

## MINUTES

### SELECT BOARD MEETING

**Meeting:** Monday, September 26, 2022, 5:30 PM

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

**Present:** Jamie Demetri, Chair; Aimée Eckman, Clerk; Jerry Cerasale; Suzanne Bryan; Jacqui Beebe, Town Administrator; Richard Bienvenue, Assistant Town Administrator/Finance Director

**Not Present:** Arthur Autorino, Vice Chair;

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

Quote – There is nowhere to arrive except the present moment.

### PUBLIC / SELECT BOARD INFORMATION

Jerry Cerasale:

- Cape Cod Regional Technical School has a survey they would like citizens of all 12 Towns to complete. Jerry will send the link to Jamie Demetri who will post it on the Town FaceBook page.
- Climate Action Committee is holding 3 information meetings - October 13, 25 and November 3, all at 6:30PM

Aimée Eckman – Windmill Weekend was a big hit and all went well with the Beer Garden. The committee hopes to increase participation next year.

Beverly Hobbs presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Award to the Select Board for their amazing participation in this year's Windmill Weekend. Congratulations!

Nicole Paine – A grant holder has had 2 strokes and therefore is releasing his grant. Work is being planned to remove gear from the site during the week of October 23, 2022, on days that the low tide is the longest. Nicole anticipates it will take 2 to 3 days to clear. If you are interested in helping, please contact Nicole. Please note that they will be out on the grant during the entire low tide so please be prepared to be out there for the duration.

### PUBLIC HEARING

Pole Hearing Request from NSTAR Electric dba EVERSOURCE Energy for permission to install 31' +/- conduit from existing handhole 21/H2-5A to proposed handhole 21/H-5B at 315 Mill Road

Jamie Demetri read the legal notice for the hearing.

Marissa Jackson from Eversource reviewed the request and the work needed. Jamie noted that the DPW has requested that Eversource contact them if they will need to dig up the road. This will be added to the petition.

Jerry Cerasale made a motion to approve the request from NSTAR Electric

Aimée Eckman seconded the motion

**VOTE: Yes 4, No 0**

## **PUBLIC HEARING / LICENSING**

### Aquaculture License Renewal – Gayle Ashton – Site N71: 2 acres, Nauset Marsh

Nicole Paine reviewed the renewal request, which will a 10 year renewal, with the Board.

Jerry Cerasale made a motion to approve the Aquaculture License Renewal for Gayle Ashton  
Aimée Eckman seconded the motion

**VOTE: Yes 4, No 0**

## **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

### National Suicide Prevention Month Proclamation

Aimée Eckman made a motion to approve September as National Suicide Prevention Month  
Jerry Cerasale seconded the motion

**VOTE: Yes 4, No 0**

### Tax Abatements for Town Properties – 580 Massasoit Road, 4550 State Hwy & 2555 State Hwy

Jamie Demetri confirmed that the abatements are from the time that the Town bought the properties to current.

Jerry Cerasale made a motion to approve the Abatements as presented

Aimée Eckman seconded the motion

**VOTE: Yes 4, No 0**

### Martha's Vineyard Migrant Situation

Jacqui Beebe thanked Martha's Vineyard and the Housing Assistance Corporation (HAC) for their work to support the individuals sent to Martha's Vineyard. These individuals are not illegals but immigrants who are working through our system to stay to obtain legal status to remain in the USA.

If anyone is interested in helping, please contact HAC at <https://haconcapecod.org/>. This information will also be posted to the Town website.

### Fertilizer Ban

Jamie Demetri reviewed the Fertilizer Ban in the packet. Jamie noted that she is hoping that this will be handled at a higher level rather than each individual Town. There is legislation that was sent to the State and the County is looking at it as well. The Board discussed this in greater detail and would like to consider it for the May Town Meeting Warrant.

### Care for Cape and Islands Grant

Aimée Eckman advised that the Town received a grant of \$2,600 from Care for Cape and Islands for the 6 Water Fountains installed throughout Town. The Board discussed what could be done with the funds and agreed that water bottles for Committee Members is a good idea. Jacqui will work on that with staff and advise the Board.

Timothy Smith Renewal Loan Application – Brittany Tilton

Aimée Eckman made a motion to approve renewal loan application for Brittany Tilton

Jerry Cerasale seconded the motion

**VOTE: Yes 4, No 0**

Fund Business Exterior Improvement Program using AARPA Funds

Aimée Eckman made a motion to approve the use of the AARPA Funds as proposed

Suzanne Bryan seconded the motion

**VOTE: Yes 4, No 0**

Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission's 2023 Seasonal Increase Form

Aimée Eckman made a motion to certify the Seasonal Increase Form at 30,000

Suzanne Bryan seconded the motion

**VOTE: Yes 4, No 0**

Proposed By-Laws – Lower Cape Community Access Television, Inc. (LCCAT)

Jacqui Beebe reviewed the history of the LCCAT for the Board. The Board would like to see the specific edits made to the By-Laws. Jacqui Beebe will contact LCCAT to get that information.

Committee Resignations:

1. Search Committee (Finance Committee Appointment) – Amy Hackworth
2. Recycling Committee – Amy Hackworth
3. Cultural Council – Johanna Schneider

Aimée Eckman made a motion to accept the resignations as listed with Thanks from the Board

Jerry Cerasale seconded the motion

**VOTE: Yes 4, No 0**

Committee Appointments:

1. Conservation Commission – Michael Harnett
2. Climate Action Committee – Tom McNellis
3. Eastham Housing Authority Representative to the Community Preservation Committee – Eileen Morgan (*information only*)

Suzanne Bryan interviewed Michael Harnett and Jerry Cerasale interviewed Tom McNellis. Both recommended the committee appointments as noted.

Aimée Eckman made a motion to approve the appointments of Michael Harnett and Tom McNellis

Jerry Cerasale seconded the motion

**VOTE: Yes 4, No 0**

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Jacqui Beebe provided the following updates to the Board:

- John Roughley joined the Town as the DPW Superintendent on September 6, 2022. He will come to meet the Board soon.
- The Board will have 2 meetings in October, the 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, that will focus on the projects being worked on and will be a basis to set the Select Board Goals.
- Reminder that we will be doing paving on Herring Brook, Massasoit and some of Samoset Road. Suzanne noted that the sandwich board signs about the paving are very effective.

### **NEW/UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS**

The Solar project is currently stalled. Rich Bienvenue confirmed that many of the Towns on the Cape have also stopped their projects as they could not come to an agreement with the providers and the increase in cost of steel.

### **MINUTES**

1. July 25, 2022 – Regular Session
2. July 25, 2022 – Executive Session
3. August 1, 2022 – Regular Session
4. August 15, 2022 – Regular Session
5. August 29, 2022 – Regular Session

Jerry Cerasale made a motion to approve the minutes as listed  
Aimée Eckman seconded the motion

**VOTE: Yes 4, No 0**

### **OTHER BUSINESS / CORRESPONDENCE**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Aimée Eckman made a motion to adjourn at 6:27 PM  
Suzanne Bryan seconded the motion

**VOTE: Yes 4, No 0**

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/DocumentCenter/View/1834/09-26-2022-Select-Board-Packet>