

Carver Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Carver Town Hall, 2nd Floor
May 21, 2019 - 6:00pm

In Attendance: Board of Selectmen – Chairman Ronald Clarke, Robert Belbin, Alan Dunham Sarah Hewins, Mark Townsend, Town Administrator Michael Milanoski & Elaine Weston

Motion to go into Executive Session at 6:00pm pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(2)(3) if discussing matter in open session with respect to collective bargaining negotiations with unions: (SEIU & Police), and for non-union negotiations and with non-union personnel (Town Administrator's Contract) that may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Town if held in open session and reconvene in open session by Townsend, second by Dunham. Roll call- Affirmative: Belbin, Hewins, Townsend, Dunham, Clarke.

Returned to open session at 7:00pm.

Chair led the pledge of allegiance and Robert Merritt read the community prayer.

Public Comment:

Paul Johnson: President of Carver Sportsmen's Club: Scholarship breakfast was held this past weekend. He recognized someone who donated time and is not a member of the club- Dawn Padovani.

Robert H. Merritt Award Presentation: Committee members Scott Knief, Dave Robertson & Elaine Weston presented the award to William "Bill" Harriman along with a flag that was flown over the Town Hall and his name on the plaque that will be hung at Town Hall.

Dept. of Conservation & Recreation Forestry Project presentation: Paul Gregory presented the Forest Management Proposal.

Caring Crusaders: School Guidance Counselors Mrs. Nolan & Mrs. McKenna gave an overview of the group. The members meet once a month and work on things such as 'Don't Drink, Dream Big, part of the Carver Cares vigil, do the morning announcements at the school, work with the campaign 'What are your reasons' as well as the 'Sticker Shock' campaign. The Board recognized students with Certificates of Appreciation.

Joint meeting of the Redevelopment Authority – opened their meeting at 7:48pm

In attendance: Chair Will Sinclair, Johanna Leighton, Savery Moore. Absent: Sharon Clarke

Chair congratulated Bob Belbin on his election to the Select Board, in turn, he vacated his position on the Redevelopment Authority. Chair requested that Brian Abatiello be appointed until the next election in April 2020.

Motion to nominate Brian Abatiello to be appointed to fill Belbin's vacancy by Moore, second by Leighton. Vote – 7-1.

Motion for Redevelopment Authority to adjourn at 7:51pm by Moore, second by Leighton.
Vote 3-0.

Town Administrator Update:

Director of Planning & Development resignation: Stephen Cole has helped secure multiple grants for Carver and in many ways helped advance the community.

Stephen Cole stated he did not intend on leaving & the position he is taking came to him. He thanked the Town Administrator and staff for all of their support and is not happy that the public is saying otherwise. The reason he accepted the position in Carver was because he was excited to find an Administrator that understood economic development. He feels that the Town Administrator is one of the best he has had to deal with throughout his career.

Council on Aging Senior Survey – Cole stated there are 377 completed surveys on-line. There are also over 500 paper copies. This is approximately over 20% of the 55 and over population in Carver. Each survey has a unique identifier and the survey is anonymous. The early analysis shows that 8% have reported serious health concerns and 3% choose between purchasing medication or food.

More than 50% of respondents have a desire for fitness or wellness programs & 60% are not participating in the community and many of these respondents would like a volunteer opportunity.

These results will help determine what the community needs for their well-being.

A full report is expected to be ready to be presented to the Select Board in July.

The Board thanked Stephen for all he has done for the Town and wished him well in his future career.

Update on annual appointments for Boards and Committees: A list will be compiled of all appointed Boards and Committees including term dates so everyone will be able to see in one location which will be the website.

Town Clerk's office update: The Town Clerk's office will be closed from 10am-12pm Monday-Thursday for reorganization and training. Board questioned a timeline for the closing and if there are any restrictions on if the Clerk's office open to the public. The Town Clerk will give an update to the Board in approximately 6 months.

Finance Department Restructuring:

Finance Director Meg LaMay requesting Finance Department changes:

New Hours for the Assistant Town Accountant Office – would like to close the office to foot traffic on Wednesday's.

Re-organization of the Board of Assessor's staff position: Finance Assistant. The Treasurer/Collector Finance Assistant is split into two positions. LaMay feels the position would be more efficient and accurate if it is split into two positions for proofing work.

