

TOWN OF FALMOUTH
SELECT BOARD
Meeting Minutes
MONDAY, JULY 26, 2021
SELECT BOARD MEETING ROOM
TOWN HALL
59 TOWN HALL SQUARE, FALMOUTH, MA 02540

Present: Doug Brown, Chair; Nancy Taylor, Vice Chair; Sam Patterson; Onjalé Scott Price.

Absent: Megan English Braga.

Staff Present: Julian Suso, Town Manager; Peter Johnson-Staub, Assistant Town Manager.

1. Call to Order by Chair Brown at 7pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Recognition

Dr. Taylor recognized the Town and School Departments' Personnel Departments, long process and a lot of work moving forward with the Diversity Officer position.

Kathleen Haynes reminded Chair Brown that today is the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

4. Announcements

- Proliferation of red hearts

Chair Brown said the Select Board has received emails about the heart-shaped painted rocks sometimes found on Town property. According to Mr. Suso, Atty. Duffy suggested that any of that public art work appearing on private property be with permission of the property owner, but should not appear on public property. Some are within the roads rights of way. and it should not be occurring.

5. Public Comment

Rosemary Drager Carey, North Falmouth, representing a coalition of organizations opposed to the proposed multipurpose machine gun range at JBCC. Coalition is not anti-military, opposed because this project was inadequately studied, not appropriate for Cape Cod, and done under the radar of the community. It is a risk to the water supply she would like to see a comprehensive study of this project. She hopes the Select Board will join this coalition who oppose the plan. Many groups have looked at the study, talked to constituents, and oppose the plan. This would impact tourism, quality of life, real estate values, environmental concerns, noise affecting others, and incarcerated people at the Barnstable Correctional Facility. Senator Moran called for immediate suspension of the project.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

1. Licenses

- a. Application for four (4) Special One-Day Wine and Malt Liquor Licenses – Highfield Hall, 56 Highfield Drive, Falmouth – Sundays, 8/8/21, 8/15/21, 8/22/21 and 9/19/21

Mr. Patterson motion approval. Second Dr. Taylor. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

- b. Application for Special One-Day Wine and Malt Liquor License – Food Truck Festivals of America – Cape Cod Food Truck & Craft Beer Festival – Cape Cod Fairgrounds – Saturday, 8/7/21

Mr. Patterson motion approval as conditioned. Second Dr. Taylor. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

Chair Brown noted the FFD did not receive application yet, approval is conditional on the application being submitted.

- c. Application for a Second-Hand Dealer License – Cape Kids' Treasures – Falmouth Plaza, Davis Straits, Suite 00011, Falmouth – 9/19/21 – 9/28/21

Mr. Patterson motion approval. Second Dr. Taylor. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

2. Administrative Orders

- a. Vote to approve Water Main Extension Agreement and Easement to serve Dylans Way, East Falmouth
Mr. Patterson motion approval. Second Dr. Taylor. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.
- b. Vote to approve Grant of License to Margaret J. Duncan and Alexander D. Fraenkel to maintain a wood post and chain structure within the layout of Bell Tower Lane, a public way, as it ends at the Grantees' residence at 18 Bell Tower Lane, Woods Hole

Chair Brown is the contractor on this job and recused himself.

Mr. Patterson motion approval. Second Dr. Taylor. Vote: Yes-3. Recused-1. Absent-1.

- c. Vote to execute letter to Governor Baker Regarding Brayton Point Potential for Island Bulk Freight Forwarding Facility
This has been put on hold to a future date.

3. Special Events

Recurring - Recommended

- a. Arts Alive – ArtsFalmouth – Library Lawn, Peg Noonan Park, Shore St. Ext. – Friday, 9/10/21 – Sunday, 9/12/21
Mr. Patterson motion approval. Second Dr. Taylor. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

Signs

- a. Sign variance request – promotional signage – “Connect with the Arts in Falmouth” flags on poles along Main Street – ArtsFalmouth
The Select Board suggested every other flag be an American Flag because of the 9/11 Anniversary during this time.
Mr. Patterson motion approval. Second Dr. Taylor. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.
- b. Sign variance request – off-premise promotional signage for special event – Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride
Mr. Patterson expressed concern of the number of large banners and how far ahead of the event they are displayed; he would like no sooner than two weeks before the event, 6-8 weeks is too long. He suggested changing the conditions on the permit.

