

Selectmen Present: Edwin G. Carr, Chairman
Paul Carlson
Frederick Koed
Ralph Dormitzer
Karen Quigley

Others Present: William R. Griffin, Town Manager
Jennifer Oram, Selectmen’s Clerk

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

Town Manger’s Report

Town Manager, William Griffin, stated that the Special Town Meeting warrant will be mailed out at the end of the week.

Selectmen Comment Period

Selectwoman Karen Quigley stated that her phone has been ringing constantly and letters have been received about the proposed Article 5 by the Water Commissioners. She stated that the Water Department will be meeting on Thursday to discuss this issue. Selectwoman Quigley added that she had attended a Capital Budget Committee meeting and found it very informative and she was impressed at how the committee analyzed requests.

Selectman Paul Carlson stated that he had seen a letter from resident Judith Chute expressing concern about Ballot Question #1, and what impact if passed it would have on the Town Services. Selectman Carlson calculated that the loss would be approximately \$2.5 million to the Town and assuming an override were passed, it would not be a huge loss to the Town.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer stated that someone had told him that Verizon was pulling fiber in the Town. Selectman Carlson stated that he had recently signed up for internet and phone service, but that cable service was not offered as of yet.

Chairman Carr stated that a meeting with the Troika has been scheduled to meet with Design Review Board candidates.

Licenses & Permits – Selectman Dormitzer moved to approve a one-day liquor license (wine and beer) for a fundraising event at the South Shore Art Center, located at 119 Ripley Road, on November 15, 2008 at 7:30PM. Selectman Frederick Koed seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (5-0).

Minutes Approval – Selectman Koed moved to approve the minutes of September 29, 2008 as written. Selectman Carlson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (5-0). Selectman Dormitzer moved to approve the minutes of October 14, 2008 as amended. Selectman Koed seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (4-0, Selectman Koed was not present at the 10.14.08 meeting).

Sign Special Town Meeting Warrant – Selectman Dormitzer moved to approve and sign the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting. Selectman Carlson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (5-0).

Introduction of New Police Sergeant Jeffrey Treanor – Police Chief James Hussey introduced newly appointed Sergeant, Jeffrey Treanor, to the Board. The Chief reviewed the Lieutenant’s background for the Board. Lieutenant Treanor thanked the Board, the Chief, fellow officers from Cohasset, Hingham and Scituate as well as his wife and children. His daughter then pinned him with the Lieutenant pin.

Special Town Meeting Article Review - Citizen’s Petition – Turf Field – Selectwoman Quigley recused herself and moved to a seat in the audience. Mr. George McGoldrick and Ms. Maryann Tarpey addressed the Board. Mr. McGoldrick gave the background of Cohasset Sports Partnership which has spearheaded this petition. He reviewed the financials for the Board, stating that with the monies presently spent to maintain the current field, along with fees that would be instituted to use the field, the Town would not be incurring any additional costs during the year. The Partnership will also be raising funds to help pay for the installation of the field. They have done extensive cost analysis and feel the Town will not have to pay any more towards the field annually than what they are presently spending. Mr. McGoldrick also explained that a turf field is a greener option with less chemicals and the recycling of tires to make the field. He added that the life of the field is 10-15 years, or possibly more. Chairman Carr stated that if the numbers are correct that have been presented, this would seem like the right move for the Town. The Board will hold off on taking a vote until Finance Director, Michael Buckley, can conduct more due diligence and the Capital Budget Committee and Advisory Committee have also weighed in. The Board thanked them both for their time and their presentation.

Selectwoman Quigley returned to her seat.

Ms. Adrienne MacCarthy of 85 Doane Street asked to address the Board. Ms. MacCarthy came down to respond to the brief discussion that occurred earlier in the meeting about Ballot Question #1. She stated that the Town may not feel the cuts, but that the schools would be devastated. Selectman Carlson stated that his point was that people would have more money in their pockets, so it may not be that huge of an impact on them. The Board thanked Ms. MacCarthy for her time.

Selectman Dormitzer moved to adjourn the meeting Selectman Carlson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (5-0).

Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Edwin G. Carr
Chairman