

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

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

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

Town Manager’s Report

Town Manager William Griffin recommended the Board pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 115, Section 9, appoint Joseph McElroy to the position of Veteran’s Graves Officer for a three year term. **Selectman Edwin Carr moved the appointment. Selectman Karen Quigley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (5-0).**

Mr. Griffin also reminded the Board and the community that the “kickoff” meeting for the Cat Dam notice of intent and gate operation and maintenance project will be held on October 8, 2009 at 7PM.

Selectmen Comment Period

Selectman Quigley asked if the Board would reconsider its vote from the previous meeting when it voted to recommend the easement for Abbott Development. She stated that both the Conservation Commission and the Water Commission are reviewing the easement at their own meetings. Selectman Frederick Koed suggested the Board wait and reconsider the vote if either of those commissions should vote against it. After further discussion, **Selectman Quigley moved to reconsider the vote to recommend the Abbott Development Easement be placed on the warrant for the Special Town Meeting. Chairman Carlson seconded the motion. The vote was voted down by a vote 1-4, Selectman Quigley in favor, all other members opposed.**

Chairman Carlson reviewed the meetings he attended in the morning regarding the proposed new senior center. He updated everyone on the status stating that Cavanaro Associates has drawn up the new lot lines delineating the land swap between the Cohasset Swim Center and the proposed senior center. They are also waiting on the approval from the Attorney General on the one million dollars donated from the Social Service League.

Selectman Carr read from a letter that was in the Board’s packet informing the community that the cost of basic cable is being increased. Chairman Carlson added that Verizon has yet to present a final contract to the Cable Advisory Committee.

Public Comment Period – Mindy Evans of 36 Sohier Street asked Chairman Carlson if there would be access to the new senior center from North Main Street. Chairman Carlson stated that he did not think so and that the access would mostly be from Sohier Street. Ms. Evans asked that North Main Street be looked at as well to ease the congestion on Sohier Street.

Minutes – Selectman Carr moved to approve the minutes of September 14, 2009 as amended. Selectman Koed seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (5-0).

Sandy Cove Access Agreement – Selectman Dormitzer recused himself from this discussion and moved to a seat in the audience. Chairman Carlson reviewed the history of how the license agreement came to fruition. The Board has been working with the land owners whose property the Town needs to cross to maintain the drainage pipe. All owners have approved of this license agreement and have signed it (all but Mr. Eli Manchester of 83 Atlantic Avenue who is out of Town but called Mr. Griffin and stated he will sign it upon his return). The Board also has a petition from nearly all of the Sandy Cove owners in support of the license agreement. Selectman Quigley thanked the land owners for their cooperation. She stated that she did have concerns, but that after speaking with Mr. Griffin and Town Counsel throughout the day, she feels comfortable the license will not negatively impact the Bigelow Easement. She did ask the landowners if there was an emergency would they allow the Town to get down if needed without prior written notice and Dr. Connolly stated that he did not foresee a problem. Mr. Charles Higginson of 159 Atlantic Avenue thanked the Board for addressing the issue while not negatively affecting the Bigelow Easement. Mr. Peter Whittemore of 47 Elm Court expressed concern about the possibility of restrictions in maintaining the pipe. Priscilla Houghton of 91 Atlantic Avenue and Marty Nee of 109 Atlantic Avenue thanked the land owners and the Town for working together and helping those affected by the flooding. **Selectman Carr moved to accept the license agreement. Selectman Koed seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (4-0).**

Selectman Carr moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Koed seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (4-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Carlson
Chairman