

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, March 1, 2023

A hybrid meeting of the Town of Orleans Select Board was held in the Nauset Room at Town Hall and via Zoom and Channel 18 at 4.30pm on March 1, 2023.

In attendance were Select Board Chair Reed, Vice Chair Herman, Clerk Runyon, and Mr. Galligan, with Mr. Mathison attending via zoom. Acting Town Administrator Sumner and the Finance Director Doane also attended.

4.30pm

Call to Order- The Chair called the meeting to order at 4.30pm.

Motion to go into Executive Session to consider the purchase, exchange, taking, lease, or value of real property and discuss strategy with respect to litigation and that the Chair declare that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the body. Motion seconded and voted by all. Motion passed: 5-0-0.

The chair reconvened in Open Session with nothing to report from Executive Session.

Public Comment – No one presented for Public Comment. Mr. Runyon announced the presence of a student art show at the Town Hall for the month of March. Mr. Runyon read a letter from Mr. Finan about sister poles around Orleans. The letter stated there was a bottleneck caused by Verizon’s slow action in moving wiring to new poles so the old ones could be removed. He hoped the matter would be resolved.

Mr. Galligan announced the opening of the wastewater treatment facility.

Mr. Mathison extended thanks from Megan Kelly for the “return of darkness” to Eldredge Parkway as the matter of flashing streetlights has been resolved.

Review the charge of the Safer Community Task Force – Chief Deering spoke about the possible expansion of the initial charge for the Safer Community Task Force and agreed with amendments presented.

Mr. Herman moved to approve the proposed revisions to the charge of the Safer Community Task Force with the amendments suggested including that at least one at-large member be a certified mental health professional. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. Vote by roll call. Mr. Mathison, Mr. Runyon, Mr. Herman, Mr. Galligan and Ms. Reed voted AYE. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

12.06

Vote to appoint Dylan Reid, Christian Ziemba and Mathew Smith as Student Officers to the Orleans Police Department.

Mr. Galligan moved to support the appointment the Student Officers pursuant to the letter from the Police Chief dated February 23, 2023. Mr. Mathison seconded the motion. Vote by

roll call with Mr. Galligan, Mr. Herman, Mr. Runyon, Mr. Mathison and Ms. Reed voting Aye. Motion passed: 5-0-0.

Meet and discuss debt policy with Treasurer/Collector -

Mr. Runyon moved to vote to approve the debt policy as submitted. Mr. Galligan seconded the motion. Vote by roll call with Mr. Galligan, Mr. Herman, Mr. Runyon, Mr. Mathison and Ms. Reed voting Aye. Motion passed: 5-0-0. 18.01

Review and vote to amend charge of the Open Space Committee – There was some discussion regarding the need to acquire property for municipal use and/or affordable housing and linking the Open Space Committee with other committees.

Mr. Galligan moved to approve the revised Open Space Committee charge with the inclusion of the language at No.9 “assist and provide information to the Select Board and other town committees including but not limited to the Affordable Housing Committee and the Affordable Housing Trust Board.” Seconded by Mr. Runyon. Vote by roll call with Mr. Galligan, Mr. Herman, Mr. Runyon, Mr. Mathison and Ms. Reed voting Aye. Motion passed: 5-0-0.

Committee interviews and appointments –

Mr. Runyon moved to appoint Patty Platten as full member on the Open Space Committee with term ending on June 30, 2025. Mr. Galligan seconded the motion. Vote by roll call with Mr. Galligan, Mr. Herman, Mr. Runyon, Mr. Mathison and Ms. Reed voting Aye. Motion passed: 5-0-0.

Mr. Runyon moved to David Herrick as an associate member on the Open Space Committee with a term ending on June 30, 2025. Mr. Galligan seconded the motion. Vote by roll call with Mr. Galligan, Mr. Herman, Mr. Runyon, Mr. Mathison and Ms. Reed voting Aye. Motion passed: 5-0-0.

Mr. Herman moved to appoint Martin Szeber and Sibel Asantugrul as associate members to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term ending June 30, 2025. Mr. Galligan seconded the motion. Vote by roll call with Mr. Galligan, Mr. Herman, Mr. Runyon, Mr. Mathison and Ms. Reed voting Aye. Motion passed: 5-0-0.

Mr. Herman moved to appoint Suzanne Moore as a regular member to the Human Services Advisory Committee with a term ending June 30, 2025. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. Vote by roll call with Mr. Galligan, Mr. Herman, Mr. Runyon, Mr. Mathison and Ms. Reed voting Aye. Motion passed: 5-0-0.