Mr. Patterson motion approval as edited. Second Dr. Taylor. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

Fee Waiver

- a. Request for waiver of special event permit fee – ArtsFalmouth – Arts Alive
DPW will need to be reimbursed for putting up the flags and taking them down.

Mr. Patterson motion approval. Second Ms. Scott Price. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

7:30 p.m. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Ongoing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
Chair Brown read the hearing notice.

Michael Galasso, Member of the EDIC, updated the Select Board on the grant program. This has been a partnership. A team was put together including him, Michael Kasparian, and a representative from SCORE, granted \$160,000, \$11,000 administrative costs, 12 grants of about \$10,000 to small businesses in Town. About \$29,000 is left and anticipated to go quickly. Those interested in applying may call the EDIC at 508-548-7440. Businesses had to show loss of business due to Covid, cannot have more than 5 employees, most are using the funds to pay rent and utilities. Mike DiGiano, Executive Director EDIC, is leaving the EDIC.

Michael DiGiano said the portal was opened 3/1/21, as of today 80% of monies awarded.

Tom Bott, Town Planner, noted that this program would not have been as effective without Mikaela Shoemaker's help.

Mr. Suso reported the entire grant was about \$325,000, there is a companion piece of \$160,000 going to the Falmouth Service Center to assist with emergency assistance needed.

Dr. Taylor noted the \$35,000 of the \$160,000 is for vocational assistance to train or retrain people during this time.

Mr. Patterson motion approval. Second Dr. Taylor. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

2. Application for Multiple Amendments to an All Alcoholic Common Victualler License – Black Dog Tavern Company, Inc. d/b/a The Black Dog Heights Café, located at 465 Grand Avenue, Falmouth. Amendments include Change of Manager, Change of Corporate Structure, Change of Officers, Change of Corporate Name, Change of Ownership Interest, and Issuance/Transfer of Stock/New Stockholder.

Dr. Taylor read the hearing notice.

Albert DiNapoli representing the applicant with Robin and Dan Pucillo, manager. Abutters were notified and he provided the registered receipts from mailing. There are six things before the Select Board, all changes to the Black Dog Tavern Co., Inc. change of corporate name to Black Dog Tavern Co, LLC. He provided a flow chart with the application and walked through the chart.

Change of Manager to Robin Pucillo, she has been in restaurant business most of her life, worked at various places in Falmouth, with Black Dog for 3 years.

Chair Brown asked Robin Pucillo if she is aware of being personally responsible for the liquor license, she understands that and is TIPS certified, has been several times.

Public Comment: none.

Mr. Patterson motion to close the hearing. Second Dr. Taylor. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

Mr. Patterson motion approval. Second Dr. Taylor. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

BUSINESS

1. Discussion/update on COVID-19 issues

Scott McGann, Health Agent, began doing the FCTV presentation once per week. In July we are at 28 cases, 8 associated with one long term facility. Of those 20, 15 people were not vaccinated, 5 were vaccinated. Delta is more transmissible, it is here and has 1,000 times more viral load. The vaccine is working in Falmouth, there is no State guidance, no masks. Provincetown is up to 400 cases associated with 32 establishments and about 70% were vaccinated. The threshold is a higher level with Delta and that is why we have more cases. We have about 100-150 vaccinations administered per week.

Dr. Taylor said an email was received re: concerns around the Falmouth Road Race. Mr. McGann has not come away from what they did on 3/29/21; there is no guidance from the State. The race is outdoors and there will be crowding at the beginning, but the mass of people here will be the main issue with it. It will be the busiest weekend with or without the road race because people have already made plans to be here. Things can be looked at, but the State is not providing any guidance. If not vaccinated, herd immunity numbers changed with Delta and it is harder and harder to reach herd immunity. He encouraged people to get vaccinated.

