

Selectmen Present: Edwin Carr, Vice-Chairman
Frederick Koed
Ralph Dormitzer
Paul Carlson

Selectman Absent: Gary Vanderweil, Chairman

Vice-Chairman Edwin Carr is acting as Chairman.

Chairman Carr called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Town Manager’s Report

Town Manager, William Griffin, informed the Board that the bids were due for 821 Jerusalem Road the previous Friday, September 28, 2007. Two bids were received and now the Housing Partnership Committee will review the submissions and come back with a recommendation. Mr. Griffin added that there is currently an appeal from the previous owners of the property. Town Counsel has said they can continue to move ahead, but to do so with caution.

Selectmen Comment Period

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer stated that the turnout for the Beechwood Ballpark dedication was great and that it was a wonderful day. He thanked Merle Brown and Glenn Pratt, and everyone else for all of their hard work on this project.

Chairman Carr acknowledged an incident of violence which occurred in Town on Saturday, September 29th. He stated that the incident is still under active investigation, but that he feels it is important to state that the Board is watching closely, and that this type of behavior will not be tolerated.

SRF Interim Bond Signing – Mr. Griffin explained the importance of signing these bonds and securing this loan from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Trust. The interim loan will postpone permanent financing until the projects (Little Harbor/Atlantic Ave. Sewer Project / Deep Run/Rust Way Sewer Project / and the Drainage project) are complete and sewer betterments are issued to property owners. If this loan was not secured, the operating budget would bear the burden of principal and interest payments in advance of receipt of the betterment income. **Selectman Frederick Koed moved to approve and sign an interim State Revolving Fund loan form the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust in the amount of \$13,042,182.00. Selectman Carlson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.**

Licenses – **Selectman Koed moved to approve a one-day liquor license for November 3, 2007 and a one-day liquor license for November 4, 2007, for a fundraising event sponsored by the Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs. Selectman Carlson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.**

Special Town Meeting Article Review - Article 8: Taking of Portion of Land at 55 Norfolk Road and Article 9: Disposition of a Portion of Land at 55 Norfolk Road – Selectman Koed recused himself from this discussion as he is an abutter to the property. Attorney Henderson addressed the Board and explained the background on these articles. During the process of closing the sale on this home, his

client, the Fidelity Insurance Company, discovered the deed was not clean. He said that back in 1998, the Town thought they owned a small parcel of land along this property and they sold it. It turns out the Town only had surface rights to the land and did not own it. Attorney Henderson feels that these articles would be the quickest way to end the problem. Each month the owners lose thousands of dollars. He feels that by doing this, it frees the Town of any problems or responsibility with this issue. He stated that Town Counsel has made some changes to the article and that is the draft they would be using. **Selectman Dormitzer moved to approve putting articles 8 and 9 on the warrant. Selectman Carlson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. The Board will make their recommendation at Town Meeting.**

Final Conservation Restriction Review – Mr. Griffin explained to the Board that this restriction has been approved by the Board, but the document needs to be finalized by the state. Karen Quigley was not able to attend this evening as she is ill, but she sends her thanks to the Board. Both Town Counsel and the Cohasset Conservation Trust have reviewed the document and made their amendments. **Selectman Dormitzer moved to submit the Conservation Restriction document to the state as amended. Selectman Carlson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.**

Special Town Meeting Article Review Continued – Mr. Griffin asked the Board to consider two budget articles for the warrant (Article 1). One is for an appropriation of \$15,000 to undertake the analysis of the town's post-retirement healthcare liability as required by Statement 45 of GASB (Government Accounting Standards Board). The second is an appropriation of \$29,752 for the South Shore Regional School District assessment. The assessment increased due to student enrollment shifts among member towns. Mr. Griffin added that because the retired teacher health assessments dropped by \$56,000, even with these appropriations, they will be able to maintain the balanced budget. **Selectman Dormitzer moved to support the two supplement appropriations under Article 1, in the amount of \$44,752. Selectman Carlson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.**

Selectman Dormitzer moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Koed seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Edwin G. Carr
Chairman