

Carver Select Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Carver Town Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
September 3, 2019 - 6:30pm

In Attendance: Vice-Chairman Mark Townsend, Robert Belbin, Sarah Hewins, Town Administrator Michael Milanoski & Elaine Weston

Absent: Ronald Clarke & Alan Dunham

Motion to go into Executive Session by Hewins, second by Belbin in accordance with G.L. 30A, §21(a)(3), to discuss strategy with respect to litigation (Threatened discrimination lawsuits by Dorothy Vicino and Lynn Callbeck), that in the opinion of the chair, discussing this issue in an open public meeting would have a detrimental effect on the Board's litigation position and to reconvene into open session.

Belbin disclosed that Callbeck contacted him directly, and Belbin made it clear that since there could be a conflict he did not want to discuss any issues. He filed a disclosure form with the Town Clerk.

Roll Call: Affirmative: Belbin, Hewins & Townsend

Return to open session at 7:05pm

5 minute break

Belbin led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Belbin read the community prayer.

**Citizens Participation:**

Alan Germain: requested that the Select Board have all meetings of any Board or Committee that have a financial impact be recorded to have a record other than the typed minutes.

Art Borden: Board of Health Chair gave a EEE mosquito threat update which is attached to the minutes.

**Stormwater Management Update:** Tabled

**Council on Aging Needs Assessment Presentation:** Stephen Cole introduced Nancy Urbschat & Janet Bennett of TSM Design. The Council on Aging Board members were also present. The survey goals include learning about Carver's older adults and understanding the varying needs of the ages (split into 4 groups) 55-64, 65-74, 75-84 & 85+. The process included meeting with the Council on Aging Needs Assessment Committee, Discovery included meeting people within the target audience. Then the survey was developed and distributed. It was important to the committee that people had an option on how to answer the survey (paper or online). There

were several ways people could turn in their survey . Respondents included 1,256 of the 4,095 residents that are 55+. Of the respondents 37% are 65-74 and 35% of surveys were received back from this age group. Over 16% more women responded than men. Almost ½ of respondents identified themselves as physically fit. 64% of respondents live in a private residence. Many respondents weren't aware of the GATRA bus and meal delivery and other Council on Aging services. The study shows that there will be a large increase in the demand of services in the future of the people taking the survey. Only 9 respondents receive meals on wheels and 87 people would like to find out more about it and if they qualify. Interest in activities was vast and the want for social gatherings ranked high. Fitness related classes are in consistent demand as well as lifelong learning. All ages preferred weekday activities. The most pressing concerns for all were mobility issues, being a caretaker and health concerns. The three most important characteristics they would like in a facility is convenient location, daytime hours and use of space. Over 50% of respondents read the Council on Aging monthly newsletter. Most had interest in using a website for the Council on Aging information in the future. The recommendations if TSM as a result of this survey are:

- Consider a new name and identity,
- Develop a clear, concise communications strategy and plan.
- Prioritize outreach to Carver's most vulnerable older adults such as those in public housing and finding 1:1 ways to engage and assess needs.
- Develop community support programs to build capacity among volunteers.
- Facilitate community-established and community run affinity groups.
- Stay engaged with Carver's older adult community.
- Build capacity within the Council on Aging (clubs, interest groups, etc.)

Savory Moore stated that this information will be disseminated at other times and locations to generate interest and involvement in the Council on Aging.

#### **Select Board Update:**

**Belbin:** Thanked the Veteran's Agent Mark Pineo. Encouraged all veterans to contact Mark-he is here to help you. Legal action has been taken to cease and desist on an illegal tree business on Center St. Questioned the status of the Library HVAC – TA stated that O&M is working on a design for a more effective way to temperature control the building. Asked all to be careful of motorcycles.

**Hewins:** Will be holding office hours the first Friday of every month beginning this Friday at Pine Tree Village. Would like a 'Town Hall' style meeting to be held in the near future.

**Townsend:** On 9/19 there will be a Cable Advisory Board meeting on the contract renewal at 7pm at Town Hall. School is in session – be careful of buses. September is Go Gold for Childhood Cancer month – look for events going on all month. The Korean War is doing a commemoration – a form needs to be filled out which he can provide.

**Adopt Fuel Efficiency Vehicle Policy by both School Committee and Select Board:**

Motion to approve the Fuel Efficiency Vehicle Policy by Hewins, second by Belbin.

Vote 3-0.

**Approval of amended CORI/SORI Policy (Criminal Offender Record Information and Sex Offender Registry Information)**

Belbin questioned if candidates running for Select Board could be required to have a CORI. This would need to be questioned to Town Counsel.

Motion to approve by Hewins, second by Belbin.