Mr. Patterson asked about plumes in ponds. Mr. McGann said that people can sign up with the Association to Preserve Cape Cod website, they are testing about 200 ponds on Cape Cod and ranking them. It is visual, looks like green paint in the water, been here forever. The more nutrient load, after storms you get more of it. If complaints, they sample and they are sampling beaches. They will post advisories if they find high levels, but they are not evenly distributed through the pond. If the pond looks

clear, than safe to swim. If it's green and looks like someone spilled a gallon of paint in it, you do not want your dogs or kids in it.

Mosquito sampling, Mr. McGann said we usually get a West Nile mosquito in Woods Hole Rd. area of Town, any given year you need to watch out for mosquitos. This has been a light year for EEE throughout the state and below average for West Nile. People should take care not to be bitten by mosquitos by covering skin with clothing and using mosquito repellent with DEET, tip out water from things in your yard after rain. It is a low probability. Cape Cod Mosquito Control Project and they treat water with a larvicide.

2. Report on Town hiring

Denise Coleman, HR Director, is present along with Peter McConarty, Chief Smith, and Chief Dunne.

Ms. Coleman made a PowerPoint presentation, provided an overview of the recruitment process; time to fill analysis; job market challenges, and how they are addressing the recruitment challenge. Pre pandemic it took about 77 days to fill a position. Now, it takes about 107 days to fill a position. Difficult to fill positions at the DPW, FFD, and FPD. Also difficult filling seasonal positions, Assistant Town Planner, Assistant Health Agent, Superintendent-water. The Town is competing with unemployment, laborers with private sector construction positions that are booming. The Assistant Town Planner was posted 4 times. Assistant Health Agent hiring challenges included a lot of entry level candidates with no experience in the healthcare industry; the person offered the position found another position closer to home. Superintendent of Water is a professional and technical position had a candidate appointed, day before he was to start he went to another employer. Firefighter and Police Officer positions are governed by civil service, and there has been a shortage of academies. One thing they are doing is expanding the job searches nationwide and within New England, what they are finding is competition with high cost living and housing here and something to keep in mind. They have studies done that show they are below market with compensation. Trying to engage candidates throughout the process.

Chair Brown noted some towns are so desperate, they are offering sign-on bonuses. If viewers want to understand the challenges, he suggested they read the reports in the packet.

Mr. Patterson asked if adjusting the salary and benefits scale will make up the gap considering housing and transportation costs. Ms. Coleman said the salary adjustments will not take care of the housing costs, but a step in the right direction.

Ms. Scott Price asked about competing with unemployment, is our compensation about par with unemployment? Ms. Coleman said it depends, but they are finding with entry level and temporary positions this could be a reason why.

Dr. Taylor noted the DPW has challenges because they are short staffed.

3. Discussion on Amendment to Steamship Enabling Act from Senator Moran

Senator Moran said a couple issues came up regarding personal mitigation, continue to wear a mask if you feel it is right for you and also social distance.

Senator Moran provided information on legislation she filed and offered to answer questions. Senate 2361 An Act Relevant to Municipal Equity in Steam Ship Operations; we must face the coming replacement of the bridges as regional transportation issues. Ferry via SSA transportation is important. The Enabling Legislation is a hurdle/stumbling block. This bill is an avenue to work together, guarantee the long-term success of the SSA as we meet challenges in the future. The SSA relies on partnership with the cape and islands; facilitate a link between port towns and islands. Historically the community has been dealing with long traffic delays, interference with emergency services, freight traffic, refusing to consider conservation measures. Constituents are seeking change but are met with refusal. The SSA weighted vote allows for universal decision-making for the islands. She proposes a change limited to the voting structure of the board; requiring a majority vote of the SSA Board must include a mainland Town. This ensures the voices of port towns are heard. The current vote is just majority of the weighted vote, so 2 of the 5 towns are required to pass any measure because their vote shares are 35% each; smaller towns require 2 towns and Dukes county or Nantucket. There is a hearing this Wednesday on Joint Committee on Transportation and can check the State House website or contact Senator Moran directly.

