

**Carver Select Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Town Hall - 108 Main Street  
February 21, 2023 - 5:30pm**

In Attendance: Chair Mark Townsend, Vice-Chair Sarah Hewins, Jen Bogart, John Cotter, Jim Hoffman, Town Administrator Robert Fennessy and Shelby Roy

Motion to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 30A, §21(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining negotiations with unions: (Police Union) that may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Town if held in open session by Hewins, second by Hoffman.

Roll call-affirmative: Hoffman, Hewins, Townsend, Bogart and Cotter

Motion to adjourn Executive Session at 6:02pm and to go into open session by Hewins, second by Hoffman.

Roll call: Affirmative: Hoffman, Hewins, Townsend, Bogart and Cotter

**Open Session:**

In Attendance: Chair Mark Townsend, Vice-Chair Sarah Hewins, Jen Bogart, John Cotter, Jim Hoffman, Town Administrator Robert Fennessy and Shelby Roy

Chair led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the community prayer.

**Citizens Participation:**

Savery Moore – 12 South Main Street

Moore stated that he did not have a chance to speak at the Select Board meeting where the 40B Project was discussed. However, he wanted to say that he encourages this type of project if it is in an appropriate type of locations because 40B's are not going away."

Moore also stated that he understands the residents as they expressed their concerns with proposed 40B at Edaville, especially as it relates to the schools, environmental concerns and emergency responses.

**Ratify Police Union Contract Amendment: (Taken out of order from agenda)**

Motion to approve the side letter agreement between the Town of Carver and the Police Union Local 89 by Hewins, second by Hoffman.

Roll call: Affirmative: Hoffman, Hewins, Townsend, Bogart and Cotter

### **Carver Marion Wareham Regional Refuse Disposal District Update:**

Chair, Robert Belbin of this committee was present.

Belbin named members of the Board: Mary Dormer, Kevin Bradshaw & Jeff Osuch as well as three members from the Town of Wareham.

Belbin explained changes to the Board that financially benefited them. An agreement passed at Town Meeting with Wareham & Convanta that saved the Landfill.

He had reached out to Tom O'Brien to create a financial plan which has been very helpful to the District. This consolidated the financial accounts of the District and are in interest bearing accounts. Belbin was very thankful for Tom O'Brien and his team at the County.

Townsend stated that it looks as though there has been a lot of progress and thanked Belbin for his efforts.

Hoffman asked how the process was with the purchase of Transfer Station stickers.

Belbin explained that the Town is not necessarily involved in that part because that comes from Wareham.

Cotter stated that it was a great idea to invest in the funds. He asked what type of other expenses the District has.

Belbin explained that they ask Auditors to come in as well and that is an expense.

Bogart thanked Belbin for his diligence and hard work on this commission, especially because he pays for a private hauler himself.

### **Discussion and possible vote for Donation of Land located at 14A Main St.:**

Fennessy stated that an Attorney sent the Town a letter to see if the Select Board would accept this land and if so, it would also need to be accepted at Town Meeting.

Fennessy and the Operations & Maintenance Director, Dave Siedentopf went out and looked at the property, which has an easement and high-tension wires. They did not see any benefit for the Town if they accept this piece of land, they would have to maintain it.

Cotter asked if there were any outstanding taxes for this parcel and Fennessy confirmed that there was.

Bogart asked what type of maintenance costs would there be.

Fennessy stated that the upkeep of the land in front that seems to be overgrown.

Bogart stated that there is potential in everything and perhaps this land could be used in the future somehow.

Motion to accept the donation of land located at 14A Main Street by Bogart, second by Hoffman.

Hewins stated that it is possible that this piece of land could go to the Zoning Board of Appeals to make this a buildable lot, but she is sure there will more important parcels coming in the future.

Hoffman stated that there looks like there is a Cell Tower on the property.

Fennessy stated that the cell tower was removed after its life-span was done.

Vote: 2-3, motion fails

**Discussion and possible vote for the Annual Town Meeting warrant articles:**

**1 – Annual Town Report:**

Motion to place this article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant by Hewins, second by Hoffman.

Vote 5-0

Motion to recommend this article by Hewins, second by Hoffman.

Vote 5-0

**5 – Cemetery Perpetual Care:**

Townsend reads draft article.

Motion to place this article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant by Hewins, second by Hoffman.

Vote 5-0

Motion to recommend this article by Hewins, second by Hoffman.

The Board agreed that they would like Operations & Maintenance to submit a schedule on what has been done in prior years and what will need to be done before approving.

Tabled.

**9 – Old Colony Regional Voc. Tech. HS School Mass. School Building Authority Feasibility Study:**

Townsend reads draft article.

