

Carver Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Carver Town Hall, 2nd Floor
October 20, 2015 7:00pm

In Attendance: Chairman Ronald Clarke, Vice Chairman Richard Ward, Alan Dunham, Sarah Hewins, Town Administrator Milanoski (TA) and Elaine Weston

Absent: Helen Marrone

6:30pm - Executive Session cancelled

7:00pm - The Chair read the announcements, led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dunham led the community prayer.

Underground Storage Tank Approval: New England Farms 133 North Main St. Motion to approve subject to approval of Planning Board by Ward, 2nd by Hewins. Vote 4-0

Public comment period: Bill Duggan advocating for tax relief.

Town Administrator Update:

Update on DOR Study: Dept. of Revenue will be evaluating the Finance structure – Assessor, Tax and Accounting and how it inter-relates with the school. Their report should be done before the end of this calendar year. Ward questioned the previous review that was done. TA stated that the previous study was broader and this is more focused on the Finance departments of the town compared to other towns and will give us suggestions on more efficient ways to conduct our financial business.

Federal Road & Solar Circle PILOT programs will be with Borrego. The proposal is one of the highest in the state for 2 megawatts. These agreements will bring in money to the town annually as personal property taxes. This is considered a form of economic development by using unproductive land and turning it into revenue for the town at little cost.

Dunham clarified that this money will not be part of the operating budget. TA stated that this money will follow the guidelines of going into the Capital Stabilization Fund until it reaches 10% of the budget.

TA proposed that the town take \$100,000 out of this fund each year to fund the debt service for the new school to reduce the burden of the tax payers. The duration of the solar PILOTs match the duration of the potential school debt.

TA negotiated a one time payment of \$75,000 to the town to be designated by the Selectmen for use.

Motion by Ward, second by Dunham to approve the Solar Circle PILOT, increasing by 2.5% per year with a one-time payment of \$50,000. Vote 4-0.

Motion by Ward, second by Dunham to approve the Federal Road PILOT, increasing by 2.5% per year with a one-time payment of \$25,000. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Ward to use these funds to supplement the cost of the elementary school, second by Dunham. Vote 4-0.

Clarke, Ward, Hewins & Dunham commended TA for his work on this and that it is utilizing land in town that would otherwise be idle.

SRPEDD moving forward on electricity regionalization. In November there will be a 2 hour window in which to accept the quote as the rate will change. TA asked to authorize the Chairman to be the representative and the TA to be the alternate representative to make the decision when the time comes. The first decision is for the town to accept the rate and the second decision is for the homeowner to opt out. This would only be for the generation portion of the bill. Residents will always have the option to opt out. Motion by Dunham to approve the Chairman to be the representative for the decision on accepting the quote and the TA to be the alternate representative. Second by Ward. Vote 4-0.

Update on FY 17 Budget Process: All FY 17 Dept. Budgets have been received as well as Capital Requests. TA is anticipating proposing a balanced budget for the Town side of the budget at the November meeting as scheduled.

Anticipates all MSBA numbers previously voted on will remain the same as the team working on it is experienced and has done a good job on the numbers.

TA & Ward along with school personnel are meeting with the MSBA tomorrow. Anticipating Dec. 12 for a ballot vote.

School designers are on a waiting period until the ballot vote and will need a vote at the next meeting. Striving to get foundation poured before the ground freezes. There are advantages to ordering steel in the winter. In order to have the design done, we will need authorization to pay the designers to do another 6 weeks of worth of work, the risk being that the school may not be approved. This would be a risk/reward to meet the Fall 2018 opening. Approx. \$200,000 for the team, it is not extra money, it would just be done in advance. No decision needed tonight. Will need a decision at the next meeting and will present a funding plan. They would be starting the foundation design, load calculations, structure and skeleton of the building. Clarke questioned if the MSBA would tweak any of the design plans. TA stated that it would not change. Ward stated that he was concerned about the gap of time and is in favor of moving forward with the accelerated time schedule and would like to find a way to financially bridge that gap.

Update on Fire Station: Moving forward and going out to bid for the contractor to install the burn building. Going thru the GSA will save the town money as they have pre-negotiated rates.

Street Light Request: A request was made from a resident to install a street light, which was reviewed by the DPW Superintendent. It was not determined to be at a dangerous intersection. A previous street light audit was done and at that point it was determined that all pertinent street lights were in service.

Grant Money: Asst. to the Town Admin. received grant money for back up cameras, anti-fatigue mats, hard hats, ANSI vests, security cameras, dollies, storm drain lifter and chain saw chaps.

Free Cash: Hoping to come into the 3-5% range this year. Would like the Board to keep in mind that some of that has to fund the North Carver Water District.

North Carver Water Shut off: One resident was several months overdue and several notices had been sent. The water was shut off and several hours later the bill was paid in full and the water was turned back on.

Health Insurance Rate Increase: Some are going up 5%-the money to fund the difference is in a trust fund.

Board of Selectmen Update:

Ward: Cautioned residents to be careful on the roads as Halloween is on a Saturday.

Hewins: CPA grant application for recreational fields at the school has been submitted. Master Plan committee is moving forward and the last meeting was recorded by Area 58. There will be a playground rededication ceremony Sat. Oct. 24.

Dunham: At a previous meeting he stated that the Board was still waiting to have a meeting with the School Committee and apologized for his words and apologizes to Gina Marie Hanlon Cavicchi and her husband.

Clarke: Commended Hewins for pursuing over \$2 million dollars to be put toward helping the school fields. 125th anniversary in Brockton on Sat. Nov. 28th of the first department store Santa Claus and they would like all Plymouth County communities to participate. Last weekend of King Richard's Faire.

Update on Elementary School Project: School Building Committee giving a presentation at South Meadow Village Wed. and Pine Tree Village on Thu.

Establish a gift account for bike patrol: Police Chief Duphily discussed how bike patrols have been used successfully in other communities. Two officers brought up the idea and feels that this may enhance the patrol function by getting more into community policing. The Police Department has received donations from: South Meadow Village, Meadow Woods Estates,

CCCGA, Decas Cranberry & Laureen Rowe totaling over \$21,000. Requesting the Selectmen to set up an account to purchase and maintain the bicycles without any cost to the town and anticipates the program to begin next spring. Motion to approve gift account by Ward second by Hewins . Vote 4-0.

Minutes; 10/6/15: Motion to approve by Dunham, second by Hewins. Vote 4-0.

Approval of MS Bike Ride: June 25 & 26 2016: Motion to approve by Hewins, second by Dunham. Vote 4-0.

Request for fishing tournament on Sampson's Pond 6/5/16: Motion to approve by Hewins, second by Dunham. Vote 4-0.

Request for fishing tournament on Sampson's Pond 7/23/16: Motion to approve by Dunham, second by Hewins. Vote 4-0.

One Day Special – Tiki Kye New Year's Eve hours extension to 1:30am: Motion to approve by Ward, second by Hewins. Vote 4-0.

Motion to adjourn 8:20pm at by Ward, second by Dunham. Vote 4-0.