It needs to be documented that the money issued to the agencies requesting money in the petition articles is used on Carver residents only. The Finance Committee is looking to see that at least 75% of the funds

granted be spent on Carver residents & this process would also require that the agency prove that they are a 501-3c non-profit. The Finance Committee voted to approve 5-0 and took no action on Article #18.

Selectmen motion to approve by Dunham, second by Robertson. Hewins read the State Law that says that citizens can petition the Town to the Town Warrant and feels that the Finance Committee's role as advisory would shift to regulatory if this article gets approved. She feels the decision should be up to the voters.

Clarke stated that if Town Meeting were to approve Article #17, then Town Meeting is approving the Finance Committee to have the authority to allocate the money for the grant program.

Selectmen Vote: 4-1

Article #18: Money Petition Articles: Finance Committee took no action. Motion by Dunham to take no action, second by Townsend. Vote 4-1

Article #16: Stretch Code: Motion to approve by Robertson, second by Clarke. Germain went through the process of the Finance Committee deciding to bring this article to the warrant. The Finance Committee voted to approve the article 3-1. Hewins clarified that this would be for new construction only, not including additions and renovations. Townsend stated that the grants don't come to the town until the town is a green community, not by adopting the stretch code. TA stated that the energy efficient plan and fuel efficient vehicles are simple to roll out. TA stated that once the plan was adopted & these criteria are all met, the grant money will be available.

Selectmen Vote: 3-2

Finance Committee Motion to adjourn by Bandzul, second by Callahan. Vote 5-0.

Article #2

A: \$286,225 for the 'playground' equal to or better than current-motion to approve by Dunham, second by Townsend. Dunham questioned if money is only for the new playground and not for the dismantling of the old playground. TA stated that none of this money for the existing playground. Any wording on 'demo' is for the prep of the 'King' property. Vote 4-1

B: \$136,425 for the 'parking area'-motion to approve by Dunham, second by Townsend. Vote 5-0

C: \$87,359 for the 'infields- Motion by Dunham to approve, second by Robertson. Vote 5-0

D: \$90,000 for the 'other/site improvements' – Motion by Dunham to approve, second by Townsend. Specific wording requested by Board to be immediately below the letter D. Vote 5-0

Hewins requested amendment of the information summary wording to take out the wording of 'required' in this article.

The rest of the articles still need to be amended by Town Counsel. The articles reviewed are all the financial articles.

**Town Administrator Update:**

**Police Station and Recreation Complex update:**

**Board of Selectmen Update**

**Hewins:** Would like to inquire of Town Counsel if there needs to be a vote to demolish the current playground

**Robertson:** Carver Heals program last Friday- thanked Donna Forand for organizing

**Townsend:** Thanked Donna Forand for the Carver Heals night. He announced his office hours for next Tuesday, March 26.

**Dunham:** Thanked Donna Forand for the Carver Heals night.

**Clarke:** Stated that one of the goals of the Carver Heals is to have the responsible use of social media.

**100% Renewable Energy Act:** This would power MA with 100% renewable energy by 2035.

This is support and does not obligate Carver to anything. Motion to approve by Dunham, second by Hewins. Townsend recommends waiting on this and to have Rep. Gifford to come in and speak on this. Hewins stated that it would be the utilities, not the residents that would be required to have the renewable energy. She also requested having the Senator come to speak on this. Robertson is not in favor of mandates because it increases costs for everyone. Vote 2-3 not passed.

**Minutes/Licenses/Topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting:**

Motion to approve 3/5/19 minutes by Hewins , second by Townsend. Vote 3-0-2 (Robertson & Dunham abstain)

Next meetings: 4/2, 4/16, 5/7, 5/21, 6/4, 6/18, 7/2, 7/30, 8/6, 9/3, 9/17, 10/1, 10/15, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3, 12/17

Motion to adjourn at 10:00 p.m. by Townsend, second by Hewins. Vote 5-0