

Selectmen Present: Edwin G. Garr, Chairman
Paul Carlson
Frederick Koed
Ralph Dormitzer
Karen Quigley

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, stated that he had scheduled the Board’s goal setting session for September 15, 2008, however where the Board is cancelling the Executive Session to discuss Treat’s Pond this evening, and where they will most likely move it to the 15th, he asked if the Board would want both topics on that agenda. Chairman Carr then reiterated for the audience that the Executive Session regarding Treat’s Pond/Sandy Cove access was cancelled, and that although it is planned to be discussed in open session on the 15th, the Board does reserve the right to also go into Executive Session if need be. There was then a discussion amongst the Board about the agenda. The consensus was that both Treat’s Pond/Sandy Cove Access and goal setting would be scheduled, but if the Treat’s Pond topic goes long, they will reschedule goal setting.

Mr. Griffin asked the Board to sign the required Statement of Claim on 45 Pleasant Street in the amount of \$1,580. The document will be filed at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds. The money was expended to clean up the property per an order issued by the Board of Health.

Selectmen Comment Period

Selectman Frederick Koed asked if there were any issues with the inside of 45 Pleasant Street. Mr. Griffin stated that there had not been any order that would allow the Town to go inside the house.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer stated that a lovely letter had been sent to the Board complementing Harbormaster Lori Gibbons on how hospitable the harbor has become. Selectman Dormitzer also made mention of the letter in the Cohasset Mariner addressing all of the plantings in Town and he expressed thanks to everyone who has been landscaping all of the train crossing islands. He said they really look nice. Mr. Griffin stated that both the Sohier Street and Beechwood Street crossings are still available to be planted should anyone be interested.

Selectman Paul Carlson stated that he had received a complaint that one of the churches had to cancel their services due to the triathlon. He stated that he had spoken to the church and the services were actually cancelled for other reasons, so this was not the case. Selectman Carlson also mentioned that in the report from Chief Hussey he saw that there had been over \$8,000 in parking fines given in June and July. Chief Hussey, who was in the audience, stated that the majority of those fines were given at the beach and that the police had increased the patrolling of that area during the season.

Selectwoman Quigley said that at a previous meeting she had made mention of the need for more ticketing at Government Island. She too thanked the Chief for the increase in ticketing in that area. Selectwoman Quigley also mentioned the letter from Judith Chute of 46 Beach Street that was in the Board's packet. Ms. Chute is concerned about what she feels is increased stormwater run off near her home. She is also concerned that this could be contaminating Inner Little Harbor. Selectwoman Quigley asked if we would forward this to the Stormwater Agent. She also asked if the Board of Health could do some testing of the water in the area. She also mentioned a letter the Board received from the 'Southeast Regional Task Force on Casino Impact'. She asked if this is something the Board would have any jurisdiction in. Selectman Dormitzer added that he felt it would be worth addressing. Chairman Carr stated that any discussion regarding the casinos he would need to recuse himself from. In summary, Selectwoman Quigley then added that she too felt the islands look wonderful and she too expressed thanks to the Garden Club as well as the many other groups and individuals that have been maintaining some of these areas for many years.

Chairman Carr asked the Board to make note of a letter they received on August 15, 2008 from the Army Corp of Engineers. The Corp is looking for an answer on how the Town wishes proceed with the Treat's Pond Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Project. Chairman Carr also stated that his oldest child is attending school in town and that he has already had great experience with the schools and their transportation.

Public Comment Period – Ms. Judith Chute of 46 Beach Street addressed the Board. She thanked Selectwoman Quigley for mentioning her letter. She asked that when the Board of Health (BOH) tests the water near her home, she asked if they could do it a few times. She also asked if the DPW could clean out the trough near the culvert. Selectwoman Quigley stated that the sewer construction will most likely address cleaning out the trough. Chairman Carr stated that the Board would see what types of testing the BOH could offer.

Minutes – Selectman Dormitzer moved the minutes of August 4, 2008 as amended. Selectman Koed seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (5-0).

Sign State Primary Election Warrant – Selectman Dormitzer moved to approve and sign the state primary warrant. Selectman Koed seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (5-0).