Motion to place this article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant by Hewins, second by Cotter.

Vote 5-0

Motion to recommend this article by Hewins, second by Cotter.

Vote 5-0

**12- Solar PILOT Agreements:**

Motion to place this article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant by Hewins, second by Hoffman.

Bogart asked why the existing numbers were not present for the Board to look at.

Joseph Roche, Carver Assessor, explained that since the rates are being negotiated, the amounts could change. Also, he stated that going forward the Assessors' goal is to make these agreements more uniform.

Hoffman asked if the Assessors are the ones that do the negotiating for these.

Roche said that the Town Administrator, assessors negotiate the contracts with assistance from legal counsel.

Hewins stated that there may be some legal issues involved, making them unable to discuss it.

The Board would like to see further information on these items.

Tabled.

**13 – Finance Committee bylaw amendment:**

The Board requested more time to review this Article.

Tabled.

**17-24 – Wetlands bylaw amendment:**

17 – Motion to place this article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant by Hewins, second by Hoffman.

Vote 5-0

18 – Motion to place this article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant by Hewins, second by Hoffman.

Vote 5-0

19 – Motion to place this article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant by Hewins, second by Hoffman.

Vote 4-0-1, Bogart abstained

20 – Motion to place this article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant by Cotter, second by Hewins.

Vote 5-0

21 – Motion to place this article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant by Hewins, second by Cotter.

Vote 5-0

22 – Motion to place this article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant by Hewins, second by Hoffman.

Vote 5-0

23 – Motion to place this article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant by Hoffman, second by Hewins.

Vote 4-0-1, Bogart abstained

24 – Motion to place this article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant by Hoffman, second by Hewins.

Vote 5-0

**25 Update Bogart’s Placeholder on warrant to retract all articles that were on the 2022 warrant submitted by the Redevelopment Authority:**

The Board discussed and suggested a few changes.

Bogart confirmed that she will make these changes and come back to the Board for review.

Tabled.

**Approval of Location Action Units (LAU) application, an age-restricted town house development on Plymouth Street, Assessor’s Map 18-8**

Motion to approve this application for Location Action Units, an age-restricted town house development on Plymouth Street, Assessor’s Map 18-8 by Hewins, second by Hoffman.

Vote 5-0

**Authorization for Chair to send letters of support to our local Senator and Representative in support of HD 485-this is in favor of increasing reimbursement rates on construction form the Mass School Building Authority to vocational schools**

Motion to approve the Chair to send letters of support to our local Senator and Representative by Hewins, second by Cotter.

Vote 5-0

### **Town Administrator Update:**

Town Administrator Robert Fennessy stated that the North Carver Water District is still awaiting the arrival of the wet end blower, as delays continue. In the meantime, the plant continues to be maintained for future use.

Fennessy also noted that last week, a small team of Dave Seidentopf, Tom Bott, Elaine Weston, and he met with a "Crimson Power - Blue Planet EV," a company supplying electric vehicle charging stations to municipalities. They reviewed locations of the town hall, library, and possibly the schools. The equipment and installation would be done through a fully subsidized grant. He will be meeting again with the company before finalizing any plans for install.

Fennessy also noted that the Clerk's Office has a new contractual employee, David Olson, who has been engaged by the Town Clerk to assist her office while an employee is on leave. David is a semi-retired town clerk, and will be here through April 15, 2023.

Fennessy also advised the Board that he continues to have monthly meetings with the seniors at the Carver Council on Aging on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:30am, and found them to be fascinating, and has been impressed with the number of questions and concerns brought to his attention.

Fennessy wanted to give the staff in Operations & Maintenance, particularly Dave Seidentopf, John Woods, and John Ball a big thank you for their responsive action taking care of several burst pipes at the COA on the morning of Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> during the recent cold snap. They worked diligently, and by Tuesday, the COA was open and running their programs! Great job!

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of 1/23/23 - Tabled

Minutes of 2/7/23 - Tabled

Executive Session Minutes 2/7/23 for approval and not release:

Motion to approve the minutes of 2/7/23 and not for release by Hoffman, second by Cotter.

Vote 4-0-1, Hewins absent

**Select Board Announcements:**

None

**Next Meeting:** February 28, 2023

Motion to adjourn at 8:04 pm by Hoffman, second by Hewins.

Vote 5-0

**Listing of Exhibits:**

Donation of Land located at 14A Main Street letter and assessor parcel information, Local Action Unit Agreement, Old Colony Support letter of HD 485 and SD 1697, Minutes of 1/28/23, Minutes of 2/7/23, 2023 Bike MS Cape Cod Getaway Request