

**Carver Select Board
Meeting Minutes
Town Hall- 108 Main Street
May 16, 2023 - 6:00pm**

In Attendance: Sarah Hewins, John Cotter, Dan Ryan, Town Administrator Robert Fennessy and Assistant Town Administrator Elaine Weston

Absent: Chair Mark Townsend, Vice Chair Jim Hoffman

Fennessy opened the meeting asked for a nomination for a Chair for the meeting in the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair.

Motion by Ryan to nominate Hewins as Chair, second by Cotter.

Vote 3-0

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

Citizens Participation: None

Linbia's Path Acceptance of Deed: Conservation Agent Gary Flaherty present. Hewins asked where the parcel is located, if there is public access and if there is public parking. Flaherty stated it is located at the end of the Linbia's Path Cul-de-sac. There is a 20'-wide access which leads to 2 acres of public space. Flaherty stated there is no parking, and the woods is where the open space parcel starts. It is not marked now, but signage could be put up. Flaherty stated it is set up to be a natural buffer to the wetlands.

Hewins asked if the land owners know about the parcel. Flaherty stated he did not know, but he can make them aware. Ryan agreed that he would like to see the space marked.

Cotter asked if the land was being donated by the construction company and if the Town will lose tax revenue. Flaherty stated he is not sure of the amount of revenue the Town is getting for the parcel. Hewins stated if the sub-division was constructed differently it is possible another house would be built which could be tax-negative to the Town.

Motion to accept the Deed by Ryan, second by Cotter.

Vote 3-0

Southeastern Mass. Metropolitan Planning Organization:

Ryan explained that there are two Select Board members from other towns with terms expiring.

Hewins expressed interest in being on the committee and will fill out the form, return it to Fennessy to submit. A vote of the Board is not required.

Eversource Pole Hearing: Hewins opened the hearing at 6:10pm. Faye Sweatman from Eversource present. Hewins stated this pole is for the solar array on Tremont Street for Federal Furnace. Cotter asked if the wires will be going across the road. Cotter also asked if someone has viewed the proposed location of the pole. Fennessy stated he went out to the site and it was not marked out. Sweatman stated she was not sure and can ask if the wires will be going across the road, she also stated that the markings have not been done yet. Cotter recommended tabling the hearing.

Motion by Ryan to approve the pole subject to the review of the Town Administrator, second by Hewins.

Vote 2-1 (Cotter)

Hewins asked if there was anyone present that would like to speak to the hearing.

Motion by Ryan to close the hearing at 6:15pm, second by Cotter.

Vote 3-0

Town Administrator Update:

Robert Fennessy updated the Board on various projects in town:

- The town hall siding is estimated to be completed this week. The renovated cupola will be re-installed on Friday.
- The library HVAC project continues to move along nicely. The condensing units were set in place and additional equipment will be installed in the coming week. It remains on target for the end of June completion.
- The HVAC system was updated in the 2nd floor of the Central School offices, and is running smoothly.
- The new furnace was installed in Fire Station 2;

Additionally, Fennessy noted that several contracts have been awarded for the Air Conditioning unit for Fire Station 3; the Heat and AC units for the EMS building, and the EMS CCTV and access card project, and all will be starting when the equipment is delivered.

Fennessy reminder the Board that on June 1st, at 12:01am, the **North Carver Water District** will begin the process of switching back from Middleborough water to Carver water. The notification has been put on the front page of the town website, and notifications have previously been sent out to each user on the system.

In personnel matters, Fennessy noted:

- that the four public safety chiefs got together and through recruitment and training, an offer for a new dispatcher was made and accepted.
- That the newly created part time positions of Assessing Date Collector and Veteran's Office Assistance are before the union, and if no one from the union applies, they will be advertised.

Fennessy also mentioned that each year there are expirations for many committee appointees. If someone's term is expiring, and they are still interested in serving on that committee, they need to have their application in by May 31st. There is no automatic appointment, as each and every position and applicant will be reviewed by the appointing authority for consideration.

Joint meeting with Library Trustees: Application for appointment to the Library Trustees: Maureen Townsend.

Present for Library Trustees: Janet O'Connor, Margaret Wood, Lynda Nardone, Marie Zweigman & Patricia Cooney

Janet O'Connor stated an opening became available due to the resignation of elected member Mary Dormer. O'Connor stated the Board is familiar with Maureen Townsend and are comfortable with her not being present.

Motion by Ryan to appoint Maureen Townsend as a Library Trustee until the next Town election, second by Cotter.

Vote 3-0

Motion by Zweigman to appoint Maureen Townsend as a Library Trustee until the next Town election, second by Wood.

Vote 5-0

One Day Special License Application: Carver Sportsman Club, for June 4, 2023 from 12:00pm-5:00pm

Motion to approve by Cotter, second by Ryan.

Vote 3-0

Select Board Community Announcements:

Ryan: Reminded everyone to be safe and have a great Memorial Day Weekend

Cotter: Reminded everyone to attend the Jack Quindley Scholarship Cornhole Tournament on June 10 at the Carver Sportsmen Club

Hewins: Thanked everyone who helped the Trail and Conservation Stewards for the Savery Avenue trail clean up. The trails are not walkable due to the amount of trash on the trails. Hewins thanked Mike Silva from Dependable Disposal who removed the trash free of charge. She reminded everyone to come to the Memorial Day Parade which steps off at 9:30am at the Sons of Veterans Hall.

Next Meeting: June 6, 2023

Motion to adjourn at 6:34 pm by Cotter, second by Ryan.

Vote 5-0

Listing of Exhibits: Pole Hearing application documents, Linbia's Path Deed documentation, Southeastern Mass. Metropolitan Planning Organization self-nomination forms and information, application for Maureen Townsend for appointment to Library Trustees, Carver Sportsmen Club one day special application