Chair Brown asked if this is adopted, does it give a veto power, how does Senator Moran envision using it if the two island towns approve it, the one Falmouth vote would stop it. Senator Moran said that you would still need one of the island towns. Population of each voting entity was reviewed. We are all dependent on each other for commerce.

Ms. Scott Price asked about how the island town communities feel about this legislation. Senator Moran is looking forward to the hearing this Wednesday because it is the first time all will be in the same room. We have business, relatives, and medical appointments back and forth. Want to be sure the islands' lifeline is protected, this legislation widens the conversation. One island would need to participate in a vote, that is another safeguard. The SSA has made good arguments about their issues.

Mr. Suso noted Senator Moran played a significant role in the gathering with the Governor and Lt. Governor this week, the Town appreciates her and shining light on the efforts being made in Falmouth regarding affordable housing.

4. Report – Affordable Housing Committee

Ed Curley, Chair, referred to his report in the packet. He is starting his 9th year on the committee, there have been many changes; the residents have recognized how important this is to the Town, no problem filling the committee, more applications to fill positions available than they had positions. They funded a housing demand study and housing production plan which were critical to get the data needed to understand what was going on in Town. The committee job is to advise, educate, and inform the Select Board. First housing summit was a couple years ago. Housing Coordinator was hired. This past year another housing summit was held, it was on housing and social justice. Getting more involved in more concrete options, the Town has to put money in place to help support affordable housing in Falmouth. The Select Board approved changing the affordable housing guidelines to up to \$100,000 per unit. In April when they found out the Cape Cod Country Club was probably going to be sold and solar farm was possibly in play, the committee raised the issue to Ms. English Braga of how important as it develops affordable housing is in play. They have not heard anything yet about next steps in working to get some of that land set aside as affordable housing.

Dr. Taylor asked where the locations are of the twenty units; she is pleased with them looking at challenges of housing and social justice. Mr. Curley directed her to agendas on the monthly meetings, every meeting they list and track the projects, they are listed at the end of each agenda and he will send them to her via email.

Chair Brown feels the committee is on the right track to find funding opportunities.

Mr. Patterson said we are trying to meet our human needs in Falmouth, not just the State guidelines. People cannot fill those positions because they cannot make enough money to afford living here.

Dr. Taylor said if we cannot meet the State target, we are not even close to meeting the human need in Town.

Mr. Curley said there was unanimous support for funding options.

Ms. Scott Price asked when would be the appropriate time to have the discussions about the Cape Cod County Club land to the Town?

Mr. Johnson-Staub believes it starts with the Planning Board's special permit, which will help facilitate a special permit for solar overlay on the property, it is unknown where it will be and will begin to be determined with the Planning Board. At present the Select Board does not own any property, is not negotiating, that process is anticipated, AMP is moving forward and made public their plans to turn some portion of land over to the Town, but we are not there yet. They have done initial reviews of Town land, now the top priorities are the Emerald House properties; it is a matter of staff time and money to pursue any parcels. There are not large tracks of Town-owned land that will become available.

5. Report – Recreation Committee

Sandy Cuny, Chair, Mike Heylin Vice Chair.

