

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

Selectman Absent: Ralph Dormitzer

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 informed the Board that Mr. Brian J. Buckley of BA Landscaping has volunteered to adopt and maintain both the Sohier Street and Beechwood Street crossings. **Selectman Karen Quigley moved to approve Mr. Buckley adopting and maintaining both islands. Selectman Frederick Koed seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (4-0).**

Selectmen Comment Period

Selectman Koed expressed the Board’s condolences to the family of Edward Figueiredo.

Chairman Carlson stated that the Triathlon was a huge success and sent congratulations to those who ran the event. Chairman Carlson also noted that the Little League championship series was also a great success. He talked to the neighbors who were very supportive but they did note that the lights at the Little League field were shut off at 10:15 instead of 10:00 and the Board should make note for next year’s request. He also asked Mr. Griffin if a meeting could be set up with Town Counsel’s office to review the new ethics rules. Finally, Chairman Carlson suggested that Board begin observing a moment of silence for people who have served as town officials when they pass away.

The Board observed a moment of silence for Edward Figueiredo.

Minutes Approval – Selectman Koed moved to approve the minutes for May 18, 2009 as amended. Selectman Quigley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (3-0, Selectman Carr was not present at the 5.18.09 meeting). Selectman Quigley moved to approve the minutes of June 8, 2009 as amended. Selectman Koed seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (4-0).

Stuart Ivimey & Jim Hamilton – CPC Funding for Affordable Housing – Mr. James Hamilton, Chairman of the Housing Trust, and Mr. Stuart Ivimey, Chairman of the Community Preservation Commission (CPC), addressed the Board. Mr. Hamilton passed out the statute that applied to the CPC and read it aloud for the Board. He then reviewed the history of how the Housing Partnership became the Housing Trust and explained that now that they are a trust, they need funding. The funding for the trust can come in a few ways, i.e. donations, developers and from the CPC. Mr. Hamilton then reviewed the process of requesting money from the CPC which they have done successfully in the past with funds they requested to perk a parcel of land. He states that the towns of Hingham and Lincoln have obtained funding from their respective CPCs and are doing a great job. He states that the Housing Trust has requested these funds from the CPC and that their applications have not been heard. Mr. Hamilton asks the Selectmen to empower the Housing Trust, to work with them and give them a fair chance. He states

that the Trust requested \$180,000 from the CPC via an application to Mr. Ivimey and that Mr. Ivimey did not bring it before the CPC. Chairman Carlson asked Mr. Ivimey to speak. Mr. Ivimey stated that he does not pretend to understand the housing issue. He stated that he sees the CPC as a bank, not experts on housing. He states that they run a very simple committee and that they do everything electronically. He reviewed the process of how the CPC receives applications. He stated that the CPC likes people to request funds for defined projects. He said that the CPC has tried to avoid “controversial” projects and cited 25 Ripley Road as an example. There was then a lengthy conversation about the process of getting funding to the Housing Trust around the schedules of Town Meetings. Mr. Griffin stated that ultimately the CPC has to make the recommendation to transfer the funds to the Housing Trust and then that goes to Town Meeting. Selectman Carr asked Mr. Ivimey if the CPC was against this. Mr. Ivimey stated that he polled his Board by phone and that they did not want to give money to the housing trust or any other group without specific projects. Selectman Koed stated that he had a problem with this timeline as well as the process and that there must be a better mechanism for this committee (Housing Trust to get funding) without having to wait for Town Meeting. Mr. Ivimey stated that the CPC was uncomfortable with funding the Housing Trust without having specific projects. Selectman Carr stated that he did not think it was right that the CPC be making that decision and that he feels their enabling statute says that the CPC has to hear it (the application from the Housing Trust). Mr. Tom Callahan gave a lengthy presentation about the background of the process and stated that they did not feel the Housing Trust has been given due process. He feels the Selectman could request a change in the policies of application approval that the CPC presently follows. There was further discussion about various ways funds could be made available to the Housing Trust at each Annual Town Meeting. Chairman Carlson asked if the two Chairmen could meet to agree on a better funding mechanism for the Housing Trust and bring back a proposal to the Board of Selectmen that both committees agree upon. They both agreed to do so.

Cable Advisory Committee – Cohasset Community Television Budget Plan – Chairman Carlson and the other members of the committee reviewed for the Board their proposed Cohasset Community Television Budget for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. Attorney Hillman of Town Counsel’s office was also present. Chairman Carlson reviewed the budget line items and the types of equipment needed. Selectman Quigley asked a series of questions regarding the budget. She then asked about the franchise fee over time and if it would decrease etc. Attorney Hillman stated that although the fee may decrease over time due to competition, he feels the numbers will remain firm. He added that the Committee will be meeting with Verizon and that they expect to have a contract with Verizon before the end of the summer. Attorney Hillman explained that the Selectmen will need to create the Board of Directors of Cohasset Community Television Company so that the company can legally exist. **Selectman Carr moved to appoint the present members of the Cable Advisory Committee, Patricia Martin, Paul Carlson, James Morrison and Michael Zotos to the Board of Directors of the Cohasset Community Television Company. Selectman Koed seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (Chairman Carlson abstained), (3-0). Selectman Carr moved to accept the proposed Cohasset Community Television budget as presented. Selectman Quigley 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 8:33PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Carlson, Chairman