

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

Others Present: William R. Griffin, Town Manager
Jennifer Oram, Recording Secretary

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

Town Manager’s Report

Town Manager, William Griffin, asked the Board for guidance on how they would like to proceed where at the annual town meeting a resolution was adopted requesting that Congressman Delahunt and the Army Corps of Engineers to protect federal funding for the Treat’s Pond Restoration Project. With that in mind, Mr. Griffin would like to determine how the Board would want to proceed with this project, as well as related projects and the flood control master plan. Dan Coughlin of Coughlin Environmental Services the Engineering firm developing the flood control master plan for the Town, stated that the final version should be done in August, and that it was his hope to hold two community forums during the summer. This would allow residents to voice their questions and concerns about projects and flooding in town, as well as learn about the plan. The Board agreed this would be a benefit, and that other parties (i.e. the Army Corp of Engineers) could be invited to participate as well. Mr. Griffin also informed the Board and the community that the next meeting of the Conservation Commission, there will be an informal discussion about to move forward with the Cat Dam situation.

Mr. Griffin asked the Board to declare equipment that they are not using as surplus so they may sell it or throw it away. **Selectman Ralph Dormitzer moved to declare the excess equipment as surplus. Selectman Frederick Koed seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous (5-0).**

Mr. Griffin announced that the Town would be receiving \$160,080 in Chapter 90 funds for Fiscal 2009.

Selectmen’s Comment Period

Selectman Dormitzer reminded the Board and the community of the event for Merle Brown being recognized as the Cohasset Mariner’s Citizen of the year.

Selectman Koed stated that he had attended a recent Emergency Management Committee meeting, and that the citizens of the Town should know that this committee is very active and thus a big benefit to the Town.

Chairman Carr informed the community that the Water Department would be flushing the hydrants in Town, but that a Reverse 911 call did go out to alert those affected.

Public Comment Period - Mr. Peter Whittemore of 47 Elm Court, asked the Board if all of the meetings regarding Treat's Pond and flooding would be held open to the public. Chairman Carr stated that will be the course of the Board, and that all of these meetings will be organized through Mr. Griffin; posted open to the public.

Licenses & Permits – Selectman Carlson moved to approve 5 State Sunday Entertainment Licenses (Cohasset Golf Club, South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset Harbor Inn, Atlantica Restaurant and the Red Lion Inn). Selectwoman Karen Quigley seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Minutes – Selectman Dormitzer moved to approve the minutes for March 3, 2008 as written. Selectman Carlson seconded the motion, and the vote was 3-0 (Selectman Koed and Selectwoman Quigley were not present for this meeting). Selectman Koed moved the minutes for March 10, 2008 as written. Selectman Carlson seconded the motion, and the vote was 4-0 (Selectwoman Quigley not at this meeting).

Proclamations – Selectman Koed moved to approve and sign proclamations for Merle Brown and Older Americans Month. Selectwoman Quigley seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

CMI 5K Fun Run Proposal – Representatives of the Cohasset Maritime Institute (CMI), Mr. Michael Dick of 27 Parker Avenue and Mr. George Baumgarten of 260 Forest Avenue, addressed the Board. Mr. Dick reviewed their proposal for a fun run to honor Mr. Jack Hubbard, a founder of the CMI. He reviewed the route as well as the planning they have been doing with the police department. The fun run would take place on Saturday, July 19, 2008 at 8:30AM. After further discussion, **Selectman Dormitzer moved to approve the CMI Hubbard Memorial 5K Fun Run to take place on Saturday, July 19, 2008. Selectman Koed seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous (5-0).**

Sewer/Water/Drainage Project Staging Area – Analysis of Alternative Sites – Mr. John Beck of the Sewer Commission, Water Commissioner Glenn Pratt and Project Engineer, Daniel Coughlin of Coughlin Environmental Services, addressed the Board. Mr. Pratt reviewed, in great detail, the 27 parcels that were considered for a staging area for this utility project. He feels that the current location of the staging area is the best possible location. Mr. Beck added that there are two important elements in choosing the staging area: One had to with safety; the closer to the job, the less travel through other parts of town. The other being proximity; the less time traveled to access the job, the less money spent. At this point of time in the project, the staging area has been in place for seven months, to move it would cost \$150,000 to \$200,000. Mr. Coughlin stated that the project presently has one year and three months left. If this site is relocated, that could add up to six months to the job. Selectman Dormitzer stated that the site did need a lot of work and asked what could be done. Mr. Coughlin stated that they are going to fix the fence and possibly paint trailers. Chairman Carr and Selectwoman Quigley both stated they felt the report presented was very thorough. Chairman Carr then asked if anyone else would like to speak. Ms. Paula Becker and her husband, Mr. James Mahar of 185 Jerusalem Road addressed the Board. Ms. Becker addressed the Board and expressed her anger about the 30B process which she feels the Town violated when putting the staging area in where it is located. Mr. Griffin interjected and stated the Town is now in possession of a temporary easement with the Jenkins and has nullified the memorandum of agreement. Town Counsel feels this now puts the Town in compliance. Ms. Becker stated that she feels her rights have been violated. She added that the original lease between the Jenkins and the Town was signed by Wayne Sawchuck who is now a Sewer Commissioner. She stated that she felt this was a conflict of interest and he should recuse himself from any

involvement in this project. Mr. Beck interjected and stated that Mr. Sawchuck agrees and does plan to recuse himself when necessary. Ms. Becker also presented to the Board a bag containing empty alcohol nips and other trash that she has collected in her neighborhood near the job site. She stated that she feels the people working on the project are consuming alcohol on the job. Chairman Carr asked Ms. Becker if she would like to discuss any aesthetic changes she would like to make to the staging area. She said that the site looks like a horror show, and that nothing could change that. Chairman Carr asked Mr. Griffin if the Board could get Town Counsel's opinion in writing about the procurement and easement issue. In addition, Mr. Griffin will give the bag of trash to Police Chief James Hussey and ask him to conduct an investigation. Mr. Beck added that should any of these allegations prove to be true, anyone who is found guilty would be fired immediately.

Selectman Dormitzer moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Koed seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Edwin G. Carr
Chairman