Robert Brown, former Chair of Recreation Committee, provided the report to the Select Board. Most meetings have been via Zoom, met quorum every time, he likes the virtual meetings; some members are out of State during the winter months so meeting virtually has helped the committee have a quorum. Joe Olenick updates them on Covid-19 issues in regards to recreational issues in Town. Mr. Olenick approved 5 Community Preservation Applications from the Recreation Department, including; Fuller field safety project, Lower Trotting Park little league park safety study going on, Nye Park having tennis courts refurbished, Gus Carty Center is open, has roof leaks, flooring will be replaced and is funded. Members would like to see voting, people miss voting at the Recreation Center. The Recreation Committee does their yearly fields and park tour in June, they saw 9 this year. They would like to get a third field at Sandwich Rd. complex if there is room either half or full field added behind the Fire Department and would like artificial turf, if possible. The artificial turf field at the FHS is primarily used by FHS; another turf field would be suggested that is not primarily a school field. Field report reviewed, GUV Fuller Field track needs some work so people can walk around safely, needs recycle containers, and needs bleachers removed. Restroom signs are not prominent, they are outside in the back, no need to enter the Senior Center to use them. They went to Bell Tower Field, there is no handicap accessibility; cannot get in, does not meet any regulations that should be there. That is part of the plan for the renovation of Bell Tower Field. The playground is not accessible, some believe it is unsafe, and access there is through sand. The Committee will agenda soon the concerns of the Woods Hole Association issues with the park and playground, what they would like to see re: renovations of the tennis courts, and concerns about the pickle ball. West Falmouth Playground and Swift Park looks great. Nye Park has accessibility issues to the court and they have been dealt with; however not the remainder of Nye Park. The wooden picnic benches and baseball wood benches are cracking. Field on 151 wood benches are cracking, no bathrooms are there. Sandwich Road Gaspar Sports Complex basketball court was trashed with water bottles along the edges, over 40 bottles, they would like a sign that says no littering. There are barrels there for litter and recycling. The baseball field was renovated with Town funds and needs some work, DPW is working on that. The SBLI playground that used to be next to the Recreation Department is supposed to be installed there at Gaspar complex, members of the committee would like to see that installed and are not sure how that works with the Fire Department. Bathroom and concessions at the Gaspar complex is suggested by the committee. Upper Trotting Park, fields 1, 2, and 3; handicap accessibility to the field is atrocious. This has been budgeted for possibly 2025. They sent a letter re: security issues, trash gets dumped in the parking lot in the field in the back. New skate park, probably one of the most popular recreation sites in Town; it needs a grand opening. Central Park, Falmouth Heights, is in good shape, well used, durable, it is not handicap accessible for bathrooms. He has seen portable toilets on the hill blown over. When the casino was renovated, he believes money was given to the Town for restrooms in that area. School Administration Field, lights need to be replaced because they do not work. Pickleball use at Lawrence School, the courts are used for basketball, tennis, and pickleball. Recreation Committee met with the neighbors, the Town Manager sent 4 subjects he wanted the committee to explore, and Mr. Brown wanted to look at the schedule for playing that was being violated. The committee voted 5-2 to keep the current hours in place for pickleball--the same hours as basketball and tennis. Prior to pickleball, the basketball and tennis courts could be used dawn to dusk and no issues with neighbors other than people shining headlights into courts to play basketball at night. The committee voted to leave that to Mr. Olenick. Pickleball has multiple courts being played at the same time, noise from the ball bouncing repeatedly may be part of the issue neighbors have with pickleball. They did not have a short term plan, long term plan would be to build pickleball courts somewhere away from neighbors. Sound mitigation could be put on the fencing.

Sandra Cuny said that if you listen to 35 pickleball players who represented 350 players. She suggested getting the soundproofing installed and include it when the courts are built. The number of people that want to play and the hours the Lakeview people came to was Sat/Sun 12-4pm; but they want to play in morning and evening; open at 9am, closing at dusk. Mr. Olenick talked to FPD, there was 1 call in and they did not respond. The police will respond if anyone starts earlier or later than allowed.

Mr. Olenick said that they will put it along the sides facing the neighbors. It does not eliminate the sound but could drop it by about 50% of the noise. They run in two colors, black is 40 percent less, he's exploring other fields.

Chair Brown noted that the DPW is shorthanded this year, that could be the issue. He asked for handicap swings to be put there and that may have held it up initially.

Mr. Suso will look into the amount provided to the Town for restrooms at Falmouth Heights.