Mr. Herman moved to appoint Matthew Milan to the Agricultural Advisory Committee as an associate member with a term ending June 30, 2025. Motion seconded by Mr. Runyon. Vote by roll call with Mr. Galligan, Mr. Herman, Mr. Runyon, Mr. Mathison and Ms. Reed voting Aye. Motion passed: 5-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to appoint Ken Johnson to the Conservation Commission as an associate member with a term ending June 30, 2023. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. Vote by roll call with Mr. Galligan, Mr. Herman, Mr. Runyon, Mr. Mathison and Ms. Reed voting Aye. Motion passed: 5-0-0. 54.19

Meet as Park Commissioners to consider DPW "Field & Facility Use" permit requesting on-site donations at Village Green at Snow Library. 54.50

Mr. Mathison moved to convene as Park Commissioners. Mr. Herman seconded the motion. Vote by roll call with Mr. Galligan, Mr. Herman, Mr. Runyon, Mr. Mathison and Ms. Reed voting Aye. Motion passed: 5-0-0.

Mr. Herman moved to approve the request by Michael Holt to accept voluntary donations at the March 18th event scheduled at the Village Green. Mr. Galligan seconded the motion. Vote by roll call with Mr. Galligan, Mr. Herman, Mr. Runyon, Mr. Mathison and Ms. Reed voting Aye. Motion passed: 5-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to close the meeting of the Park Commissioners and return to the meeting of the Select Board. Mr. Herman seconded the motion. Vote by roll call with Mr. Galligan, Mr. Herman, Mr. Runyon, Mr. Mathison and Ms. Reed voting Aye. Motion passed: 5-0-0. 1.02.28

Discussion of One day Beer & Wine License for Charles Moore Arena for March 23, 2023
Mr. Herman moved to approve a One Day Beer & Wine License for Charles Moore Arena at 23 O'Connor Way for an Orleans Chamber of Commerce event from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on March 23, 2023. The license is issued for three days to allow proper delivery and disposal of wine and malt beverages, subject to all licenses, bylaws, permits and approvals and in accordance with the Massachusetts General Law Chapter 138 Sec. 14. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. Vote by roll call with Mr. Galligan, Mr. Herman, Mr. Runyon, Mr. Mathison and Ms. Reed voting Aye. Motion passed: 5-0-0.

Meet with Charter Review Committee for presentation of final article for Annual Town Meeting – John Fuller, chair of the Charter Review Committee, called their meeting to order. (1:05:28) The committee reviewed the language of 3 articles and the reasons for changes. The Charter Review Committee adjourned (1:20:32 on the video tape).

Review draft warrant article index for Annual and Special Town Meeting in May and possible vote on draft articles – The Acting Town Administrator reviewed the index for the town warrant article. There was some discussion of the budget for the school and for the universal preschool. The Board also discussed some particulars of wording and presentation of various articles. Ms. Doane noted the index reflects actual draft warrant articles that have been submitted but does not reflect discussions about other possible articles that may yet be submitted. Draft articles are due by March 9, 2023.

Continue review and possible vote on FY24 budget – Mr. Sumner discussed some changes needed to the budget for the COA for the newsletter. Mr. Runyon also raised the need for an administrative support person for the revamped Recreation Department which was discussed briefly. There was some review of the Old Firehouse operation and expenses as well.

Mr. Herman moved to reinstate \$6000 for the newsletter in the budget for the Council on Aging. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. Vote by roll call with Mr. Galligan, Mr. Herman, Mr. Runyon, Mr. Mathison and Ms. Reed voting Aye. Motion passed: 5-0-0. 2.25.20

Vote to sign Memorandum of Agreement with the towns of Dennis and Brewster for the management of the southeastern shoreline of Cape Cod Bay- Mr. Sumner updated the Board about a grant application for the group of three towns to manage the shoreline and Cape Cod Bay.

Mr. Galligan moved approved the Memorandum of Agreement with Brewster and Dennis for management of the southeastern shoreline from Dennis to Orleans on Cape Cod Bay per the memo from Nate Sears dated February 2, 2023. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. Vote by roll call with Mr. Galligan, Mr. Herman, Mr. Runyon, Mr. Mathison and Ms. Reed voting Aye. Motion passed: 5-0-0. 2.28.22

Discussion and vote on 2022 Annual Town Report Covers –

By consensus the Board chose the Duc d’Orleans for the front cover of the 2022 Annual Report and the photo of the front of the new Wastewater Treatment Facility for the reverse. 2.32.03

Town Administrator’s Report – The Acting Town Administrator updated about remediation work for DPW, the Recreation study and the budget for the schools. The fire alarm system in the Middle School requires improvement. There were some recommendations from the Recreation Advisory Committee about Recreation programs. Mr. Sumner also discussed the Cape Cod Conservation District and the possibility of grants for some projects. 2.45.59

Liaison Reports –

Mr. Mathison mentioned the Shellfish & Waterways Committee and the revision of regulations at Rock Harbor.

Mr. Runyon updated about the Planning Board and the new governance plan.

Mr. Herman updated about COA and the Veteran’s Day Committee.

Mr. Galligan also updated about some projects such as the proposed Chase building and progress on the rotary.

Ms. Reed updated about the art show at the Town Hall and the Cultural Committee.

Item for Future Agendas

8.15pm Adjourn

Mr. Galligan moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Fountain*