

Selectmen Present: Edwin G. Carr, Chairman
Paul Carlson
Ralph Dormitzer
Karen Quigley

Selectman Absent: Frederick Koed

Others Present: William R. Griffin, Town Manager
Jennifer Oram, Selectmen’s Clerk

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

Town Manager’s Report

Town Manager, William Griffin, reminded the community that the Special Town Meeting will be held on Monday, November 17, 2008 at 7PM in the Sullivan Gymnasium at the Middle-High School.

Selectmen’s Comment Period

Selectman Dormitzer stated that he had a wonderful time at the Veteran’s Day Ceremony held at the Deer Hill School. Selectwoman Karen Quigley added that she had also attended the event and agreed that the ceremony was wonderful.

Selectman Dormitzer said that he had attended a Conservation Commission meeting and stated that Attorney Charles Humphreys was before the commission and raised some very good points in regard to the Stormwater Bylaw. Selectman Dormitzer stated that after a few more applications, the Bylaw should be reviewed to see if any amendments should be made.

Selectwoman Quigley stated that Mark Bartlett of Norfolk Ram, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, David Farrag met earlier in the day to address issues with the Stormwater Bylaw. It is their hope they will come to a resolution. Selectwoman Quigley then asked Mr. Griffin if there had been any response about the easements on Treats Pond. Mr. Griffin stated that he and DPW Superintendant, Carl Sestito, were meeting during the week to mark out the proposed path. Selectman Dormitzer asked if Mr. Griffin could contact the Hart family as well. Selectwoman Quigley brought attention to the letter that was in the Board’s packet from the Army Corp of Engineers responding to the Board’s questions. She asked if this could be placed on a future agenda for further discussion.

Chairman Carr made mention of the letter from Maria Plante asking the Board to consider a proclamation for Captain Stephen G. Bowen. Captain Bowen was born, resided and educated in the Town of Cohasset. Captain Bowen will be on the Space Shuttle Endeavor when it launches into space on November 14, 2008. **Selectman Carlson moved the Board read a proclamation for Captain Bowen at the Special Town Meeting on November 17, 2008. Selectwoman Quigley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (4-0).**

Minutes – Selectman Carlson moved to approve the minutes of September 15, 2008 as amended. Selectwoman Quigley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (3-0, Selectman Dormitzer abstained).

Liquor Hearing for All Alcoholic Restaurant License for Blue Restaurant, Inc. at 156 King Street –

Attorney Jon A. Aieta and the applicant, Mr. Kevin D. Kelley, Sr. addressed the Board. Attorney Aieta reviewed Mr. Kelley's background explaining that Mr. Kelley is the sole officer and shareholder for Blue Restaurant Inc., as well as the proposed manager for the 156 King Street location. Mr. Kelley has thirty years of experience in the restaurant business, and is best known for the restaurant "Durgin Park" at Fanueil Hall. Mr. Kelley then addressed the Board and reviewed his background and his ideas for the 156 King Street site. He stated that he hoped to open as soon as possible. The date will depend upon the approval of the license from the ABCC and his purchasing of the property. There was no opposition present at the hearing. **Selectman Carlson moved to approve the license application and forward to the ABCC. Selectwoman Quigley seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous (4-0).**

Proposed Regional Public Safety Dispatch Center – Mr. Griffin gave a brief history of how the towns of Cohasset, Hingham, Hull and Norwell began to meet to discuss the possibility of creating a regional dispatch center. The Fire Chiefs, Police Chief, Town Managers/Administrators and others have been meeting for over a year. They have been working with consultant, Blake Haskell, to develop the recommendations of this committee. Mr. Haskell addressed the Board and reviewed the recommendations of the joint committee. He stated that operational efficiencies and cost savings would be achieved by merging the four centers into a single E-9-1-1 Center. The Center would be located in Hingham. Mr. Haskell reviewed the many advantages of the joint center including increased safety for public safety personnel, improved services to the general public, as well as financial gains for the Town. Mr. Griffin added that a future budgeted capital expense of a new console will not be needed and that this alone would save the Town \$150,000. Mr. Haskell stated that there are many grant opportunities to help fund a center such as this out there and this is one of the reasons they are before the Board this evening. Mr. Haskell reviewed the various grants that are available and then broke down the financials for the Board. Lieutenant Lennon and Fire Chief Robert Silvia both stated they felt a Regional Dispatch Center would be a great improvement for the Town. Selectman Dormitzer stated that he knows the committee will need to sort out all of the kinks, but if the quality of service goes up and the costs go down, he feels it would be great for the Town. The rest of the Board agreed. **Selectwoman Quigley moved to approve the filing of the necessary applications for grants for the proposed Regional Dispatch Center for the towns of Cohasset, Hingham, Norwell and Hull. Selectman Dormitzer seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous (4-0).**

