

Selectmen Present: Gary Vanderweil
Edwin Carr
Frederick Koed
Ralph Dormitzer
Paul Carlson

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

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

Reorganization of the Board

Chairman Dormitzer nominated Selectman Gary Vanderweil for the position of Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Edwin Carr seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. Selectman Dormitzer then nominated Selectman Edwin Carr to the position of Vice-Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Frederick Koed seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Town Manager’s Report

Town Manager, William Griffin, alerted the Town and Community that the results of both The Annual Town Meeting and the Town Election have been posted on the website.

Selectmen Comment

Selectman Carr welcomed the newest Member of the Board, Selectman Paul Carlson. Selectman Carr stated that he had lunch with Selectman Carlson, and that he felt he would be a great addition to the Board.

Selectman Carlson stated that he is very happy to be able to serve as a member of the Board.

Selectman Dormitzer added that it was great to have Selectman Carlson on the Board, and that he hoped he had a sharp and strong voice. Selectman Dormitzer also thanked Mr. David Begley of ‘All the Best’ food store for planting all of five of the large planters in Town. He added that he hoped to see the islands planted in the near future.

Selectman Koed and Chairman Vanderweil also congratulated Selectman Carlson and stated that they are looking forward to working with him.

Proclamation for Citizen of the Year - Chairman Vanderweil read aloud the Proclamation naming Roger Whitley as the Cohasset Citizen of the Year. **Selectman Dormitzer moved to approve the Proclamation as read. Selectman Koed seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.**

State Legislation on Cable Franchising – Chairman Vanderweil reviewed the memo and letters that had been provided by Mr. Griffin in the Board’s packets. The members had a lengthy conversation on what their position is on the proposed Massachusetts State Franchising Bill (Senate 1987 & House 1298). The consensus of the Board is that this type of legislation would tip the scales in Verizon’s favor, and thus there would be an uneven playing field for the other carriers. Both Selectman Koed and Selectman Carr stated that they would be ready to take a position against the legislation. Selectman Carr stated that he had also talked to the Town of Waltham, MA and they too were against the legislation. Selectman Dormitzer stated that the Board needs to remember the need for fiber optic cable in to Town. Selectman Carlson also stated that the Town’s Cable license is up for renewal in 2009. Mr. Griffin added that Verizon’s argument is that if this legislation passes, it would give Verizon a blanket approval and thus the installation would go faster. Members of the Board then discussed how this would affect the Town’s need for coverage of live meetings etc. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that Selectman Carr would gather further information from other communities, and then the Board could vote on their position at a later meeting.

Cohasset Common Historic District Commission Appointment – Mr. Can (pronounced John) Tiryaki addressed the Board and reviewed his extensive credentials. Mr. Tiryaki is an Architect, and a requirement of this Commission is that one Architect is a member, and that position currently sits empty. **Selectman Dormitzer moved to approve the appointment. Selectman Carr seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.**

Minutes – Selectman Koed moved the minutes of February 12, 2007 as amended. Selectman Carr seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous (4-0, Selectman Carlson abstained from voting).

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Vanderweil
Chairman