

**Carver Select Board
Meeting Minutes
Town Hall- 108 Main Street
May 2, 2023 - 6:00pm**

In Attendance: Chair Mark Townsend, Vice Chair Jim Hoffman, John Cotter, Sarah Hewins, Dan Ryan, Town Administrator Robert Fennessy and Assistant Town Administrator Elaine Weston

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

Re-organization of the Board

Townsend turned the meeting over to Fennessy for re-organization of the Board.

Nominations for Chair: Cotter nominated Townsend for Chair, second by Hoffman.

Vote 5-0

Townsend asked for nominations for vice-chair.

Motion by Cotter to nominate Hoffman for vice-chair, second by Townsend.

Motion by Ryan to nominate Hewins as vice-chair, second by Hewins.

Vote on first motion: 3-2 (Hewins, Ryan): Motion passes

Vote on second motion: 2-3 (Cotter, Townsend, Hoffman): Motion fails

Citizens Participation: None

Linbia's Path Deed acceptance: Townsend asked if there was public access to the property & parking availability. Fennessy stated that the Conservation Agent can supply additional information, if necessary.

Hewins stated she would like to wait and get more info on it.

This item will go onto the next agenda with an invite for the Conservation Agent to attend the meeting.

Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School Appointing Committee: Nomination for Select Board representative

Motion by Hoffman to nominate Ryan, second by Cotter.

Vote 5-0

Plymouth County Advisory Board Select Board representative: Motion to approve Townsend to continue as the representative by Ryan, second by Hoffman.

Vote 5-0

Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District Select Board representatives:

Motion to appoint Thomas Bott for the Select Board representative by Ryan, second by Hewins

Vote 5-0

Motion to appoint Cornelius Shea for the Planning Board representative by Cotter, second by Hoffman.

Vote 5-0

Eversource Pole Hearing: Request to install one pole 20/54-S and anchor guy on or around 18-R & 19 Rochester Road. Faye Sweatman from Eversource present. Sweatman stated that the pole and anchor guys are needed across the street to pull the wire back for safety because the pole is leaning. Hewins confirmed that the abutters have been notified. Fennessy stated that he viewed the location today and the pole is leaning. Hoffman asked if the pole was already installed. Sweatman confirmed that the pole has not yet been installed. Cotter asked if the process is now that someone from the Town will go out and verify the location. Fennessy stated that he will be doing this going forward.

Motion to approve by Hoffman, second by Cotter.

Vote 5-0

Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District Joint Transportation Planning Group representative appointment: John Woods and Alternate Chris Vincent.

Motion to appoint John Woods by Hewins, second by Ryan.

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Motion to approve Chris Vincent as alternate by Cotter, second by Hoffman.

Vote 5-0

Payment In Lieu Of Tax (PILOT) agreements: Town Assessor Joe Roche present. Roche stated that these were signed by the Board of Assessors at their April 25, 2023 meeting. Roche stated that these are the same agreements that were available to the public at the Town Clerk's office prior to Town Meeting. He is asking for the Board's vote to approve the agreements.

Cotter asked about the two payment schedules as to why they are not consistent. Roche stated they follow the payment schedule that was in the original agreement. The original agreement for Ravenbrook ran through FY 2037. The original agreement was 25 years. During the life of the original PILOT, it follows the original schedule, less the amount that was deducted for real estate. In renegotiating, the real estate tax should not be included. Funds from these will show up in the miscellaneous revenues. Roche explained that a 'PILOT' agreement takes the amount that would otherwise be raised through taxation and annualizes it out through the life of an agreement. The benefit of the PILOT is that it provides an increase in revenue for the Town and provides a predictable expense for the developer.

Ryan asked to Roche to confirm that there are currently 18 PILOT agreements with the Town. Roche confirmed this.

Motion to approve both Plymouth St. & Great Meadow Drive agreements by Hewins, second by Hoffman.

Vote 5-0

Underground Storage Tank application: Shawn McGinley with Osterman Propane present.

Osterman Propane has been asked by Jellystone to provide them with propane tanks for the pool and for 120 cabins for 60-gallon tanks.

Ryan asked about the above ground tanks, consisting of 85 sixty (60) gallon tanks and there are 83 cabins. McGinley stated the 60-gallon tanks will be filled by Osterman's. There is a 1,000 gallon tank which is for visitors that need to fill their propane tanks. Ryan asked specifically about the underground tanks. McGinley stated both underground tanks will be used to heat the pool. Ryan asked if there are any existing tanks on site. McGinley stated there is currently 1,120 gallons available on site. Osterman's will be replacing the 1,000 gallon tank.

Motion to approve by Hoffman, second by Cotter.

Townsend confirmed there was no one present that wanted to speak in regards to the storage tank hearing.

Vote 5-0

Town Administrator Update:

Fennessy stated that the Town Hall siding should be completed in the next two weeks and the cupola should be completed soon and will be installed pending the availability of a crane and weather dependent. The roof on the Library and the Town Hall will begin this summer. The HVAC at the library is moving forward and should be completed around the end of June.

