

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

Selectmen’s Comment Period

Selectman Frederick Koed expressed the Board’s and his condolences to the family of Mrs. Katherine Stanton. He stated that her passing was sad and a loss to the community. He said that Mrs. Stanton was the treasurer of his campaign three years earlier, and that she will be sorely missed.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer expressed the Board’s and his condolences to the Cotter family whose son died suddenly while in Vietnam.

Selectwoman Karen Quigley read aloud a statement commemorating the life of Mrs. Stanton. She stated that Katherine was special not only to her family and friends, but to this community and she will be missed.

Selectwoman Quigley then informed the Board and the community that the EPA came and inspected the pump out facilities and that things look good for the no discharge application. She added that she feels it would be good for the Board to begin summit meetings with each department to discuss policies, the challenges each department faces and the budget.

Chairman Carr stated that he had attended the Cohasset Education Foundation’s fundraiser at the Cohasset Golf Club over the weekend and that it was sold out and a wonderful event.

Chairman Carr added that when he first decided to run for Selectman, Mrs. Stanton called him and told him he seemed like he had a lot of great experience, but not enough experience within the Town. He said they met and had a great meeting and she taught him a great deal. He added she was a wonderful lady and will be missed.

Minutes – Selectman Dormitzer moved to approve the minutes of April 14, 2008 as amended. Selectman Koed seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (5-0).

Cohasset Common Curbing Options – Mr. Mark Brennan, Mr. Tom Gruber and Mr. Glenn Pratt addressed the Board. Mr. Pratt explained that come the late summer and early fall; the utility project would be installing water and sewer in each road that abuts the common. Generally when this is done, all of the asphalt that has accumulated over the years is removed. When the village revitalization was done, the granite was then reset. If this happens around the common, people would not be able to pull up and park on the grass as they have done in the past. Mr. Brennan, Mr. Gruber and Mr. Pratt are asking the Board to consider many options which they reviewed in detail. They also pointed out that when budgeting the utility project, new curbing was not factored in and therefore will need to be paid

for via a town meeting vote. After a lengthy conversation, Chairman Carr suggested they make a list of what meetings will need to occur with what affected parties, and that there most likely would be a need for public forums. A decision could then hopefully be made by mid June.

Chief James Hussey – Police Department Review – Chief Hussey first reviewed the staffing, rank structure and manning levels of the department. He explained that this year, the department has been down two positions. One position they are filling presently and the other is someone out on sick leave. He stated that being short staffed really take a toll on the department. In addition to this staffing issue, the Chief explained why people would leave and go to another police department. He stated that many people want a chance to advance, and if they see that they won't have such an opportunity in the near future, they go elsewhere. Chief Hussey also reviewed new law enforcement trends such as mutual aid, as well as grants the town has received. Chairman Carr asked about a letter the Board had received from the police union complaining about the age of the squad cars. The Chief stated that he understands their concerns and that the cars are running 24/7 and therefore have a lot of miles on them. He added that they are maintained very well and that hopefully in the near future they will be able to get a replacement vehicle.

Cohasset Triathlon Update – Chief James Hussey and Safety Officer Lieutenant William Quigley addressed the Board. Chief Hussey explained that last year the route of the triathlon went down North Main Street and crossed the train tracks. Last year the train was not running, but this year it obviously is and the old route would cross the tracks twice. For safety reasons, they are asking to change the route off of North Main Street to Cedar Street where it would come to Hull Street; by doing so they will bypass both crossings. They are also requesting to delay the opening of the Recycling Transfer Facility (RTF) by approximately 2.5 hours, or by 10AM. Should the last cyclists come through prior to that, they would open it earlier. In addition to this, the Chief explained that they will be creating an alternative perimeter route to help people reach their destinations during the triathlon. After further discussion, **Selectman Dormitzer moved to approve changing the route of the triathlon from North Main Street to Cedar Street, and the delay in opening the RTF on Sunday, June 29, 2008. Selectman Carlson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.**

Economic Development Committee (EDC) – 'Cohasset Day' – Peter Brown, Alain Pinel and Tim Chamberlain members of the EDC came before the Board. Mr. Pinel gave a detailed presentation on an event they are proposing called 'Cohasset Day'. The event would be held on September 20, 2008. It would take place in the village, stretching up to the lower part of the common. Events would take place throughout the day, including, but not limited to an Automobile show, games for kids and adults, dancing, a fashion show, a bike parade, live music and food from local restaurants. Tickets would be sold at local merchants. The EDC is also looking for sponsorships to fund the event. The EDC has met with Police, Fire and the Town Manager, as well as many of the merchants. Mr. Pinel said they still have many meetings to go, but he feels the event will come to fruition. Mr. Brown asked for a vote of the Board showing their support of the event. **Selectman Dormitzer moved to support the EDC's 'Cohasset Day' event. Selectman Carlson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.**

Draft letter to MassHousing on 25 Ripley Road Proposal – Mr. Griffin reviewed the draft letter for the Board. He stated that with the input from the Housing Partnership Committee, as well as the six letters from neighbors written against the project, the letter states that the Board can not vote to support the project. After a brief discussion, and one edit, **Selectman Dormitzer moved to approve the letter to MassHousing regarding the proposed 40B project at 25 Ripley Road as amended. Selectman Carlson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.**

Flood Control Master Plan Discussion – Mr. Griffin and the Board reviewed the proposed dates for the public workshops to discuss the Flood Control Master Plan and other flooding areas in Town. The first workshop is scheduled for Thursday, May 22, 2008 at 6:30PM to discuss Jacobs Meadow. The second is scheduled for Monday, June 16, 2008 at 6:30PM to discuss Atlantic Avenue/Treat’s Pond. Both workshops will be held in the Town Hall Auditorium, and other areas of flooding in Town can be brought forth at those hearings by concerned citizens. A third workshop will be scheduled in August to discuss the final version of the Flood Control Master Plan and any other outstanding issues. As for the first two workshops, Mr. Griffin will inform all pertinent Boards, Committees and others of the dates and topics.

Selectman Dormitzer moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Koed seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (5-0). Meeting adjourned at 9:17PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Edwin G. Carr
Chairman