

Selectmen Present: Gary Vanderweil, Chairman
Edwin Carr
Ralph Dormitzer

Selectman Absent: Frederick Koed
Paul Carlson

Others Present: William R. Griffin, Town Manager

Chairman Gary Vanderweil called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Town Manager's Report

Town Manager, William Griffin, asked the Board to approve and sign a bond in the amount of \$3,427,900.00 for water related work. He stated that this bond would be funded through the State's revolving fund, and therefore would an interest rate of 1.8%. **Selectman Ralph Dormitzer moved to approve the sale of \$3,424,900 in interim loan notes with the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust, to finance distribution system and plant improvements for the Cohasset Water Department. Selectman Edwin Carr seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.**

Mr. Griffin addressed the letter sent to the Board from the Federal Railroad Administration approving the quiet zone application for the entire length of the Greenbush line. This application was petitioned by Braintree, Weymouth, Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate. Each of the communities now has to submit a letter stating the community will implement the quiet zone. Mr. Griffin asked the Board to authorize him signing this letter. **Selectman Dormitzer moved to authorize the Town Manager, Mr. Griffin, to sign the letter to the Federal Railroad Administration stating that the Town of Cohasset will implement the quiet zone. Selectman Carr seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.**

Selectmen Comment Period

Selectman Carr stated that he had received a call from the owner of the Red Lion Inn, Mr. Gerd Ordelheide, saying that he would like to move forward on an expansion project at the Inn. Mr. Ordelheide is to be on a future agenda to discuss this expansion with the Board. Selectman Dormitzer suggested they have him in to review the plans and the parking issue. Mr. Griffin agreed to put Mr. Ordelheide on the agenda of the next meeting. The Board will also address the fact that the Inn is still currently operating without a permanent Manager.

Mr. Carr also was contacted by abutters of Inner Harbor and Cat Dam. He spent a lot of time with this family that contacted him. He said they were very reasonable and they would like to come forward and address these issues openly at a future meeting. This group would like to have the Coastal Zone Management's (CZM) proposal be implemented. Selectman Dormitzer had two questions: 1) should they allow the other abutters that have provided funds to the Town to fix the dam. Question 2) should a study be allowed to be done. He suggested that if a study is to be done, that whoever conducts the study, not have any initial bias in regard to this issue. He asks what the Board's place should be in this situation. Chairman Vanderweil suggested that the Board have this group and CZM in before the Board.

Selectman Dormitzer suggests that all sides come in. Mr. Griffin stated he will schedule them on a future agenda.

Selectman Dormitzer updated the Board and the community on the status of the FAA Overflight study and the issues around it. He said that the town of Marshfield has requested an injunction on the new proposed flight paths. He said that this injunction is temporary, but has been continued to Friday, the 31st of August. In the meantime, the FAA is completely committed to implementing the recommendations of the Overflight study. What needs to be understood now is how a state injunction would apply to a Federal project.

Selectman Carr also added that in the Board's packet there was a letter from the Attorney representing DiNeros requesting another hearing about additional parking. Apparently the owner of DiNeros was in the hospital at the time of the initial hearing. The Board agreed to schedule another hearing. Mr. Griffin will contact all interested parties.

Chairman Vanderweil addressed the letter the Board received from the Municipal Coalition of Affordable Housing expressing that they would like to modify chapter 40B. They have invited the Board to a statewide conference on October 26th to discuss this. He suggested Mr. Griffin attend the conference and report back to the Board. Secondly, he stated that Town Counsel has gotten back to the Board about the wording of the scope of services for the consultants working for the Alternative Energy Committee. Town Counsel stated that the language in the article was broad enough to cover about anything. As for the language of the scope, the Board agreed to add the language 'formation of an energy alliance' to the consultants scope. Mr. Griffin will update the charge to reflect this change.

Public Comment Period – Dick Brooks of Nichols Road addressed the Board about his committee that consists of abutters and others who live near Cat Dam. He stated that they have been trying to fix the dam for fifteen months, but the repairs have been delayed due to work being done by CZM. He stated that they have raised the funds to make repairs to the dam. He feels that they are at the point now that if they don't fix the dam soon, little harbor would be damaged. He left literature behind for the Board to read.

Elder Affairs Board Candidate – Ms. June Hubbard addressed the Board and reviewed her background. She stated she has been working for Elder Affairs for quite some time, and was asked by Anna Abbruzzese to become a member. **Selectman Carr moved to appoint Ms. Hubbard to the Council on Elder Affairs. Selectman Dormitzer seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.**

Review of the Cohasset Triathlon – Police Chief James Hussey, Harbormaster Lorren Gibbons and Triathlon Organizer, Bill Burnett, addressed the Board. Chief Hussey stated that the various safety departments met on July 18, 2007 to review the race and to identify any weaknesses in the safety plan. A memo was compiled and given to the Town Manager. The Chief also reviewed what safety precautions were in place the day of the race. Things that were identified as changes needed for next year's race were: No Parking signs on Atlantic Ave. across from Sandy Beach, better signage all through town for people in cars, he suggested closing Depot Court to Ripley Road and the redesigning of the tents in a different format at Sandy Beach, improve communication amongst race officials, setting up a procedure to stop the event if needed, and using a lower boat, such as a whaler to avoid grounding on the beach. In all, the Chief felt it was a great event and like any event, improvements will be made each

year. Mr. Burnett then addressed the Board and read a statement. On behalf of all those involved and himself, he thanked Mr. Griffin, the Board and everyone else for all of the great support he received for the event. The event exceeded all expectations. He went on to say that he and everyone else involved in the triathlon were obviously deeply saddened by the loss of the participant. He is encouraged however, by the very positive response the race received after the event. He felt the event really showcased the Town. He now proposes that the second annual Cohasset Triathlon event be held on July 13, 2008. Selectman Dormitzer stated that he watched a lot of the event and felt it was very well run. He did suggest that there be a way to run the event so it does not interfere with people going to church. He also suggested that the officers hired to do details should be more educated about the Town. He also suggested the heats be smaller. Chairman Vanderweil also added that more attention be paid to traffic flow and access to certain areas, i.e. the harbor, during race time. Selectman Carr added that he thought it was a great event and beautifully run. Mr. Burnett asked what the next step would be to secure the date for next year. The Board agreed to do its due diligence and confirm there is not a conflict or issues with the Sandy Beach Association. Mr. Burnett thanked the Board for their input and support.

Licenses and Permits – Selectman Dormitzer moved to approve a one-day liquor license for a gallery opening on October 12, 2007 from 6-8PM at the South Shore Arts Center. Selectman Carr seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Minutes Approval – Selectman Carr moved to approve the minutes of July 23, 2007 as amended. Selectman Dormitzer seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Selectman Carr moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Dormitzer seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.
Respectfully submitted,

Gary Vanderweil
Chairman