Mr. Suso said proposals are coming into the capital budget requests and discussions will be had with the Select Board in the weeks to come.

Ms. Cuny asked if the Select Board would prefer a separate letter to address the safety issues; Mr. Suso said anything they would like to call attention to would be helpful.

6. Discussion of future alternate dates for public meeting on proposed Joint Base Cape Cod machine gun range

Chair Brown wants to have a meeting with JBCC staff. Timeframe has been moved to the fall. Dr. Taylor would like to put this off to October; she doesn't want to miss any public hearing, and the community needs to be heard. Seems though when Mr. Suso puts out dates, there is a delay in response and then it cannot happen. Chair Brown said they wanted to give an annual report tonight, which he declined and asked for a date for the machine gun range prior to the annual report. Mr. Suso said that they would send them multiple dates and ask that they make themselves available.

Mr. Patterson asked if they should hold a public meeting and have the State representatives. The Select Board discussed a date for a meeting for the community to have their say in front of the State delegation. Mashpee did not get a response and issued their letter of opposition.

6pm 8/26/21 date will be checked with State legislatures on this date and then once the date is confirmed with the legislatures, it will be provided to the JBCC with an invite. Alternative date of 9/2/21. They will offer JBCC representatives to make a presentation. Mr. Suso will check with the FHS to see if they can accommodate these two dates.

Chair Brown motion approval of the community meeting date of 8/26/21 at 6pm, alternate date of 9/2/21. Second Mr. Patterson. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

7. Review Draft Select Board mission statement for FalmouthNet Working Group

Mr. Suso said there are two documents, one received from Mr. Gaylord, and provided a staff alternative with comments from Town Counsel and other departments. The purpose and mission, community-based internet project asking for locations where this has successfully occurred and first bullet whether special legislation would be necessary, Town Counsel will assist in that exploration. Another question is whether the EDIC consultant is available for questions from working group. Changes in membership were made; removed the Finance Director due to other assignments, though she remains available to consult as needed.

Ms. Scott Price asked if we say town options on ownership and operation of the network. First bullet point add if they find special legislation is necessary, what that legislation is and potential town lines.

Dr. Taylor also wants first sentence of purpose and mission statement-options the Town has in operating and creating broadband.

Ms. Scott Price motion approval as amended. Second Dr. Taylor. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

8. Discussion on establishment of an advisory committee for restoration of the Old Burying Ground

Judy Fenwick, abutter, Paul Dryer alerted her to this. Ch. 25 section 1 of the Town bylaws says the DPW shall take over care and maintenance of the old burying ground and free burying ground. The Select Board now performs the duties formerly performed by the DPW. There is a list of cemeteries, only the Old Burying Ground and the East End Cemetery. There is a list of 17 charges, #4 catalog of historic gravestones and dates, which has been done. Site map of historic gravestones, there is a map going back to 1902 and another in the 1950s/70s. Identify available space for new burials, document criteria for requesting burial, her mother passed in 2007, she was a ward of the state at that time and wanted to bury her in the old burial ground. She would have to establish the fact that she was indigent; that was what was required to be provided burial there in 20th century. Veteran gravesites and flags, someone is always going in and snapping the flags and medal markers have been crushed. Access to the area would be important. A lot of the 17 charges could be boiled down to broader areas, make note of what was done, and what needs to be done.

Ed Haddad made presentation to the Select Board on 5/10/21 asking for attention to gravestones in the Old Burying Ground. 750 historic gravestones, some go back to the Revolutionary War. Founding families of Falmouth. Earliest gravestone is dated 1704. He does not know when the ownership transferred from the Congregational Church to the Town. He does not believe it is publicly used. About ten years ago a lot of restoration work was done, different types of stone are restored differently. There is a craft and science to the restoration. Mapping the gravestone names and where they are located, many unmarked gravestones from the indigent that were buried there. The committee will decide what is needed and when the Select Board sets it up, what their focus will be.

