

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

**Town Manager’s Report**

Town Manager, William Griffin, asked the Board to increase the pole hearing fee to help cover the costs of advertising, abutters lists, postage and clerical time. **Selectman Ralph Dormitzer moved to approve the increasing of the pole hearing fee from \$50.00 per utility, to \$100.00 per utility. Selectman Paul Carlson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous (4-0).**

Mr. Griffin asked the Board for input in regard to the parking issues on Elm Street. He stated that his office receives calls daily about illegally parked cars. Selectman Dormitzer stated that the Town had put in a rolled curb in that area maintain the number of parking spaces. This was requested by the merchants. There had also been a meeting with some merchants, both the Fire and Police Chiefs, Mark Brennan and Tom Gruber and Bill Griffin out at the site. After a brief discussion, there was agreement to hold another meeting to address these parking issues out at the Elm Street site.

Mr. Griffin asked the Board if they had a chance to review the letter and information provided to them about resident Elizabeth Soule and her water issues at her home on Spring Street. The Board suggested that her letters of concern be forwarded to Daniel Coughlin to look at as part of the Stormwater Master Plan. Mr. Griffin will also send it to Marty Nee of the Stormwater Management Committee.

**Selectmen’s Comment Period**

Selectmen Dormitzer stated that he believed the letter regarding the Aquarion Water rate increase should be addressed by the Board. Mr. Griffin stated that he would be attending a meeting the next day in Hingham to discuss the strategy the towns should take with this issue. Selectman Carlson will also be attending the meeting.

Selectman Dormitzer stated that he would like to draft a letter from the Board to the FAA to address what he feels is a very spotty implementation of what they spent years and 3 million dollars on during the Overflight Study. He said that Hingham is writing one as well. The Board agreed to Selectman Dormitzer drafting a letter for them to sign.

**Selectman Carlson moved that the Board of Selectmen request the Norfolk County District Attorney’s office to schedule a presentation and discussion of the Open Meeting Law for the Board of Selectmen and the other town boards of Cohasset at a date and time to be determined by the District Attorney’s office and the Town Manager of Cohasset. Selectman Dormitzer seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous (4-0).**

Selectwoman Karen Quigley asked if there was any update on Mrs. Bohmer of Pleasant Street. Mr. Griffin explained that the Board of Health is working with Town Counsel and they will try to gain access to the property so it can be cleaned up. The Town would then place a lien on the property to pay for the cost of the clean up.

Chairman Carr reminded the Board and the community that the Cohasset Triathlon will be taking place on Sunday, Jun 29, 2008. Chairman Carr also thanked the Village Greenery for donating the flowers in the village and asked if the village area's trash bins could be emptied on a regular basis.

Public Comment Period – Mr. Russ Bonetti of 20 Parker Avenue announced that a sign has been erected at Mariner's Park. He said that it is due to the effort of Michael Buckley and others that the sign has finally been put up. He stated that there would be a small ceremony held to dedicate the sign.

Mr. James Drysdale of 4 Cedar Acres Lane addressed the Board. Mr. Drysdale asked to read letter which addressed his concerns about protecting the plovers that nest down near Sandy Cove. The letter also addressed the access to the pipe at Sandy Cove, the use of tractors on the beach and other topics. Letter is on file in the Board of Selectmen's office.

Selectman Carlson stated that he had been to Sandy Cove on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June and that he was with someone who had the right of legal access.

Leslie Gardner of 17 Lothrop Lane asked when Mr. Drysdale's letter would be discussed. Chairman Carr said that another discussion of Sandy Cove access will be put on a future agenda.

**Minutes – Selectman Dormitzer moved the minutes of June 9, 2008 as amended. Selectman Carlson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. (4-0)**

**Committee Appointments – Mr. Mike Zotos of 28 Old Coach Road addressed the Board. Mr. Zotos reviewed his background and stated that with his technical background, he felt he could contribute a lot to this committee. Selectman Carlson moved to appoint Mr. Zotos to the Cable Advisory Committee. Selectman Dormitzer seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (4-0).**

**Conservation Restriction – Selectman Carlson moved to execute a conservation restriction on two parcels of land in the Brass Kettle Brook area of Cohasset. The parcels total 5.5 acres of land and were purchased to further protect the watershed, and recreational purposes. The town will receive \$60,000 from the Trustees of Reservations from a grant for executing this restriction. Selectwoman Quigley seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous (4-0).**

**Library Review – Library Director, Jackie Rafferty, and Chairman of the Board of Library Trustees, Stacey Weaver, addressed the Board. Ms. Rafferty reviewed how the library is currently running with the same amount of staff that they had at the previous location. They are also doing more, with a smaller percent of the municipal budget. Ms. Weaver stated that the way that Ms. Rafferty has altered the schedule, the community now can access the library even more. Ms. Weaver handed out a graph showing where the Libraries funds go. She stated that they are very thankful for the municipal support that they do receive, particularly for the new computers that came through the Capital Budget Committee. She stated many people use the library for their computer usage and access to the internet. She added that Ms. Rafferty is a "master" grant writer and that the library gets nearly every grant they apply for. They**

are presently trying to grant to help fund a “self check-out” system. They have also recently been awarded a \$100,000 grant (\$25,000 each year over the next four) from the South Shore Music Circus. Ms. Rafferty concluded the presentation saying that the library is very excited to begin working with the schools. They are presently in the process of trying to start a homework center. The center would have honor students available to tutor their peers. The Board thanked them for their presentation.

**Stormwater Management Committee** – Marty Nee, Steven Bobo, Sarah Charron and Jim Drysdale came forward and addressed the Board. Mr. Nee stated that he feels that the committee has completed its goals and accomplished its tasks and now it is time to step back and decide what role the committee should play now. Selectman Dormitzer stated that he wants to ensure that it is very clear who is responsible for what task. He feels that it is imperative that there is no overlap. He stated that he could see the committee providing public education, forums and fact finding. There was then a lengthy conversation about the new version of this committee; about who it would be made up of, whether it would be a voting or non-voting committee, liaisons from other committees being a part of it, residents of affected areas being members etc. Mr. Nee said that perhaps the committee as it exists should be disbanded and then started over. Selectman Dormitzer agreed that the committee does not have to function presently until a new charge is drafted. He feels that there should be 5 members with liaisons from other departments. He asked the current members to draft what they feel are the most important responsibilities of the new committee and submit them in bullet point form to the Board for discussion. Chairman Carr agreed that another discussion will need to be had and thanked everyone for all of their hard work.

**Annual Committee Appointments** – Selectman Dormitzer moved to approve all annual appointments of Committee and Board members who were up for reappointment on June 30, 2008. Selectman Carlson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (4-0).

**Executive Session – Collective Bargaining** – Chairman Carr moved that the Board go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing Collective Bargaining. The Board will only come out of Executive Session for the purposes of adjourning the meeting. Selectman Dormitzer seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous (4-0).

**Selectman Dormitzer – Aye**  
**Selectman Carlson – Aye**  
**Selectwoman Quigley – Aye**  
**Chairman Carr – Aye**

Meeting adjourned at 9:30PM  
Respectfully submitted,  
Edwin G. Carr  
Chairman