

Carver Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Carver Town Hall, 2nd Floor
June 4, 2019 - 7:00pm

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

Chair led the pledge of allegiance and Belbin read the community prayer.

Public Comment: none

Town Administrator Update:

Community Electricity Aggregation Rate Update: Eversource announced its residential basic service rate for July 1 – December 31, 2019 at \$0.10836 per kwh. The rate for the Community Electricity Aggregation until the January 2021 meter read date is \$0.10430 per kwh.

Council on Aging Senior Survey - there are over 800 completed surveys on-line. There are also many more paper copies still to be entered. This is over 25% of the 55 and over population in Carver. Each survey has a unique identifier and the survey is anonymous.

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.

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.

Motion to approve the Select Board annual re-appointments except for Old Colony Reg. Voc. Tech School Committee which is a joint vote with Board & School committee appointed members and Moderator by Townsend, second by Dunham. Vote 5-0.

Select Board Update:

Dunham: Thanked all that attended and participated in the parade and reminded everyone to be careful driving around town with more kids around

Townsend: Congratulated Carver and Old Colony graduates – the valedictorian of Old Colony Regional Voc. Tech. was from Carver.

Belbin: Was glad to see so many members of the community at the Memorial Day parade & gave an update on the Carver Marion Wareham Regional Refuse Disposal District. The Town will be facing a difficult decision on the future of trash removal. There is also a lack of landfill space which has contributed to this issue. Disposal rates will continue to rise.

Hewins: Thanked all that attended and participated in the parade.

Clarke: Recognized Ron Delano the organizer of the Memorial Day Parade.

Fence Viewer Update: The appointment of a fence viewer is up to the Select Board. Motion to appoint Belbin as a fence viewer for a term of one year by Townsend, second by Dunham. Vote 5-0

Appointment of Sarah Hewins as Select Board representative to the South Shore Community Action Council, Motion by Dunham, second by Townsend. Vote 5-0

Proposed Fee increased Posted: All proposed fee increases are posted at the Town Clerk's office and on the Town's website. This will give the public 14-day notice and the Board will take a vote at the next meeting. Hewins wanted to make sure that residents knew that the fee increases were comparable to those in other towns. A comparison chart was done confirming amounts are comparable.

Allocation policy for one-time solar and battery storage projects to conform with Town

Financial Policy: The Town is in the process of permitting several solar projects. In section 3 F of the Financial Management Policies – it states that tax agreements for personal property (ex. Solar farms) depreciate over time and considered one-time revenue sources of funding as they are not recurring given they have a defined termination date per their agreement. Funding for these tax agreements will be allocated equally into three categories: Unfunded liability (Other Post-Employment Benefits), second set up a sinking capital stabilization fund for a new Middle High School and third to offset operational funding to the Capital Debt and Stabilization Fund.

Belbin questioned what will happen when the solar contracts end in 20 years. TA stated that they all have a decommissioning bond to remove them. There will be nothing there at that point and it is possible they could upgrade. The problem with personal property is that it depreciates unlike real estate. The residents pick up the difference when the project goes away and this will help avoid that.

Dunham asked if this will still take into account battery storage facilities – TA stated that it does.

Motion by Dunham to add the proposed section 3F into the Financial Management Policies, second by Townsend. Vote 5-0.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of 5/21/19 by Dunham, second by Hewins. Vote 5-0

Plymouth County Advisory Board annual appointment: Motion to appoint Mark Townsend by Belbin, second by Dunham. Vote 5-0

One Day Special License: St. John the Baptist Club: Motion to approve for 6/22 6pm-11pm, 6/23 & 6/24 noon-11pm by Dunham, second by Townsend. Vote 5-0.

Request for change of corporate name: P & JV of Weymouth d/b/a Mamma Mia's to P & JV of Carver d/b/a Mamma Mia's. Motion to approve by Dunham, second by Hewins. Vote 5-0

One Day Special License: Bartending Service of New England: Bartending Service of New England at Carver Sportsmen's Club 7/27/19 Noon-6pm. Motion to approve by Dunham, second by Hewins. Vote 4-0-1 (Belbin abstain)

Next Meetings: 6/18, 7/2, 8/6, 9/3, 9/17, 10/1, 10/15, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3, 12/17

Executive Session: Motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 8:20 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining negotiations with unions: (Police & Dispatch) that may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the town if held in open session, and to reconvene in open session for purpose of adjournment by Dunham, second by Townsend. Roll call: affirmative – Belbin, Hewins, Townsend, Dunham & Clarke.

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

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Police Union Contract: the Memorandum of Agreement was approved. The detective unit is set. The Deputy Chief position can be approved at Town Meeting and by Home Rule Petition to not be in the union. This is supported by the Police Union as listed in number 8. On July 1, 2020, there will no longer be an administrative sergeant – that position will be placed in another position.

Motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement by Townsend, second by Belbin. Roll call – affirmative: Belbin, Hewins, Townsend, Dunham & Clarke.

Dispatcher Union Wage re-opener: This is Police Dispatch only – Fire is not part of this union. The Fire Dispatcher received a 2% increase for FY 20 and the Dispatch received 1% in their contract for FY 20. This invoked the wage re-opener as listed in the contract. They have requested 3% increase.

TA to bargain 1% increase with the Dispatch union.

Motion to adjourn into open session for adjournment at 8:55 pm by Dunham, second by Townsend. Roll call – Affirmative: Belbin, Hewins, Townsend, Dunham & Clarke.