

**Carver Select Board
Meeting Minutes
Town Hall- 108 Main Street
April 18, 2023 - 6:00pm**

In Attendance: Chair Mark Townsend, Vice Chair Sarah Hewins, Jen Bogart, John Cotter, Jim Hoffman and Assistant Town Administrator Elaine Weston

Absent: Town Administrator Robert Fennessy

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

Citizens Participation: None

Authorization for Planning Director to enter into Electricity Aggregation agreement on behalf of the Town:

Town Planner Tom Bott present to discuss the Municipal Aggregation. Carver and 25 other Towns buy electricity together. Information on the Town's aggregation is on the Town's website. The rates change every 6 months if you go through Eversource, the aggregation does not guarantee the lowest rates, however, it does reduce the risk of the volatility in the market. Under the current agreement it is around \$0.10 per kwh, the cost of the aggregation charge is considerably less than the Eversource cost which is \$0.25 per kwh. On April 25, there is a meeting to look at costs and on May 2, towns will be making a decision on whether or not to opt in. There is a 3-hour bid to lock in the cost of electricity.

Cotter asked what they are bidding on in May. Bott stated the discussion at the meeting will be how long they will be buying a rate for (possibly up to 3 years or less, depending on the feeling of the market conditions).

Cotter asked if there is a benefit for the Town not to be in the aggregation. Bott stated every resident has the option to opt out. Everyone is automatically opted in. There is no charge to the resident for opting in and out.

Hewins stated this is the third time the Town has participated in the Community Electricity Aggregation program. When the Town first started, there was a little savings (\$0.10 per kwh through aggregation and \$0.11 per kwh through Eversource), but not as much as it is now. Hewins noted every resident gets a notice in the mail to opt out.

Townsend stated there is very little down-side to this.

Motion to approve Town Planner Tom Bott to enter into the Community Electricity Aggregation Agreement on behalf of the Town of Carver by Hewins, second by Hoffman.

Vote 5-0

Nomination of the Old Colony Elder Services Board Director for Carver:

Motion by Hewins to nominate Connie Kelly for the Old Colony Elder Services Board of Director for Carver, second by Hoffman.

Vote 5-0

Minutes of March 28, 2023:

Motion to approve minutes by Cotter, second by Hoffman.

Vote 5-0

Minutes of April 4, 2023:

Motion to approve minutes with amendment by Bogart, second by Hoffman.

Vote 5-0

Minutes of April 11, 2023:

Motion to approve minutes by Cotter, second by Bogart.

Vote 4-0-1 (Hoffman abstain)

Executive Session Minutes of March 28, 2023:

Motion to approve for minutes for release by Cotter, second by Hoffman.

Vote 5-0

Request to Use Town Property: CAPT PAL Preschool is requesting use of Shurtleff Park on 5/26/23 11:00am-1:00pm.

Motion to approve request for use of Shurtleff Park by Hewins, second by Hoffman.

Vote 5-0

Select Board Community Announcements:

Cotter: Thanked Bogart for her time on the Board

Bogart: None

Hoffman: Thanked everyone for coming to Bingo for Shane. Reminded everyone that elections are this Saturday. Thanked Bogart for serving on the Board for the last 3 years.

Hewins: Hewins echoed Hoffman's comments thanking Bogart. Election times Saturday are 8:00am and end at 5:00pm and every vote counts.

Townsend: The event for Shane was tremendous and thanked everyone that attended, reminded everyone to vote this Saturday and thanked Bogart for her time serving on the Board,

Next Meeting:

May 2, 2023

Motion to adjourn at 6:18pm by Hoffman, second by Cotter.

Vote 5-0

Listing of Exhibits: Request for nomination from Old Colony Elder Services, minutes of 3/28/23, 4/4/23, 4/11/23, Executive Session minutes of 3/28/23, Application for use of Town property