

## MINUTES

### SELECT BOARD MEETING – JOINT WITH THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Meeting:** Monday, March 21, 2022, 5:30 PM

**Location:** Eastham Town Hall – Earle Mountain Room

**Present:** Aimée Eckman, Vice Chair; Jamie Demetri; Jacqui Beebe, Town Administrator; Richard Bienvenue, Assistant Town Administrator/Finance Director;

**Remote Participation:** Jared Collins;

**Not Present:** Arthur Autorino, Chair; Alexander Cestaro, Clerk;

**Finance Committee Members:** Steve Cole, Russ French, Mary Shaw, Roy Merolli, George Deptula, Peter Wade, Tom Gardner

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Aimée Eckman called the Select Board meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Steven Cole called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

### PUBLIC / SELECT BOARD INFORMATION

Aimée Eckman noted the following:

- Red tide is in Salt Pond and Salt Pond River. Notice is posted on the website and at the sites
- Vessel storage lottery will be held tomorrow at 10AM
- The Orleans Elks will be hosting a Mobile Food Pantry for Veterans beginning tomorrow, March 22, 2022, and will be held every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays from 10AM to 1PM.

Scott Kerry, Moderator noted that Town Meeting is 6 weeks from tonight. There are and will be openings on committees. If you are interested, please contact Amy Hackworth.

Jamie Demetri asked if there will be childcare at Town Meeting. Jacqui will see what can be done for school age children.

### APPOINTMENTS

#### EVERSOURCE Storm Response – Ronit Goldstein, Community Relations and Economic Development

Ronit Goldstein reviewed the enhancements made to help EVERSOURCE respond to Storms more quickly:

- Two Portal called the Municipal Hub rolled out this year
- Equipment located closer to and in communities
- Look ahead and obtain resources early to ensure they are ready once the storm hits
- App available to download on your phone to sign up for texts or emails to keep people posted on anticipated time frames to get the power restored

Chief Adam Bohannon added that the most important information needed is communication from Eversource and that communication has improved greatly in the past years.

The Board discussed the information in further detail with Ronit. The full presentation and discussion can be heard and seen on the website at [www.eastham-ma.gov](http://www.eastham-ma.gov).

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

#### Proposed FY24-28 Five Year Capital Improvement Plan and FY23 Operating Budget

Aimée Eckman read the public hearing notice. Rich Bienvenue gave a brief review of the proposed budgets and the articles that are in it. The budget does include a request for an override

and the last override was 8 years ago. The override is the result in the increased cost of staff. The override would impact an average home which at this time is a home assessed at \$613,000 by an additional \$92 (1.88%) a year.

The Finance Committee, residents in attendance and the Select Board raised questions and discussed the budget in further detail. The full discussion can be heard on the website at [www.eastham-ma.gov](http://www.eastham-ma.gov).

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:27 PM.

Russ French made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Finance Committee at 6:27 PM  
Steven Cole seconded the motion

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Mary Shaw, Yes; George Deptula, Yes; Peter Wade, Yes; Tom Gardner, Yes; Roy Merolli, Yes; Steven Cole, Yes; Russ French, Yes**

## **LICENSING**

Renewal of Seasonal All Alcohol, Common Victualler, and Entertainment License:

1. C & C Hospitality Group, LLC dba Caroline's Bar & Grill – 4380 State Highway

Renewal of Common Victualler Licenses:

1. Foot-Off-First, Inc. dba Sam's Deli – 100 Brackett Road
2. Whalewalk Inn – 220 Bridge Road
3. Eastham Ice Cream Inc. dba Ben & Jerry's – 50 Brackett Road
4. Gift Barn – 4180 State Highway

Renewal of Seasonal All Alcohol License:

1. Foot-Off-First, Inc. dba Sam's Deli – 100 Brackett Road

Renewal of Coin-Operated Amusements License:

1. Gift Barn – 4180 State Highway

Renewal of Miniature Golf License:

1. Gift Barn – 4180 State Highway

Jamie Demetri made a motion to approve the licenses as listed

Aimée Eckman seconded the motion

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Aimée Eckman, Yes; Jamie Demetri, Yes; Jared Collins, Yes**

## **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

Cape Cod Municipal Health Group Appointments

- Laurie Barr – Eastham Representative Member
- Marya Golding – Alternate Member

Aimée Eckman made a motion to approve the appointments as listed

Jamie Demetri seconded the motion

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Aimée Eckman, Yes; Jamie Demetri, Yes; Jared Collins, Yes**

Remote Participation Policy Revision

Jacqui Beebe reviewed the changes in the proposed Remote Participation Policy. One of the main changes is the requirement that any regulatory board member participating by Zoom should be seen on Zoom rather than to have a picture on the site or a dark screen with just their name.

