

MINUTES

SELECT BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, March 8, 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 5pm on March 8, 2023.

In attendance in the Nauset Room were Select Board Chair Reed, Vice Chair Herman, Clerk Runyon, and Mr. Galligan. Mr. Mathison was absent. Acting Town Administrator Sumner and Finance Director Doane also attended.

5:00 pm Call to Order – The Chair called the meeting to order at 5pm.

Public Comment – Mr. Galligan said Monday at 7.30 the Wastewater Treatment Center began the “soft start”. First connections to the flow should begin March 27, 2023.

5:16 pm Mr. Sargent spoke about the lights on Eldredge Parkway and the Eversource project on the corner of Eldredge Parkway and Route 6A.

Police Department update – The Police Chief updated the board on its quarterly activities including staffing.

5:28 pm Public Hearing – Shellfish Grant Renewal for Ward Aquafarms – The Chair officially opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Herman moved to allow the renewal of the licensing of a .37 acre shellfish grant license #1NT (non-traditional) to Daniel Ward of North Falmouth, MA per the agreement signed by the Town of Orleans on January 1, 2019 with said license to expire on February 1, 2024. This license does not grant any property rights. It does not authorize any injury to private property or invasion of private rights. Mr. Galligan seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion passed: 4-0-0.

Mr. Herman moved to close the public hearing. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

Committee Interviews, Appointments, & Resignations

Mr. Herman moved to accept the resignation of Emily Van Geizen as a regular member of the ZBA with thanks for her service. Mr. Galligan seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed: 4-0-0.

Mr. Herman moved to elevate Sibel Asantugrul to regular member of the ZBA with a term ending June 30, 2023. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed: 4-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to accept the resignation of John Harter from the Historic Commission. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed: 4-0-0.

Mr. Herman moved to elevate Ed Marcarelli to regular member of the Historic Commission with a term ending June 30, 2023. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed: 4-0-0.

Mr. Herman moved to appoint Francis Mustaro as associate member of the Historic Commission with a term ending June 30, 2024. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed: 4-0-0.

Mr. Herman moved to appoint Francis Mustaro as a member of the Human Services Advisory Committee with a term ending June 30, 2025. Seconded by Mr. Runyon. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed: 4-0-0.

Meet with Fire Chief – The Deputy Chief presented the Quarterly Report. There was some discussion about the volume of ambulance transports and structural fires.

Vote to set polling hours for Annual Town Election –

Mr. Galligan moved to set polling hours for the Annual Town Election on May 16th to 9:00am – 7:00pm. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed: 4-0-0.

Vote to reappoint Patricia Perry as registrar -

Mr. Galligan moved to reappoint Patricia Perry as registrar for a 3 year term beginning April 1, 2023 and ending March 1, 2026. Mr. Herman seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed: 4-0-0.

Board interview of A. Higgins to serve on the ZBA –

Mr. Herman moved to appoint Austin Higgins as an associate member of the ZBA with a term ending June 30, 2026. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed: 4-0-0.

6:04pm

Review draft warrant article index for Annual and Special Town Meeting in May and possible vote on draft articles -

Mr. Galligan moved to place articles 1-7 on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting in May. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed: 4-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to place articles 8-12 on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting in May. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed: 4-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to place article 13 on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting in May. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed: 4-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to place article 14 on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting in May. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed: 4-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to place article for the CPA funding budget for FY24 on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting in May. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed: 4-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to place articles 35-39 on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting in May. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed: 4-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to place articles 40-43 on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting in May. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed: 4-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to place article 44 to fund a new ambulance on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting in May. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed: 4-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to place articles 47-49 on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting in May. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed: 4-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to place articles 58-61 on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting in May. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed: 4-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to place articles 65 and 66 on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting in May. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed: 4-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to remove article 24 from the May Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Herman seconded the motion. It was agreed by consensus to remove the article.

Mr. Galligan moved to place article about Phase III of the CWMP (listed as 16) on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting in May. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed: 4-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to place an article (listed as 17) for additional funding for close out costs or change orders for Downtown Area Sewer Phase I on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting in May. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed: 4-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to place article 18 regarding Phase II of CWMP additional funds on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting in May. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed: 4-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to place article 19 for Rock Harbor dredging on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting in May. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed: 4-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to place article 20 for the costs of the tanks at Rock Harbor on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting in May. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed: 4-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to place article 21 regarding the costs of project concept/preliminary designs for cottages on a flood plain near Skaket on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting in May. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed: 4-0-0. 1.52.30

Mr. Galligan moved to place article for a Fire Department arial ladder on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting in May. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed: 4-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to place an article regarding the Veteran's Park project on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting in May. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed: 4-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to place articles 29-32 regarding water quality on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting in May. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed: 4-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to place articles 33 and 34 regarding the Water Department on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting in May. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed: 4-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to place article 57 regarding the treasurer/tax collector on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting in May. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed: 4-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to place article 64 to allow the Affordable Housing Trust Board to provide services for those earning up to 200% AMI on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting in May. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed: 4-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to place articles 67, 68 and 69 regarding zoning for affordable housing on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting in May. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed: 4-0-0.

Mr. Herman mentioned a possible warrant article regarding an increased override for the Affordable Housing Trust Board.

He also mentioned an article in support of the Cyr-Peake legislation regarding affordable housing.

Mr. Galligan also mentioned the need for a mechanism to hold funds generated by the "pot shops" once they start operations.

Mr. Galligan also mentioned the possibility of Pennrose making a single payment at the time of closing for the housing project at West Road.

Continue review and possible vote on FY25 – FY29 CIP -

There was some discussion to clarify the investment in the accessible walkway through the Village Green, 44 Main Street, and the Town Hall Annex. There were questions and answers about some details within the listing of Capital Improvement Project.

Chair's request concerning 2023 Annual Town Meeting communication -

The Chair noted the need to answer two overarching questions for the voters: Why do you need this investment and what does it deliver to Orleans? There was some discussion about the need for information by the voters and how best to present it.

Continue review and possible vote on FY24 Budget -

Ms. Doane reviewed some projects that will require overrides. There was discussion about a special article for the Bike, Pedestrian & Traffic Committee.

Mr. Runyon moved to reassign the \$20,000 for the Bike, Pedestrian & Traffic Committee to a special article for the Town Meeting. Mr. Galligan seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed: 4-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to approve 5 items bellow the yellow line on the draft budget including the Treasure/Collector's costs relating to the use credit cards, the increase of clerical hours for the Town, and three line items for the COA relating to staff hours, benefits, and positions. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed: 4-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved the Windmill information guide be removed from the wish list and handled a different way. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed: 4-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to zero out the residential overhead exhibition implementation costs. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed: 4-0-0. 3.30

Town Administrator's Report – The Acting Town Administrator spoke about staff requirements in the Town Administrator's office, the Barnstable County Aquifund, the Recreation Department reorganization and progress on the Nauset Regional School System High School project financing. He also updated about the search for a new Town Administrator/Manager and an upcoming community forum and the Fire Department Safer Grant process for staffing.

Liaison Reports – Mr. Galligan said the Nauset Regional School District will be holding a public hearing on the F24 budget hearing.

Items for Future Agendas -

8.45+pm

Adjourn –

Mr. Galligan moved to adjourn. Mr. Herman seconded. All voted in favor of adjournment. Motion passed: 4-0-0.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Fountain*