

**Carver Select Board
Meeting Minutes April 5, 2022
Town Hall, Meeting Room #1
5:00pm**

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

Absent: Jim Hoffman

Motion to go into Executive Session in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A §21 (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining negotiations with unions: (Clerical, Dispatch & Operations & Maintenance) that may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Town if held in open session and to return to open session at 6:00pm by Hewins, second by Belbin.

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

6:00pm

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

Citizens Participation:

Cornelius Shea: In regards to the articles that were placed by the Select Board on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant that were submitted as written in the warrant by the Redevelopment Authority.

Mike Palmieri: In regards to tying into the North Carver Water District Water Supply. During the year 2021, the North Carver Water District met. One of the past Town Administrators have attended and the DEP has been invited and has not attended any of their meetings. As a resident, he does not feel he should have to pay a water bill because of contamination caused by the landfill. He would like a response at some point on what the Select Board's position is on this.

Cornelius Shea: Agrees with Palmieri on having no unnecessary costs be placed on residents of the Plymouth Street Water Line.

Approval of Election Warrant:

Belbin questioned if he could vote on the warrant since he is running for election. Hewins stated it is a general warrant and it affects everyone.

Motion to approve the warrant by Hewins, second by Bogart.

Vote 4-0

Chapter 61A – Indian St. Plymouth County Registry of Deeds Book 20, Page 333: Monty Sifer on behalf of ADGA Realty, Inc. The application is being submitted as the land is under Chapter 61A. There are Form A lots and are looking to see 'Lot 3'. ADGA Realty is asking the Town make their decision on their first right to purchase the land.

Belbin stated he is looking for lots for affordable housing and this lot is not good for this. He asked how many other lots ADGA Realty owns and if they are going to sell them all.

Monty stated there is another lot after this one that will be requested to be taken out of Ch. 61A. Half of the 280+ acres they purchased need to be rebuilt and they are trying to improve the bogs and then selling them. Belbin asked if he could come in for all of the lots at once.

Monty stated the other lots have all sold, they have a buyer for Lot 3 now, they do not have a buyer for Lot 1 at this time. He will need to come in at another time for that.

Motion by Belbin to not exercise the right of purchase, second by Hewins.

Vote 3-1 (Bogart)

Next Meeting: 4/8/22 & 4/12/2022 - Annual Town Meeting

Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes by Hewins, request to amend.

Motion to approve minutes of 3/1/2022 as amended by Hewins, second by Bogart.

Vote 4-0

Motion to approve minutes of 3/10/22 by Hewins, second by Belbin. Bogart abstain.

Vote 3-0-1

Motion to approve minutes of 3/15/22 as amended by Bogart, second by Hewins.

Vote 4-0

Request for Use of Shurtleff Park: CAPT PAL preschool is requesting use of Shurtleff Park on 5/27/22 11:00am-1:00pm.

Motion to approve by Hewins, second by Bogart. Belbin questioned the fee since it is a preschool.

Motion amended to approve and waive fee by Hewins, second by Bogart.

Vote 4-0

Request for Use of Gazebo: Carver Girl Scouts request to use Gazebo on April 23, 2022 at 10:00am

Motion to approve by Hewins, second by Belbin.

Vote 4-0

Motion to approve One Day Special License: Habitat for Humanity, May 19th at 160 N. Main St.

Motion to approve by Hewins, second by Bogart.

Belbin expressed concern on the application. He requested that the town obtain the Liability insurance, who is checking ID's, is anyone TIPPS certified prior to being approved.

More information is requested by the Board prior to making a decision on the license approval.

Carver Old Home Day Road Race: July 30th

Motion to approve by Belbin, second by Hewins.

Vote 4-0

5 minute break at 6:30pm

Joint meeting with Finance Committee: Annual Town Meeting Articles

Present: Chair Alan Germain, Vice Chair Adam Holmes, Bill Cullum, Beth Sulger, Tony Macrina, Pat Meagher & Walter Cole

Article #2: Germain questioned the amount of \$198,706 for the North Carver Water District and what it is being used for. Fennessy stated it is the cost of the loan they are paying off and it is something the Town has been picking up all along. Kevin Tracey, Chair of the NCWD, is not present.

Townsend suggested moving on to the next article to see if Tracey shows up.

Germain stated it is being suggested that the money be put into the Capital Plan as a transfer. Fennessy stated that Town Counsel won't allow that and instead it is in the informational summary of Article #2.

Article #4: Sulger and Marie Zwiegman are members of the Capital Outlay Committee. Sulger stated that everything that was asked for with the exception of a Brush Breaker is on the Capital Plan. The project for the Library HVAC also needs to happen. For FY 23 \$960,000 has been allotted and \$500,000 for FY 24. Borrowing for the amount would be at 2.50% and this would set up the Town to be able to pay it off.

Hewins stated this is a good solution. She stated that none of these items take into account the ARPA funding. If the ARPA funding is available, the Committee would like the Town to use those funds instead of Capital funds.

Germain stated the new units will be individual and can be maintained and replaced individually and the Town should not have to go through this again.

Bogart asked about classroom technology upgrades. Sulger stated that smartboards are outdated and will be changed out. Bogart also asked about Project Management, Disclosure Statement and Short-term interest. Moquin stated the Disclosure Statement is required in order to receive the Standard and Poors rating.

Motion by Hewins to recommend Article 4, second by Belbin.

Vote 4-0

Article #6: Bob Bentley, Chair of the Community Preservation Committee present. He stated the annual allocations are being requested for Open Space, Community Housing Reserve and Historic Reserve, as well as an additional item for the Middle/High School Track and Field Debt. The second part is a proposal from Habitat for Humanity of a renovation of the house at 11 Green Street for Affordable Veteran's housing. The house will be maintained in perpetuity as an affordable home. If the owner sells, there will be a restriction to keep it affordable, but will not need to be kept as Veteran's housing.

Hewins stated the Dept. of Housing and Community Development gives Veterans' preferential treatment for the units.

Bentley explained the administrative expenses are to the Community Coalition which takes away the need for Town Counsel and they also pay a recording secretary. All remaining funds go back to the unrestricted account.

Sulger asked if a Veteran passes away and leaves all assets to a child. Bentley thinks it would go to the family, but the restrictions will remain upon sale of the home.

Bentley stated that all procurement will be done by Habitat for Humanity and Dept. of Housing and Community Development is overseeing the process.

Motion by Holmes to recommend, second by Sulger.

Vote 7-0

Motion by Hewins to recommend, second by Belbin.

Vote 4-0

Holmes would like the Finance Committee to revote on Article #4.

Motion by Macrina to recommend Article 4, second by Cole.

Vote 5-1-1 (Sulger abstain)

Article #2:

Holmes stated his displeasure that the Finance Committee made several requests for representation on the article and there was no one present to represent it.

Macrina stated that this amount could have been placed in the warrant prior to the NCWD knowing what they had for funding.

Motion to recommend all but item 'B' by Belbin, second by Bogart.

Vote 4-0

Motion to recommend all but item 'B' by Meagher, second by Cullum.

Vote 7-0

Motion by Finance Committee to adjourn at 7:20pm by Sulger, second by Meagher.

Vote 7-0

Select Board Community Announcements:

Bogart: None

Belbin: The Boy Scouts are still collecting bottles and cans behind the EMS Building and asked all to continue to support Ukraine.

Hewins: Annual Town Meeting is next Tuesday at 7:00pm and to keep Shane in your hearts and minds.

Townsend: The Annual Town Meeting Warrant is on the Website and the Town Election is on April 23rd.

Motion to adjourn by Belbin at 7:25pm, second by Bogart.

Vote 4-0