

MINUTES

SELECT BOARD MEETING

Meeting: Monday, February 27, 2023, 5:30 PM

Location: Eastham Town Hall – Earle Mountain Room

Present: Jamie Demetri, Chair; Arthur Autorino, Vice Chair; Aimée Eckman, Clerk; Suzanne Bryan; Jacqui Beebe, Town Manager; Richard Bienvenue, Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director

Remote Participation: Jerry Cerasale

Jamie Demetri called the Select Board meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Quote: Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?

PUBLIC / SELECT BOARD INFORMATION

Arthur Autorino reviewed the Route 6 Drainage Meeting he attended last week. Next steps are to bring this to MassDOT.

Aimée Eckman updated the Board on the CPC Water Project meeting from last week noted that we will be going out to bid for the last 3 contracts!

Suzanne Bryan advised that the Search Committee is working to standardize and streamline their process.

Jerry Cerasale had praises to share:

- Praises to William Crosby and all of the staff at the Elementary school and the Town staff for the work they did to respond to the flood that happened at the school. The school was only closed for 3 days! Great Job!
- Praises to Colleen Mercurio for her efficiency in helping a friend of Jerry's when he brought her in to update her records based on the passing of her husband. His friend could not believe how easy and quick the process was.

APPOINTMENTS

Wastewater Project Presentation – Jane Crowley, Director of Health and Environment; GHD Project Managers Jessica Janney and J. Jefferson Gregg

Jane Crowley briefly reviewed the history of the project to date and introduced Jessica Janney and Jeff Gregg, Project Managers from GHD.

Jessica Janney and Jeff Gregg provided an update on the project to date. The slides can be viewed in the agenda packet for this meeting and the full presentation can be found on the Town website at www.eastham-ma.gov in the Meeting Videos section.

Recommendation:

- funding request for design of Phase 1 and the OPM at the May 2023 Town Meeting
- May 2024 meeting could then include a funding request for construction/OPM/construction phase services.

The Board discussed the presentation in further detail with Jane, Jessica and Jeff.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Close Town Warrant

Jamie Demetri read the Legal Notice confirming the warrant is closed as of today.

Board and Committee Education Policy

The Board was pleased with the policy as presented with an edit. Under the Charters for Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, (ZBA), the ZBA indicates that the Annual Citizen Planner Training is Strongly Encouraged but it is not noted for the Planning Board. The Board recommends that Training should be Strongly Recommended for both the Planning Board and the ZBA.

Arthur Autorino made a motion to approve with policy with the edit noted and discussed
Suzanne Bryan seconded the motion

ROLL CALL VOTE: Suzanne Bryan, Yes; Jerry Cerasale, Yes; Arthur Autorino, Yes; Aimée Eckman, Yes, Jamie Demetri, Yes

Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission

Jacqui Beebe advised that Debbie Abbott has provided a few names that she suggested we could call. Arthur Autorino is also interested and Suzanne Bryan has some people that she will share the information with and if they are interested, they can apply.

Housing Bills:

- a. Provincetown Year-Round Housing
- b. Julian Cyr
- c. Transfer Tax

Jacqui Beebe reviewed the legislation filed by Julian Cyr for year-round housing at the request of Provincetown. This follows a state law that would allow us to pay a homeowner to deed restrict their home so that when they decide to sell it, the home can only be used for year round resident rentals. This restriction would be in perpetuity. This is an item that would require Town Meeting approval and then an option for funding for the program which would only be to the original owner who agreed to the deed restriction. The number of houses that can apply for the deed restriction will be limited to the funds available in the Town.

Provincetown's Year-Round Housing is with Town Counsel. Once it is finalized, it will be shared with Eastham.

The proposed Transfer Tax has been defeated at this time but Jacqui is checking further. This would be the way to fund the legislation proposed by Julian Cyr. Boston is now interested in this and that may result in the legislation being revisited.

Aimée Eckman made a motion to send a letter of support for the legislation and Arthur Autorino agreed to compose the letter for review by the Board

Suzanne Bryan seconded the motion

ROLL CALL VOTE: Suzanne Bryan, Yes; Jerry Cerasale, Yes; Arthur Autorino, Yes; Aimée Eckman, Yes, Jamie Demetri, Yes

Committee Resignation:

- a. Search Committee – Ronald Mullett

Arthur Autorino made a motion to accept the resignation of Ronald Mullett

Suzanne Bryan seconded the motion

ROLL CALL VOTE: Suzanne Bryan, Yes; Jerry Cerasale, Yes; Arthur Autorino, Yes; Aimée Eckman, Yes, Jamie Demetri, Yes

Committee Appointments:

- a. 1651 Forest Advisory Committee – Steve Smith
- b. Finance Committee – Paul Brown

Arthur Autorino made a motion to approve the committee appointment of Steve Smith

Aimée Eckman seconded the motion

ROLL CALL VOTE: Suzanne Bryan, Yes; Jerry Cerasale, Yes; Arthur Autorino, Yes; Aimée Eckman, Yes, Jamie Demetri, Yes

Arthur Autorino made a motion to approve the Select Board appointment of Paul Brown to the Finance Committee

Aimée Eckman seconded the motion

ROLL CALL VOTE: Suzanne Bryan, Yes; Jerry Cerasale, Yes; Arthur Autorino, Yes; Aimée Eckman, Yes, Jamie Demetri, Yes

Annual Report Cover

Kayla Urquhart reviewed the background of the proposed Annual Report cover which represents multiple events that happened in Eastham during the past year.

Arthur Autorino made a motion to accept the proposed Annual Report Cover as presented with the condition that approval for the use of these photos be obtained

Aimée Eckman seconded the motion

ROLL CALL VOTE: Suzanne Bryan, Yes; Jerry Cerasale, Yes; Arthur Autorino, Yes; Aimée Eckman, Yes, Jamie Demetri, Yes

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

The Board reviewed the update provided in the Agenda Packet in further detail with Jacqui Beebe.

NEW/UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

Adult Education Program – This is still not reinstated and we should follow-up with the NRSD. The schools will be presenting their budget on March 15, 2023 and we will ask them at that meeting.

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1. February 6, 2023 – Regular Session

Arthur Autorino made a motion to approve the minutes as listed
Aimée Eckman seconded the motion with corrections noted.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Suzanne Bryan, Yes; Jerry Cerasale, Yes; Arthur Autorino, Yes; Aimée Eckman, Yes, Jamie Demetri, Yes

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board will move to Executive Session pursuant to Mass G.L. c. 30A, §21(a) to discuss strategy with respect to:

- Union Contract Negotiations
- Opioid Settlement

with the Chair declaring that having an open session would have a detrimental effect on the Town's negotiating position.

Suzanne Bryan made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session not to return to the Regular Session at 7:23 PM

Aimée Eckman seconded the motion

ROLL CALL VOTE: Suzanne Bryan, Yes; Jerry Cerasale, Yes; Arthur Autorino, Yes; Aimée Eckman, Yes, Jamie Demetri, Yes

Respectfully submitted,



Laurie Gillespie-Lee

Public documents for this meeting can be viewed on the town website through this link:

<https://www.eastham-ma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2077/02-27-2023-Select-Board-Packet>