

Carver Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Carver Town Hall, 2nd Floor
November 7, 2017 - 7:00pm

In Attendance: Chairman Alan Dunham, Sarah Hewins, Helen Marrone, Dave Robertson, Town Administrator Milanoski (TA) & Elaine Weston

Absent: Vice Chairman Ronald Clarke

Chair led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Marrone read the community prayer. A moment of silence was observed for the horrific acts of violence that have happened this past Month.

Citizens Participation: None

Tax Classification Hearing: Hearing opened at 7:05 & Motion to Postpone hearing until November 28th at 7:10pm by Hewins, second by Marrone.

Vote 4-0.

Fire Station Building Award: Suzie Shuck of Kaestle Boos along with Chief Weston and Fire Station Committee Member Bill Harriman present for award. Shuck commended the Chief and Building Committee on their hard work and dedication along with the community support. Firehouse Magazine awarded their 4th annual Fire Station Facilities Gold Award to the Carver Fire and Training Facility. Bill Harriman thanked all the people involved in the building. Chief Weston recognized the teamwork and support which made the project so successful.

The Board members stated how proud they are of the way the Fire Department, Building Committee and everyone involved worked together to get to the point of a gold award.

Storm Update: Chief Weston updated the Board on an issue that arose during the storm last Monday. During a response to a road blockage with electrical wires down and power was out, it was called in to Eversource through the normal protocols and moved forward with clearing the road for public safety purposes. There was a near miss incident where Eversource remotely energized the power lines. At this time, the DPW crew was clearing the road, a resident was walking down the road and luckily no one was hurt. However, the Town doesn't want to see a fatality happen before addressing this issue. There were no utility crews in the area.

In addition, Carver has been receiving very slow response times from Eversource. They have 3 levels of emergency response – 1, 2 & 3. 1 is life safety and is an immediate response & a 3 which is that an apparatus is on site until they arrive. The standard response for a 2 or 3 is two hours. At times they respond earlier than that, but it has been closer to 2 hours over the past year.

Dunham requested to have a representative from Eversource at the December meeting.

Town Administrator Update:

Elementary School: Project is moving along on time and under budget.

Middle High School: Project is wrapping up and testing new windows that have leaks which will be repaired.

Sports Complex: The next meeting of the committee is Thu. 11/9 at 4pm. The following meeting will be 11/20 at 7pm which there will be specialists to explain the pros and cons of turf/artificial turf.

Police Strategic Plan & Council on Aging next steps: A meeting was held with approx. 30 residents that gave feedback on a strategic plan for the Police Station. We are awaiting the report from the company that facilitated the meeting.

Update on Capital Budget Process for FY 19: Will be ready for next meeting. TA asked Board if he can revise the budget with the new growth update received from the valuation company PK Assoc.

Board of Selectmen Update:

Hewins: Commended First Responders and Thanked the Girl Scouts for their outstanding work on the Animal Holding Facility- an open house was held this past weekend.

Robertson: Commended Nate Ryan, Eagle Scout for his work on the Memorial Site and a presentation will be held this weekend. There was a structure fire next door to his house last night and the Fire Department saved a 200 year old barn.

Marrone: Thanked First Responders and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Dunham: Thanked First Responders for keeping the Town safe during the storm & wished all a Happy Thanksgiving and Veteran's Day & thanked all Veterans for their service.

Hewins recused herself and left the table.

Ratify Personnel Employees Committee Agreement: The Town reached an agreement on Health Insurance with Employees for the GIC 3 plan. Chair thanked all members of the PEC for their work on the negotiations. TA stated there was a broader attendance than in the past. The objectives of the Board were met and the retirees are protected for the next 5 ½ years. The intention was trying to live within the financial means of the Town to avoid layoffs. Health care is going up by 10% and growth in town is going up 2% so at some point health costs will catch up with the Town. Motion to ratify the PEC agreement by Marrone, second by Robertson.

Vote 3-0.

Hewins returned to the room.

Approval of Minutes of 10/12/17: Tabled

Approval of Minutes of 10/17/17 : Motion to approve by Hewins with amendment, second by Robertson.

VOTE 3-0-1 (Marrone recused herself)

Approval of Ragnar Relay event pending approval of Police, Fire & EMS: Motion to approve by Marrone, second by Roberston.

Vote 4-0

Approval of South Shore Race Management event 11/26/17 with 4 officers: Motion to approve by Marrone, second by Robertson.

Vote 4-0

Approval of One Day Special License: Bartending Service of New England: 11/18/17, 4-8pm.
Motion to approve by Robertson, second by Marrone.

Vote 4-0.

Next meetings: 11/28 & 12/5, joint meeting with School Committee, 1/16 department budgets, 2/6 school budget, 2/20, 3/6, 3/20, 4/3, 4/10-Annual Town Meeting

Motion to adjourn at 8:15pm by Hewins, second by Robertson.

Vote 4-0.