

**Carver Select Board
Meeting Minutes
Carver Town Hall, 2nd Floor
November 5, 2019 - 6:30pm**

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

Joint Meeting with Planning Board:

Chairman Bruce Maki, Jennifer Bogart, James Hoffman, Will Sinclair & Kevin Robinson

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

Planning Board Alternate Appointment Request: Applicants Kelly DiCarli & Ellen Sordillo

Board members gave each applicant an opportunity to talk about their interest in the position and had a question and answer session. DiCarli was interviewed first, then Sordillo.

DiCarli Interview:

Dunham questioned if in a position where personal views contradicted what is allowed in the by-laws on an applicant, how would you vote on an issue.

DiCarli stated if she was morally conflicted she would abstain from the vote.

Hewins questioned if they knew what the role of the Planning Board is:

DiCarli stated that it is to make sure that the Town and MGL are followed.

Belbin questioned if they have read the By-Laws:

DiCarli stated she has reviewed both sets of By-Laws. As a ZBA Clerk, she reads the section pertaining to the applicant to educate herself ahead of time.

Belbin questioned how you would interpret Solar By-Law.

DiCarli stated if chosen she would educate herself with the By-Law.

Bogart asked why choose the Planning Board over other Boards.

DiCarli stated she likes the collaboration she is seeing and wants to a part of the decisions that are being made for the town.

Maki asked what you would like to see for Carver in the future.

DiCarli stated protecting the land, anything in the interest of the town and contributing to growth.

Sinclair questioned if she understood the commitment that comes with the position and would you become a regular member if an opening came about?

DiCarli stated she understands the commitment and would most likely be open to becoming a regular member of the Board.

Robinson questioned if she would maintain her role as a clerk on the ZBA?

DiCarli stated that she would maintain her role. She finds it interesting.

Robinson asked if this would be a conflict of interest – TA stated that DiCarli has no role or vote on the ZBA and therefore has no conflict.

Hoffman asked if she was on any other committees in town.

DiCarli stated she was previously on the Recreation Committee.

Sordillo Interview:

Dunham questioned if in a position where personal views contradicted what is allowed in the by-laws on an applicant, how would you vote on an issue.

Sordillo stated she would discuss her personal feelings with the Board and seek their guidance and if she didn't agree, she would abstain on the vote.

Hewins questioned if Sordillo knew that she could not make businesses come to the Board.

Sordillo stated she did not know but is still learning and is proud of the town and would like to be a part of it. She is learning more as part of the Recreation Committee.

Hewins questioned what she feels the role of the Planning Board is:

Sordillo stated she is learning what is legal & learning about the different By-laws.

Belbin asked Sordillo if she was familiar with the By-Laws.

Sordillo stated not as carefully as she should – she would like to learn more and is eager to research them

Bogart asked why choose the Planning Board over other Boards.

Sordillo stated it is an important part of the town and doesn't feel she doesn't have the information to answer the question.

Maki asked what you would like to see for Carver in the future

Sordillo stated she would like to see more than Edaville, Faire & cranberries. She gave the playground as an example of bringing in state of the art equipment to the town.

Sinclair questioned if she understood the commitment that comes with the position and would you become a regular member if an opening came about?

Sordillo stated yes.

Robinson asked how she would make a difference.

Sordillo stated she loves doing her civic duty and wants to do more for the town.

Townsend thanked both candidates for stepping up and applying for the position on the Board.

Motion by Sinclair to nominate DiCarli as the alternate, second by Bogart. Motion by Hoffman to nominate Sordillo as the alternate, second by Robinson.

Vote on DiCarli -9 Vote on Sordillo – 1

DiCarli voted as Planning Board Alternate.

Planning Board moved their meeting in progress to meeting room #4.

Citizens Participation:

Donna Forand: invited Select Board to Nov. 15 Old Colony Education Foundation Gala & she will continue to do wreaths for veterans and that date will be December 7. Donations of wreaths or cash are being accepted. Donnaforand@gmail.com 774-454-3392.

Complete the Streets Presentation with SRPEDD: Jackie Jones from SRPEDD gave an overview of the program & Policy:

Complete Streets are designed and operated to provide safety and accessibility for all users of our roadways, off-road trails, and transit systems, including bicyclists, pedestrians, motorists, emergency responders, transit and school bus riders, and freight haulers, and for people of all ages, abilities, and income levels. Carver intends to improve the health and safety of its residents, the community's economic viability and the overall quality of life by providing accessible and efficient connections between home, work, school, recreation and commercial destinations.

As such, the purpose of the Town of Carver's Complete Streets Policy is to accommodate all road users by creating a roadway network that meets the needs of individuals utilizing a variety of transportation modes, to continue to develop the town's off-road trail network, and to create connections between both facilities. It is the intent of the Town of Carver to formalize the planning, design, operation and maintenance of streets so that they are safe for users of all ages, all abilities and all income levels as a matter of routine.

The Town of Carver recognizes that the users of the transportation network, including, but not limited to: bicyclists, pedestrians, motorists, emergency responders, transit and school bus riders, delivery and service personnel, and freight haulers, are legitimate users of streets and deserve safe facilities. Furthermore, it is understood that the "users" of the transportation network include people of all ages, abilities and income levels.

The Town recognizes that all public and private roadway projects (new construction, as well as all maintenance and reconstruction projects) are opportunities to apply Complete Streets design principles that will improve safety, mobility and accessibility. As such, the Town and its public and private partners shall plan, design, construct, maintain and operate all streets in accordance with this Complete Streets Policy to provide for a comprehensive and integrated network of facilities for people of all ages and abilities.

Belbin questioned if this Policy was established by SRPEDD. Jackie stated that it was created by the State and that was the template used. Belbin asked if grant money included supplemental costs to the town. Jackie stated that it is a reimbursement program for eligible.