The revision will be effective once the Governor updates the new mandates.

### Council on Aging Board of Directors Charge Revision

Aimée Eckman, as liaison to the COA Board of Directors, advised that this is a request from them

Aimée Eckman made a motion to approve the revised Charge for the Council on Aging Board of Directors as presented and to be effective once the Charter Revisions of 2020 are approved  
Jamie Demetri seconded the motion

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Aimée Eckman, Yes; Jamie Demetri, Yes; Jared Collins, Yes**

### Final Votes on Budget

This will be moved to March 28, 2022 so that we have a full board.

### Review/Vote Warrant Articles and Draft Select Board Message

The Board reviewed and opined on the articles but want to not vote on them until a meeting on March 28, 2022 when the board has all members available.

### **Article 12 – Community Impact Fee**

Lynn Collins Frances representing her family as owners of the Collins Cove wanted to clarify this article and noted her concerns of it. Does this apply to the Collins Cove? They are not professionally managed though they are a family business that has been in existence for over 100 years. Jacqui Beebe confirmed that this fee would apply to the Collins Cove.

Pat Turriello advised that she sent an email stating that she and her husband do not support Article 12 as well. We already tax short term rentals. Joe Turriello does not like the broad term of infrastructure and would prefer it to be narrowed. Rich Bienvenue noted that that wording is the state wording.

Jacqui Beebe advised that feedback from Town Counsel today is that it should be broken into two articles – one for professionally managed units and the other for owner living in a portion of the property. Jacqui will work with Town Counsel to rewrite this article.

### **Article 5 – Rental Revolving Fund**

The law allows the town to have this fund and it is to help with maintenance on rental properties.

### **Article 11 – Community Fund**

Goal is to appropriate resident funds to this fund. Rich is working with Town Counsel to finalize the wording.

### **Article 7 – Fire Prevention**

Per Town Counsel, this may not be needed on the warrant but can be a regulation approved or accepted by the Select Board.

### **MINUTES**

1. February 28, 2022 - Regular Session
2. March 7, 2022 - Regular Session

Aimée Eckman made a motion to approve the minutes of February 28, 2022  
Jamie Demetri seconded the motion

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Aimée Eckman, Yes; Jamie Demetri, Yes; Jared Collins, Yes**

Aimée Eckman made a motion to approve the minutes of March 7, 2022 with an edit  
Jamie Demetri seconded the motion

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Aimée Eckman, Yes; Jamie Demetri, Yes; Jared Collins, Yes**

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Jacqui Beebe reviewed highlights in her report.

- Pre-Town Meeting Date – Scheduled for April 21, 2022 however we are considering changing it as that is school spring vacation week
- Planning Board will be reviewing the Zoning Articles on Wednesday
- Clearing near 4715 State Highway for prefab units has been approved by the Planning Board for April 1- April 31<sup>st</sup> and once the work is done and the units moved, they will need to reseed and plant
- Driving on Beach has been approved by the Conservation Commission
- Center of Coastal Studies will present to the Board on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6PM

### **NEW/UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS AND NEEDED FOLLOW-UP ON PREVIOUS ITEMS**

Next week agenda items:

- Parking agreement with the CCNS
- Vote the Budget
- Vote the Warrant Articles

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Jamie Demetri made a motion to adjourn at 7:56 PM

Aimée Eckman seconded the motion

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Aimée Eckman, Yes; Jamie Demetri, Yes; Jared Collins, Yes**

Respectfully submitted,



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Laurie Gillespie-Lee

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

[https://www.eastham-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf4371/f/uploads/03-21-2022\\_select\\_board\\_packet.pdf](https://www.eastham-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf4371/f/uploads/03-21-2022_select_board_packet.pdf)