Mr. Suso would like to present these thoughts and suggestions to Town Counsel, then bring it back to the Select Board. There was some reference of funds available, they need to be cautious about that as well.

9. Vote committee appointment: Veterans Council Committee – William Doherty (AMVETS representative)
Ms. Scott Price motion approval to a term ending 6/30/22. Second Mr. Patterson. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

10. Announce November 2021 Town Meeting schedule
Schedule in the packet.
Announced 7/26/21
Closing warrant 9/3/21
Select Board vote articles and execute warrant 9/13/21
Publish articles 9/17/21
Petitioner presentation 9/27/21
Vote recommendations 10/4/21
Publish 10/29/21
Town meeting 11/15/21

Mr. Patterson motion approval. Second Ms. Taylor. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

11. Review and Vote to Approve Minutes of Meetings
 - a. Public Session –
April 5, 2021
Mr. Patterson motion approval. Second Dr. Taylor. Vote: Yes-3. No-0. Absent-1. Abstain- Ms. Scott Price.

April 26, 2021
Mr. Patterson motion approval as edited. Second Dr. Taylor. Vote: Yes-3. No-0. Absent-1. Abstain- Ms. Scott Price.

May 10, 2021
Mr. Patterson motion approval as edited. Second Dr. Taylor. Vote: Yes-3. No-0. Absent-1. Abstain- Ms. Scott Price.

Chair Brown said Open Meeting Law Act, recommends minutes from previous meeting should be voted at the next meeting.

- b. Executive Session –
June 7, 2021;
Mr. Patterson motion approval and not release. Second Dr. Taylor. Vote: Yes-3. No-0. Absent-1. Abstain- Ms. Scott Price.

July 12, 2021 (vote to release/not to release)
These are held to seek advice on whether to include a person's name.

12. Individual Select Board Members' Reports

Mr. Patterson:

Feels the need for staffing and a financing plan for the more strategic objectives including Broadband, affordable housing, coastal resiliency, and environmental. He does not see the way Town staff will do the planning, execution, and final management of it. Need to look at staffing projections, planning, and

financial support of that effort. He requested this process begin. The Town Manager is responsible to provide the staffing needed to meet the objectives and projects that will be required to develop to present to Town Meeting for funding. How are these projects going to be done? Affordable housing is critical, we do not have a plan for doing it, rely on CPC financing, but looking at a plan to address the issue in an organized kind of way. Community Development/Redevelopment type of position is needed; this did not get through Town Meeting at the time it was put forward. Suggested an agenda item to start addressing these issues.

Mr. Suso recalls a discussion with the Select Board when the member said one or two of these items are not in their top 5. Clear delineation of what the Select Board's priorities are is needed so that we are clear that we are moving in the correct direction.

Dr. Taylor noted the Select Board keeps shifting. Not everything can be a top priority. The Select Board needs to be clear with Town Manager's Office of what their priorities are, what is needed to meet the priorities, and set up the maps.

Chair Brown noted at the last meeting the Select Board talked about a couple of initiatives, Mr. Suso said be careful because if you assign new tasks he may need to scale back on other tasks. It is not what the priorities are, but whether we are getting to the limit of capacity for projects and, if so, if we need more help. He suggested revisiting the strategic objectives outlined during the retreat and if they have the staff with available resources.

Chair Brown:

Attended Beach Committee, struggling with meeting their needs. Concerns about whether we will be able to staff as needed. Mr. Suso said trash pickup is in good shape, there have been other challenges.

13. Town Manager's Report

Mr. Suso attended the SSA meeting, Bikeway and Pedestrian Committee Meeting, and the DPW proposed design elements at end of bikeway in Woods Hole.

Forum requested by Gov. Baker and Lt. Gov. Polito at Little Pond Place was successful and he appreciated this opportunity.

Next meeting regular business meeting of the Select Board will be 8/9/21.

Mr. Patterson motion to adjourn. Second Ms. Scott Price. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Chaves
Recording Secretary