

**Carver Select Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Town Hall  
January 11, 2022 - 5:00pm**

In Attendance: Chair Mark Townsend, Vice-Chair Sarah Hewins, Jen Bogart, Interim Town Administrator Robert Fennessy & Assistant Town Administrator Elaine Weston

Absent: Jim Hoffman

Tim Zesson from KP Law in attendance

Motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 5:10pm in accordance with MGL chapter 30A section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to threatened litigation, as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the Board's litigating position by Hewins, second by Belbin.

Roll call- affirmative: Bogart, Belbin, Townsend, Hewins

Hoffman arrived at 5:18pm.

Open Session 6:00pm

The Chair led the Pledge of Allegiance and Belbin read the community prayer.

Citizens Participation: Chris Mahoney, owner of 2 Honey Dew Donut shops in North Carver, is looking for answers with the issues with the water of the North Carver Water District as it is affecting their business and the operation of equipment at their business. In the last 6 months, there have been 3 interruptions in service. He has incurred expenses due to malfunctioning equipment and loss of business due to water issues.

Belbin stated he would like to create a phone bank so that people on the water line can be notified if there is an issue.

Interim Town Administrator Introduction: Townsend introduced the new interim Town Administrator Robert Fennessy. Fennessy is a seasoned Town Administrator and is in Carver for 6 months while the town searches for a permanent Town Administrator. Fennessy stated he is excited to work for Carver for the next 6 months and is looking forward to earning the trust and confidence of the Board, staff and citizens.

**Approval of intention to Lay Out Montello Street as a public way (portion):**

Last Fall the plan was put together for the North Carver Massworks project. Once the Select Board approves this, it goes to the Planning Board for their recommendation. The Planning Board has 45 days to vote on this and then it will come back to the Select Board to adopt the plan.

Motion by Townsend that the Select Board vote its intention to lay out Montello Street (portion) as a public way, from Main Street (Route 58) to an intersection with an accepted portion of Montello Street, all as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Road in the Town of Carver, Mass. Plymouth County Showing Location of Easements for the Purpose of Reconstructing Montello Street at Main Street for the Town of Carver, " dated 1/11/2022, prepared by VHB, and on file with the Town Clerk, and to forward this vote and the plan to the Planning Board for its comments and recommendations pursuant to G.L. c. 41, §§81G and 81I, second by Hewins.

Belbin questioned when this is approved, will the old section be blocked off so that it is no longer accessible to the Silo marketplace? He would like to ensure that this does not get blocked off when nothing is being built.

Hewins asked for the location of the new traffic signal.

Vote 5-0

**Carver, Marion, Wareham Regional Refuse Disposal District (CMWRRDD) update:**

Carver's representative Bob Belbin attended the district meeting at the end of December. An agreement with Wareham is being signed to remain open for three additional years. There is a new agreement with the district in which it states how the district will run. This proposed agreement will be on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. This will address how the money will be divided, how the debt will be handled and there will be possibilities of keeping it running longer as well. This agreement sets up the towns for future years and protects the town.

Hoffman asked if there is a full membership. Belbin stated there are six members on the District.

Belbin stated the next steps for the District is to look for new legal counsel.

Hoffman asked the rate of sticker sales. Belbin does not have the exact number, he thinks it averages around 100+ residents from Carver. The hazardous waste day was a success for both Wareham and Carver.

Bogart & Townsend thanked Belbin for his work on this.

**Authorized Representative of Plymouth County ARPA grants:**

Motion for Interim Town Administrator, Robert Fennessy, to be the Authorized representative of Plymouth County ARPA grants on behalf of the town by Hewins second by Hoffman.

Townsend stated we will have Tom O'Brien in at a future meeting to discuss the funds.

Vote 5-0

**Town Administrator Update:** Fennessy stated there are placeholders on the Town Meeting Warrant from Select Board members and the wording is needed for the placeholders to move forward.

**Next Meeting:** 1/18/22 at 6:00pm

**Minutes:**

**Minutes of 12/15/21**

Motion to approve by Hewins, second by Hoffman

Vote 5-0

**Minutes of 12/16/21**

Motion to approve by Hewins, second by Hoffman

Vote 5-0

**Minutes of 12/21/21**

Motion to approve by Hewins with amendments from Townsend and Bogart, second by Hoffman.

Vote 5-0

**Executive Session minutes:**

Motion to approve and release the Executive Session minutes of 12/20/21 by Belbin, second by Hoffman

Vote 5-0

Vote rescinded by Belbin

Motion to approve and release the Executive Session minutes of 12/20/21 by Hewins, second by Hoffman

Vote 2-0

Motion to approve and release the Executive Session minutes of 12/21/21 by Hewins, second by Hoffman

Vote 5-0

**Select Board Community Announcements:**

Bogart: none

Belbin: Covid is still out there, please be safe, there is election information on the website and submit dog licenses at the Town Clerk's office.

Hoffman: welcomed Robert Fennessy

Hewins: welcomed Robert Fennessy

Townsend: welcomed Robert Fennessy, congratulation Chief Marc Duphily on becoming the Vice President of the Southeastern MA Police Chief Association.

**Select Board notes:** None

Motion to adjourn by Belbin at 6:30pm, second by Hoffman.

Vote 5-0