Belbin would like to see residents be on the committee. Jackie stated that the committee can be anyone the town decides. It does not establish the committee.

Chair stated if a motion was made to approve pending establishment of a committee, that would be acceptable. The Board would like to add two residents at-large.

Motion by Townsend to approve the Complete the Streets Policy with the amendment that two residents at-large will be added to the Complete the Streets Committee and the Committee will be appointed by the Select Board, second by Belbin.

Vote 5-0

Class II Hearing: MTM Auto Sales, Inc.: Request for online sales license. They have another business in Carver and are looking to move a current business in Plymouth and move it to Carver. There is no advertising on the windows of the cars, internet sales only. Hewins & Chair recommended that the Special Permit approval through the Planning Board be obtained. Vehicles would be placed along the Forest St. side of the back of the lot.

Townsend asked if there was a disposal process for the oil and waste.

Motion by Belbin to approve two cars for display and no more than two unregistered vehicles on site contingent upon Planning Board approval of special permit.

Vote 5-0.

Select Board Update:

Belbin: Hazardous waste day: Nov. 16. See website for details. Bring materials in a disposable container to help things run smoothly. Wade St. issue on Redevelopment Authority. Center St. issue, was questioned about landfill on Executive Session.

Hewins: Attended the new Plymouth Airport Administration Building which was dedicated to a WWII vet. Hewins noted there was a sensitive issue with two female senior citizens and was interrupted by Clarke who stated the situation is being dealt with. Clarke wanted it noted that

is not the intent of the Select Board update. Hewins wanted it noted that she was offended that Clarke cut her off.

Dunham: Attended Council on Aging Board of Directors meeting and any issues pending were resolved. Stated that Union negotiations health care percentage was voted on by the Board and were negotiated and accepted by the union, it was not forced on anyone by the Town Administrator. Pay scales are also negotiated with the unions and mutually agreed upon. The Board agrees to a negotiation before bringing it to the union.

Hewins stated that she thought the health care 50/50 would go into effect in 2025. Dunham stated that was retiree health care.

Townsend would like the Board to discuss the social media policy as a Board and what constitutes an open meeting violation by the Board. He would like to see this in a future agenda. Office hours will be 11/12 at 6pm in the Town Hall. Scouts are hosting a Veteran's Day Breakfast 11/9 at Our Lady of Lourdes church. Thanked all servicemen and women as well as veterans for their service.

Carver, Marion, Wareham Regional Refuse Disposal District Update: Belbin gave an update:

Marion has given their formal notice that they will begin the process of leaving the district. Two committees have been formed- one is for finance and another is for policy and operations of the district.

Rochester is not part of the district, but has the rights to use the transfer station. It can be negotiated to have Rochester be part of the district as well as allow the district to sell stickers individually.

It is difficult to determine how much to charge in order to cover the expenses and how many residences will move to a private hauler.

There is enough money to keep the District running through 2020 without the Town subsidizing costs.

Belbin recommends keeping the Sticker price the same for 2020.

TA stated that there will be no assessment to the town and recommends rolling the price back to \$10 for residents and \$5 for veterans.

Motion to approve the price of the transfer station sticker as: \$10 for all residents, \$5 for veteran and seniors, (no commercial business vehicles) that there will be a significant increase of \$250-\$300 for 2021 by Dunham, second by Townsend.

Vote 5-0.

Annual Town Meeting: Set Date and Warrant Article Deadline:

Motion to accept warrant articles from November 6 – December 6 and hold Town Meeting on April 14, 2020 by Dunham, second by Hewins.

Belbin would like the article deadline extended.

Vote 5-0

Town Administrator Update:

Update on Police Station: Project is out to bid. Sub-contractor bids have been received back and have come back below the contractor's estimate. No final budget has been set. A potential ground breaking is being looked at for the first week in December. \$93,000 was saved on the Elementary School Project which once certified, can be moved over to the Police Station Building project. The estimated cost with all components will be given at a future meeting.

Update on Playground: Equipment has begun to be installed. Most equipment should be installed in the next week or so. The budget was \$749,000, the CPC gave the project \$600,000. All 4 elements of the project were approved at town meeting. The project started with the drainage components, once that was completed the parking lot was done, then the fields had drainage done, then the playground was constructed. If it wasn't done in this manner, it could affect the rubberized surfacing that the town is spending \$100,000 on. If this goes over budget, a request will be made to the Capital Outlay Committee. TA asked that the Board refrain from making disparaging comments directed at the competency of town staff.

Update on FY21 Organizational Plan, Capital Plan & Budget Process: Organizational changes are being looked at as part of consultant input. At that point, a final forecast will be presented. Services provided to the Town will continuously be looked at.

Belbin left the table.

Request for Use of Town Property: Sampson's Pond for East Side Sport Fishing Club on 5/31/2020 5:30am-11:00am.

Motion to approve by Hewins second by Townsend.

A requirement will be set to have all boats be washed before entering the pond.

Vote 4-0.

Belbin returned to the table.

Motion by Belbin to adjourn at 8:45pm into Executive Session in accordance with G.L. c. 30A §21(a)(3), to discuss strategy with respect to litigation filed against the town (Mass. Commission against Discrimination) lawsuits by Lynn Callbeck and Dorothy Vicino and case from 2017 regarding Marie Senior, and that in the opinion of the chair, discussing the issue in an

open public meeting would have a detrimental effect on the Board's litigation position and to reconvene in open session for adjournment. Roll call-affirmative: Belbin, Hewins, Clarke, Townsend & Dunham.

Motion to adjourn by Belbin, second by Townsend at 9:05pm. Vote 5-0.