North Carver Water District: A letter has been sent to notify all customers that on June 1, the switchover from Middleborough will be made. The water source will have all applicable testing done and approved by Mass DEP prior to the turnover date. Fennessy thanked the North Carver Water District Commissioners for their diligence and processing the maintenance to get residents back to normal.

Over the last two weeks, employees attended a mandatory Sexual Harassment Training which was set up by Elaine Weston, the Assistant Town Administrator and Human Resources Coordinator. This training helps limit the Town's liability and potentially insurance costs.

A Police Dispatcher has resigned. There are per diem employees that will pick up the slack until a replacement is hired.

The Emergency Management Department has completed and updated the Town's comprehensive Emergency Response Plan. Fennessy thanked Emergency Management Director Thomas Walsh for his hard work on this.

Fennessy noted condolences to two employees who lost their mothers this week, Treasurer/Collector Kathy Kay & Special Police Officer/ Officer Cadet Christopher Mahoney.

Townsend asked if there will be an emergency contact for residents during the North Carver Water District transition. Fennessy stated that there are emergency numbers that were in the notification that went out to residents. He stated there will be a drop in water pressure and cloudy water at first.

Cotter asked if an emergency meeting can be held if needed for the North Carver Water District (NCWD). Fennessy stated it would be up to the NCWD Commissioners. There still would need to be a meeting posting. Ryan suggested to have them post a meeting in the event one is needed. Fennessy stated that he would suggest that to the Chair of the NCWD Commissioners. He also noted that the Middleborough hook up will still be available in the event there is an issue with the changeover.

Ryan asked about the status of the Library, and whether it would have new siding or if it would be painted. Fennessy stated there is no siding on the library – just painting that will be done.

King Richard's Fair traffic plan update: Chief of Police Marc Duphily present & King Richard's Faire representative Aimee Sedley via Zoom.

Chief Duphily gave a brief summary to the Board of the issues leading up to this point on the traffic plan update. Duphily said that the committee, which comprised all the public safety Chiefs as well as the Town Administrator and the DPW director, have been having meetings routinely with representatives of the King Richard's Faire. Duphily stated that at this time he is confident that through working with the Faire, it will help alleviate issues this coming season that the Town faced last year during the Faire's busy season in October. Duphily stated tickets will be dated and there will be signage which should help a great deal. He stated the Faire has responded responsibly to concerns from the Chief. The Faire has implemented a ticket pricing tier to encourage people to attend in September instead of October. Duphily stated that temporary 'no parking' signs will also be put into place. Duphily thanked everyone that took the time to participate in this process. Duphily stated the Police Department has updated their emergency response plan for the Faire as well.

Cotter asked if there still a bussing component. Duphily stated that there is a bus plan in place if needed at the last minute. They have already coordinated with Scott Knief and the School Committee that the Faire will pay for the drivers and the use of the busses.

Hoffman asked if there is a satellite lot at the high school being used. Duphily stated that the lot by the auditorium will be used.

Townsend stated one of the concerns last year is that people parking in the satellite lot at Edaville walked instead of waiting for a bus to shuttle them, which caused a public hazard to drivers and the people walking. Duphily stated that Edaville will not be used because there are not marked spaces in that lot. He is confident that the current plan will work out better.

Sedley stated that the day where parking was coordinated at Edaville last year, they couldn't have imagined the amount of people that attended. They now know in advance the numbers and can plan accordingly.

Townsend asked when the Faire will open. Sedley stated opening day is September 2nd. Duphily confirmed with Sedley that date will also be 'Carver' day.

Townsend thanked both Sedley and the Chief in finding a solution.

Minutes of April 18, 2023:

Motion to approve with amendments by Cotter, second by Hoffman.

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Harvest Triathlon road race application:

Motion to approve by Ryan, second by Hoffman.

Vote 5-0

Jack Quindley corn hole tournament one day special license:

Motion to approve by Cotter, second by Hoffman.

Vote 5-0

Select Board Community Announcements:

Ryan: Thanked everyone that came out to vote & thanked Jen Bogart for her time on the Board

Cotter: Reminded everyone of the Jack Quindley scholarship Cornhole tournament on June 10

Hoffman: Thanked everyone that came out to vote

Hewins: Congratulated Ryan on his election and Hoffman on his re-election

Townsend: Thanked Hewins for her hard work as Vice-Chair the last several years

Next Meeting: May 16, 2023

Motion to adjourn at 6:50 pm by Hoffman, second by Cotter.

Vote 5-0

Listing of Exhibits: Pole Hearing application documents, Application for underground storage tank, Linbia's path deed documents, Old Colony Regional Voc. Tech. High School appointing committee internal listing, Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District appointment forms for: Joint Transportation Planning Group, minutes of April 18, 2023, application for Harvest Triathlon, application for Jack Quindley scholarship tournament