Select Board Update:

Dunham: Thanked Nathan Bradshaw for his Eagle Scout project improving the Gazebo. Memorial Day Parade begins at 9:00. It is National EMS week. Thanked Dave Robertson for his time served as a Board member.

Townsend: Announced his office hours next Tuesday 6-7 and thanked Nathan for his work on the Gazebo

Belbin: Thanked all the voters and all the people that voted for him. Reminded everyone of openings on Committees and Boards and encouraged everyone to participate. He questioned the position of Fence Viewer and the lack of By-laws.

Hewins: Thanked Carver Fire Department for hosting the Library Story Hour for a Tour. Reminded all of the Memorial Day Parade.

Clarke: Also mentioned the Memorial Day Parade, There is a Selectmen workshop on June 8 if any members of the Board are interested.

Review and approval of top three goals and objectives for the Select Board in FY 20 and top three for FY 21+: Tabled – would like Board members to come up with the top 5 goals and objectives for the TA and the Board and then come to an agreement on them for next Fiscal year.

Town Administrator Evaluation/Contract: Clarke read a summary of the TA annual performance evaluation. His contract was amended to be extended one year, Feedback from all board members is required or their evaluation results will be included in the Board's collective review. An additional one-time allotment of two weeks of vacation will be granted to be used within two years. Motion to ratify vote of contract as amended in Executive Session by Dunham, second by Townsend. Vote 3-2.

Hewins recused herself and left the room.

Open Meeting Law Complaint: Acknowledge receipt of complaint from Stephen Dewhurst relating to the Board's April 8, 2019 meeting; and vote to authorize Town Counsel to respond.

Motion to authorize Town Counsel to respond to the open meeting law complaint by Dunham, second by Townsend. Vote 3-0-1 (Belbin abstain).

Hewins returned to the table

Motion to ratify SEIU clerical Contract by Townsend, second by Dunham. Vote 5-0.

Joint Transportation Planning Group Appointment: Motion by Hewins to appoint John Woods as the Representative, and Christopher Vincent as an alternate, second by Dunham. Vote 5-0.

Appointment to the Carver, Marion, Wareham, Marion Regional Refuse Disposal District: Hewins motion to appoint Belbin to be the representative, second by Dunham. Belbin questioned his involvement in conversations to Tinkham. Clarke stated he can recuse himself if anything comes up related to the legal allegations. Belbin accepted the nomination. Vote 5-0.

Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School Committee: Delegate three representatives to vote on Committee member appointments. Motion to appoint Townsend, Dunham and Hewins by Belbin, second by Clarke. Vote 5-0

Board Liaison to the Finance Committee looking at future sustainability of town's finance and revenue. Motion to appoint Townsend & Dunham as liaisons by Belbin, second by Hewins. Vote 5-0

Unforeseen 48 hours in advance of meeting: Regeust to use Town Property: Motion to approve request to use Gazebo for the Girl Scouts 6/23 3:30pm-6:30pm and waive the fee by Dunham, second by Townsend. Vote 5-0.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of 3/19/19 with amendments by Dunham, second by Townsend. Vote 4-0-1 (Belbin abstain)

Motion to approve minutes of 4/2/19 with amendments by Dunham, second by Townsend. Vote 4-0-1 (Belbin abstain)

Motion to approve minutes of 4/8/19 with amendments by Dunham, second by Townsend. Vote 4-0-1 (Belbin abstain)

Motion to approve minutes of 4/11/19 by Dunham, second by Townsend. Vote 3-0-2 (Belbin & Hewins abstain)

Motion to approve minutes of 4/16/19 by Dunham with amendments, second by Townsend. Vote 4-0-1 (Belbin abstain)

Motion to approve minutes of 5/7/19 by Dunham, second by Belbin. Vote 5-0

Request for Road Race: Harvest Triathlon 6/8/19 7:30am-10:30am. Motion to approve by Townsend, second by Belbin. Vote 5-0

Class II License Name Change: Tony Lombardo d/b/a Scrub-It Car Wash, Inc. to Scrub-It, Inc. d/b/a Scrub-It Car Wash. Motion to approve by Dunham, second by Townsend. Vote 5-0

Liquor License: Request by King's Faire, Inc for 18-One day special licenses. Motion to approve by Dunham, second by Hewins. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Dunham to authorize Chair or Vice-Chair to approve any last minute items that need be approved with short term notice. Second by Townsend. Vote 5-0

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. by Townsend, second by Dunham. Vote Dunham 5-0