

Selectmen Present: Ralph Dormitzer
Robert Spofford
Frederick Koed
Gary Vanderweil
Edwin Carr

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

Town Manager’s Report

William Griffin, Town Manager, announced that upon the recommendation of Fire Chief Roger Lincoln, he has appointed Paul Bilodeau to the position of Fire Captain, and Randy Rosano to the position of Acting Fire Lieutenant in the Fire Department.

Mr. Griffin also reviewed changes to Article 9 of the Fall 2005 town meeting that authorized the filing of special legislation to establish the Cohasset Library Trust. Mr. Griffin informed the Board that Representative Bradley and Senator Hedlund had filed the legislation, and that it is now House Bill 4840. The Board of Selectmen, as per the vote of town meeting, must vote to approve any constructive changes to the text of the legislation. Library Trustee, Sheila Evans, addressed the Board and confirmed that the amendments suggested by Senator Hedlund are acceptable to the trustees. **Selectman Robert Spofford moved to approved the suggested amendments, Selectman Edwin Carr seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.**

Selectmen Comment Period

Selectman Fred Koed addressed the memo he distributed to the Board that discussed the quality of cell service in Town. Selectman Koed stated that he realized that this is a very complex issue, but that it is a matter of public safety. Chairman Dormitzer wondered if the Board should widen the charge of the Cable Advisory Committee to encompass this area as well. After a lengthy conversation, it was decided that a member of the Board should meet with the Cable Advisory Committee to explore this additional charge.

Selectman Koed also discussed the recent issue with the MBTA. Selectman Koed asked if the Board should be having monthly update meetings with the MBTA as it seems that issues are not getting resolved. Mr. Griffin stated that the Greenbush team does this already, and that they could increase the updates to the Board. Another issue with the MBTA is the location of the Mitigation Agreement meeting. Selectman Vanderweil stated that the Town should just get the issue resolved as time is being wasted. The Board discussed the issue, and decided that they would ask Town Counsel if two members of the Board could meet with the MBTA as part of an informal group. Mr. Griffin agreed to see if this was possible.

Selectman Vanderweil asked to follow up on the Long Term Budget Committee's charge. Selectman Vanderweil read the charge aloud to see if the Board was in agreement with its content. Selectman Spofford stated that he was in complete support of this committee, but asked that Mr. Griffin and Michael Buckley have a lot of input into the process.

Selectman Vanderweil moved to support the charge of the committee, Selectman Spofford seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Selectman Spofford voiced his concern with some of the parking in the village. His concern is for the area that has the angled parking near Conway Realtors. He wants to see if that area is wide enough to accommodate large vehicles being parked there, and whether the cars being parked there allows enough room for people to get through. He will look into this on his own, and will also consult Mark Brennan and Tom Gruber.

Selectman Carr alerted the Board that he attended a Sewer Commission briefing that was intended to update abutters of James Meadow about the flooding in the area. He stated that not many abutters were in attendance, and that he would encourage residents to talk to the Sewer Commission or Dan Coughlin about any concerns they may have.

Chairman Dormitzer addressed his concern about Constables in Town and the possibility of aggressiveness. Constable Maria Plante was in the audience, and assured Chairman Dormitzer that he need not worry.

Public Comment Period

Maria Plante, of 798 Jerusalem Road, voiced her concern regarding a building permit that was issued, and a structure that was thus erected at 11 Grace Drive. Mrs. Plante realizes that the appeal period is over, but she feels that the structure is not within the setbacks. Chairman Dormitzer stated that he felt that this was more something the Zoning Board would deal with, but that he would be glad to put it on a future agenda if deemed necessary. Mr. Griffin also stated that he would talk to Building Commissioner, Bob Egan, and if need be, Town Counsel.

Water Commission – Documents for Signature for Land Purchase

Glenn Pratt, of the Water Commission, came before the Board to ask them to execute the necessary documents to purchase 7.92 acres of land from James and Elinor Campbell. This purchase was authorized by vote of the 2006 Annual Town Meeting. **Selectman Spofford moved to execute the documents, Selectman Koed seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.**

Bond Signing

Selectman Koed moved to approve the sale of \$8,200,000 4.5 percent Bond Anticipation Note of the Town dated August 11, 2006, and payable August 10, 2007, to Banc of America Securities, LLC at par and accrued interest plus a premium of \$63,880. Selectman Carr seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Selectman Vanderweil moved to approve the sale of \$200,000 3.99 percent State Aid Anticipation Note of the Town dated August 11, 2006, and payable October 13, 2006, to TD Banknorth, N.A. at par and accrued interest. Selectman Koed seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Selectman Koed moved to confirm the consent dated August 1, 2006 to the financial advisor bidding for notes. Selectman Vanderweil seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Committee Appointments

Mark Rattaenbury, of 114 Pleasant Street, addressed the Board and expressed his interest in becoming a member of the Harbor Committee. **Selectman Koed moved the appointment, Selectman Spofford seconded it, and the vote was unanimous.**

Michael Milanoski, of South Main Street, addressed the Board and expressed his interest in becoming a member of the Economic Development Committee. Mr. Milanoski received a full endorsement from Peter Brown, and other members of the EDC. **Selectman Koed moved the appointment, Selectman Vanderweil seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.**

Peter Brown – Update on Economic Development Committee

Mr. Brown updated the Board on several items that the EDC is currently working on, including: the idea of developing part of the town owned land for parking, updating the downtown village district bylaw, supporting Alternative Energy Committee in their effort to bring wind energy to Cohasset, and also exploring areas in Town that could also be developed to generate more tax revenue. Mr. Brown also asked if the Board could look further into what the actual capacity is of the Town Sewer as this issue keeps holding up development. Members of the Board explained that this issue is very delicate, and that to do more research would be inappropriate at this time. Mr. Brown then thanked the Board for approving Mr. Milanoski's appointment to the Committee and for their time.

Cemetery Lot Buy-Back Requests

The Town has received three requests to purchase back cemetery lots in various cemeteries around Town. The price per lot is \$971.50. **Selectman Koed moved to approve the buy-backs of these lots, Selectman Carr seconded it, and the vote was unanimous.**

Licenses & Permits

Selectman Spofford moved to approve a one-day liquor license for the annual Christine Burke Scholarship Fund clambake on Saturday, September 9, 2006, with

a rain date of September 10, 2006. Selectman Koed seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes

Selectman Koed moved to approve the minutes of June 19, 2006 with changes, Selectman Carr seconded it, and the vote was unanimous.

Selectman Vanderweil moved to approve the minutes of July 10, 2006 with changes, Selectman Koed seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Selectman Spofford asked that on a future agenda, the Board discuss the fact that the school committee did not meet with the Board in July.

Chairman Dormitzer asked to go into Executive Session under Chapter 39 Section 22b paragraph 3, for the purposes of strategizing collective bargaining. He stated that the Board would come out of Executive Session for the purposes of adjourning the meeting.

Motion by Selectman Gary Vanderweil to go into Executive Session.
Seconded by Selectman Robert Spofford
Vote 5 – 0 in favor, none opposed.

Selectman Koed – Aye
Selectman Vanderweil – Aye
Selectman Spofford - Aye
Selectman Carr - Aye
Chairman Dormitzer – Aye

The Board came out of Executive Session. Selectman Vanderweil moved to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by Selectman Spofford, and the vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph S. Dormitzer
Chairman