Special Town Meeting Review

Article 1 – Amendments to Fiscal 2009 Budget – Mr. Griffin recommended two budget amendments. He asked that the Unemployment Budget be increased by \$20, 000 and that the debt budget be decreased by \$506,187, with a net reduction in exempt debt of \$20,887. **Selectman Dormitzer moved to recommend Article 1 as presented. Selectman Carlson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (4-0).**

Article 3 – Capital Improvements Budget – Mr. Steve Gaumer, Mr. Peter Decaprio and Mr. John Keniley III of the Capital Budget committee addressed the Board. Mr. Gaumer reviewed the many requests that had been made to the committee. They then reviewed their recommendations. The Committee recommended that the following be funded through the Capital Stabilization Fund: Ambulance replacements at \$160,000, Fire Command Vehicle at \$30,000, Police Cruiser at \$29,000, Heart Monitor/Defibrillator at \$25,000, Jaws of Life at \$10,000 and Library Public Computers at \$10,000. **Selectman Dormitzer moved to recommend Article 3 as presented and recommended. Selectman Carlson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (4-0).**

Article 4 – Community Preservation Committee – Selectman Dormitzer reviewed the three recommendations that came before the committee. The CPC recommended that a total of \$25,000 be appropriated for the purpose of preparing a new and required Open Space and Recreation Plan for the Town of Cohasset. The CPC also recommended that \$15,000 be appropriated to conduct the necessary engineering studies and drawings for the restoration of the pond located on the Cohasset Common. There was also a recommendation for a Beechwood Ballpark septic system but that was withdrawn by the applicant. **Selectman Carlson moved to recommend the article as presented. Selectman Dormitzer seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (4-0).**

Article 5 – Release of Easements & Right of Way – Water Commissioner, Glenn Pratt addressed the Board. He explained that the commission will be withdrawing the Pleasant Street right of way and only be seeking that the 12-foot wide easement on Nichols Road be released. **Selectman Dormitzer moved to recommend article 5 as presented. Selectwoman Quigley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (4-0).**

Article 7 – Jerusalem Road Wall & Roadway – The Capital Budget Committee voted to recommend approval of the \$270,000 bond issue for this project (10 year term), with future bond payments being made from the Capital Stabilization Fund. **Selectman Dormitzer moved to recommend Article 7 as recommended. Selectman Carlson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (4-0).**

Article 9 – Alternative Energy Committee – The AEC requested an additional \$10,000 for consultant services. After a brief discussion, **Selectman Carlson moved to recommend Article 9 as recommended. Selectman Dormitzer seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (4-0).**

Article 12 – Jacobs Meadow Culvert Replacement Upgrade – The Capital Budget Committee voted to recommend approval of the \$450,000 bond issue for this project (20 year term), with the future bond payments being made from the Capital Stabilization Fund. **Selectman Dormitzer moved to recommend Article 12 as presented. Selectman Carlson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (4-0).**

Article 13 – Citizens Petition – Turf Field – Selectwoman Quigley recused herself from this discussion and moved to a seat in the audience. There was a discussion amongst Mr. George McGoldrick, the article's sponsor, the Board, Chairman of the Capital Budget Committee, Steve Gaumer and Advisory Committee Chairman, Mr. Sam Wakeman. The Board added a window of time that monies could be accepted by the Town. **Chairman Carr moved to recommend Article 13 as amended. Selectman Dormitzer seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (3-0).**

Selectman Dormitzer moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Carlson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (3-0, Selectwoman Quigley remained in the audience).

Meeting adjourned at 9PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Edwin G. Carr
Chairman