Pole Hearing – Ms. Aileen Darois of National Grid addressed the Board. National Grid (Massachusetts Electric) and Verizon New England Inc. are requesting that underground utilities for houses #20, 21, 24, 28 and 31, be installed. Once that work is completed, they then need to remove poles #3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. The customers are paying for this work. After a brief discussion **Selectman Dormiter moved the Board approve both petitions. Selectman Koed seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (5-0).**

Ron Ford – Cross Country Meets at Wheelwright Park – Mr. Ford addressed the Board. He explained that the Town has not had a cross country team since the mid 1980s. They now have a cooperative team with Hull High School. It is his hope to use the park for training purposes, as well as for about four dates for meets. Selectwoman Quigley stated that she was very excited about the sport coming back. She said she had spoken to abutter, Arthur Lehr, and he asked that the trees are not marked with paint or signs. Selectwoman Quigley also asked about where the buses would be parked, as well as safety issues with people walking dogs, and the athletes crossing North Main Street. Mr. Ford and Coach Brad Mingels said they would make sure there would be plenty of signage (in the appropriate locations). They will also drop the athletes at the location and will avoid having the buses in the area.

Selectwoman Quigley moved to approve that the Hull-Cohasset High School cooperative cross country team use Wheelwright Park for training and meet purposes. Selectman Carlson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (5-0).

Facilities Management Departmental Review – Brian Adams – Mr. Adams addressed the Board and explained this history of his department. The Town created the department approximately four years ago to maintain all the Town buildings. The department consists of him and two other people. He does feel that in the past 3-4 years, the department has made great strides with the necessary maintenance, however he feels the department is understaffed. They are spending too much time on HVAC issues, and Brian is doing too much field work and not enough management of the department. He feels the Town needs to employ an HVAC Mechanic as well as an Administrative Assistant. He said that he feels this would make the department much more productive. Chairman Carr asked what the salary would be for an HVAC Mechanic. Mr. Adams felt it would be between \$60,000 - \$65,000. Selectman Carlson stated that he remembers Mr. Adams requesting these positions during past budget times. There was a brief discussion about the conditions of various building's roofs. Selectman Dormitzer asked what work Mr. Adams has continued to do in regard to energy savings. Mr. Adams said that with an HVAC Mechanic, that person could be checking the settings of the thermostats in all of the buildings. Presently, with the current staff and 400,000 square feet to cover, that can't be done as efficiently. If it were done on a regular basis, you would see an increase in energy savings. There was a discussion about various building issues in Town. Selectwoman Quigley then asked if Mr. Adams felt he spent more of his time being a maintenance person rather than a manager. He agreed that he does. He also stated that it may be more productive if his office was not located at the Middle-High School. He also feels that if he had more free time he could seek grant opportunities. After further discussion about other maintenance issues, i.e. the Police and Fire Building, the Town Hall sprinkler system, HVAC maintenance, the Board thanked Mr. Adams for his time.

Cohasset Day Update – Mr. Peter Brown and Ms. Darilynn Evans of the Economic Development Committee (EDC) addressed the Board. Mr. Brown reviewed the many details that have gone into the extensive planning of the Cohasset Day event. Mr. Brown reviewed the schedule of events, and where tickets can be purchased. Tickets will also be available the day of the event. Ms. Evans then addressed the Board. She is also an Officer of the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce. She stated that they have worked very hard on planning the event and it is her hope that the event will continue to grow. Chief Hussey then spoke and stated that they had done a great job planning the event. He added that the majority of the streets in the village will be closed and parking will be very limited. Mr. Brown stated that additional parking will be at the Music Circus and people can be shuttled to the event. Chief Silvia added that one lane in the village will be kept open for emergency vehicle access. The Board thanked them for all their hard work and wished them a successful event.

Schedule Fall Special Town Meeting – After a review of the proposed schedule, **Selectman Dormitzer moved to approve the date of the Special Town Meeting as November 17, 2008, with a deadline of citizen's petitions of September 19, 2008. Selectmen Koed seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (5-0).**

Selectmen Carlson moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectmen Koed seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (5-0). Meeting adjourned at 8:22PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Edwin G. Carr, Chairman