Carver Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2015 9:00am

Town Hall Meeting Room #1

In attendance: Chair Ronald Clarke, Vice-Chair Richard Ward, Sarah Hewins Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, State Rep. Susan Williams-Gifford & Louis Loura from Sen. Pacheco's office Town Administrator Michael Milanoski and Elaine Weston.

Community Compact Grant Award: Lt. Governor Karyn Polito & Chair Clarke signed the grant which encompasses the following best practices:

- 1. Review Financial Management Structure: The community evaluates the structure of reporting relationships of its finance offices to ensure that they support accountability and a cohesive financial team process. The community develops a written plan for implementation of the desired finance team structure.
- 2. Town/School Shared Services: This best practice encourages communities to evaluate the advantages, including financial savings of combined municipal and school services for economies of scale and improved efficiency.
- 3. Regionalization: In an era of shrinking budgets, loss of seasoned employees to retirement, and increased need for service improvements, productive partnerships between municipalities make sense for some communities. This best practice encourages regionalization of some services and sharing resources among municipalities.

Karyn stated that this grant will provide Carver with the resources to achieve the best practices. Incentive points are gained by applying for State grants. Carver is the 24th of 200 communities that have applied for the grant.

Susan congratulated Town Officials that represent Carver and that they take pride in the Town.

Chair Clarke gave credit for the grant to the Town Administrator as this was an opportunity that he seeked out.

Ward stated the Clarke was the prime person that seeked out the Area 58 contract that has been proven to be successful as well.

TA stated he does not think that the Town's budget can withstand their objectives without seeking this out.

Motion to adjourn at 9:30am by Ward, second by Hewins. Vote 3-0.