Vote 3-0

**Update on Carver Marion Wareham Regional Refuse Disposal District (CMWRRDD):** Belbin updated on the district: he stated that the fee is slated to increase in January 2020 to \$125. The district will pay for the stickers. The cost to run the district as a whole is \$1.4 million. \$600,000 for employment costs and \$800,000 to dispose of the waste. Once initial figures are determined if enough people don't stay using the services the cost will increase again. Several options are being researched to streamline the facility. The Marion facility may not be able to afford to stay open. It was determined that it was not feasible to close Marion at this time due to the payments received from Covanta. The Executive Director was asked to negotiate a reasonable rate per ton with Covanta. That rate will be beneficial to local haulers as well. A conflict of interest was filed by Belbin due to the lawsuit. The Executive Director will be asked to attend a future meeting for an update. The hope is that the facility can stay open several more years. TA stated that the CMWRRDD is its own governmental body and the Town of Carver, Marion or Wareham can't tell the Towns what to do and vice versa. The Town of Carver does not provide any type of trash pick-up in town. It is estimated by the Health Inspector that approximately ½ of residence have private pick up in town. Belbin stated that there will be two more hazardous waste days for residential only. It is requested that items be brought in a cardboard box to help the line move quicker.

**Town Administrator Update:**

**Emergency Management:** The nuclear power plant will be decommissioned and the emergency preparedness function will be reduced. All expenses are now currently paid by the stipend which we won't be receiving anymore.

**EMS:** Power runs to the EMS Building from the existing Police Station & that needs to be looked at before the Police Station is removed.

**Police Station:** The Police Station Building Committee voted to move forward and will go out to bid later this fall. They want a sprinkler system in the building and would like to have it connected to the Library as the Library has a metal cistern. The Town hall also has no sprinklers

as well as the Housing units on Meadowbrook Way. The two fire hydrants back there are inactive. It was recommended that it be looked at to put in a large cistern connected to the municipal well and one fire pump be connected to each building with no sprinklers. In addition, a new town-wide radio system for public safety will be worked into the capital plan.

**Town Auctions:** Town Public Auctions will be held on 10/16 at Town Hall- information on times and all parcels will be available on the Treasurer/Collector website and will be advertised as required.

**Opioid Litigation Update:** There has been success in a current litigation in other areas of the country and it is hopeful our lawsuit will be successful to help fund local programs for prevention and recovery.

**Fire Department is in its Hiring Process:** Contact the Fire Department for an application.

**Water testing near former North Carver Landfill:** There has been no test that shows any residents drinking water test that has exceeded the DEP's requirements of 1, 4 Dioxane.

**Minutes/Licenses/Topics unforeseen 48 hours in advance of meeting:**

**Request to use Shurleff Park:** SABBS for Dog show 10/5/19 10am – 1pm. Motion to approve pending all proper licensing and leashing by Hewins, second by Belbin. Vote 3-0

**Update on Executive Session Minutes:** Waiting on approval of Town Counsel

**Minutes of 8/6/19:** Tabled

**Next Meetings:** 9/17/19, 9/26 joint meeting with School Committee, 10/1/19, 10/15/19, 11/5/19, 11/19/19, 12/3/19, 12/17/19

Motion to adjourn at 9:00pm by Belbin second by Hewins.

Vote 3-0.

A summary of the EEE mosquito threat and how we got to where we are:

The BOH received notice on July 24<sup>th</sup> that the presence of EEE was found in testing pools in SE Mass, declaring Carver to be in a “moderate” risk area. As a result, we immediately imposed a “dusk to dawn” ban on all outdoor activities in public areas (Shurtleff Park, all the Town playgrounds, the recreation areas at the Schools, including the Stadium and the tennis courts, the public beaches at John’s Pond and Sampson’s Pond). We did allow for the community and school sports programs to continue, subject to our “spray to play” policy that was adopted by the BOH during the last EEE outbreak. Prior to going onto the fields for practice or games, everyone had to be sprayed. Our ban starts 30 minutes prior to sundown and extends to 30 minutes after sunrise.

Additional testing revealed an increase in the number of EEE mosquito’s and 7 days later, on July 31<sup>st</sup>, the State raised the risk in Carver to “high”. The Board reviewed the info from the State and determined that no changes to the “ban” were necessary at that time.

On Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>, the community was able to come together and celebrate Carver’s “Night Out”. What folks don’t know is that this almost didn’t happen due to the high risk. However, the BOH and Police Department worked cooperatively to make it a safe event. The grounds were sprayed in the late afternoon by Plymouth County Mosquito, information regarding the EEE threat was provided on the various social media pages in Town and a supply of bug spray was made available.

Just two days later, on Saturday, Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>, we received notice of the first human case of EEE in neighboring Rochester and that the risk had been raised to “Critical”. Immediate action was taken by the Board to revise the “ban” by revoking the “spray to play” policy. The School Department and Recreation Department were notified of the change and our Police Department was requested to monitor all of the affected areas while on patrol around dusk.

On Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>, the State DPH announced the first round of aerial spraying would commence immediately, including most of Plymouth and Bristol Counties. The spraying would be weather dependent and take several days to complete.

Please remember that this aerial spraying is a temporary measure to reduce the threat of EEE. Precautions will need to be taken until that first hard frost in the fall!