

MINUTES

SELECT BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

Nauset Room, Town Hall

A 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 June 7, 2023.

In attendance in the Nauset Room were Chair Herman, Vice Chair Mr. Mathison, Clerk Ms. Reed, Mr. Galligan, and Mr. Runyon. Interim Town Administrator Sumner also attended.

5:00 p.m. Call to Order – The Chair called the meeting to order.

Public Comment – Ms. Lindahl provided a brief update from the Orleans Chamber of Commerce.

Committee Interviews and Appointments –

Pete Thompson presented about himself for the vacancy on the new Economic Development Committee. Peter Allgeier spoke about his background and how it could relate to a role on the Economic Development Committee.

A discussion is needed as to whether a Select Board liaison is needed for the Economic Development Committee and who it will be.

Mr. Runyon moved to vote to approve Judy Lindahl, Chief Deering, and Chief MacDonald on the Safer Community Task Force with a term ending 6/30/2026. Mr. Mathison seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Ms. Reed moved to appoint John Ostman as the representative from the Planning Board to the Economic Planning Committee. Mr. Galligan seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

The Select Board thanked Chet Crabtree for his service with the Planning Board and his role with the CPC. Maria LeStage introduced herself and discussed helping with the Planning Board. David Ortolani also interviewed for a role with the Planning Board and discussed his experience.

Ms. Reed moved to elevate Maxine Minkoff to a regular member on the Planning Board with a term ending 6/30/2026. Mr. Galligan seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Ms. Reed moved to nominate both Maria LeStage and David Ortolani as associate members beginning 7/1/2023 and ending 6/30/2026. Mr. Galligan seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Discussion about Fall Town Meeting Oct. 16, 2023 – There was a brief discussion about the Fall Town Meeting. It was suggested Warrant Articles might close on or about September 6, 2023. Some members are anticipating a relatively small Town Meeting for the fall and would like to start on the Warrant immediately. There was some discussion about Saturday Town Meetings.

Mr. Galligan moved to vote to set a Special Town Meeting for October 16, 2023. Ms. Reed seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Review and Possible Vote on Select Board policy on Appointed Multi-Member Bodies - Mr. Herman reviewed some technical suggestions to the drafted policy. Members discussed how to retain knowledgeable people while encouraging new members and involvement. There was lengthy discussion

about how strictly to control terms, term limits, vacancies, and appointments. Mr. Runyon asked that information about how other towns manage their committees be shared with the members. Mr. Galligan spoke about the example of Linden which has more active committee involvement in their own succession planning, supporting/endorsing nominations, and helping new members progress. It was mentioned that there might be some exceptions for Regulatory Bodies to ensure they are populated with the appropriate knowledge and skills (by members serving longer than two consecutive terms). Mr. Mathison spoke about the desire to bring in new views/skills to committees and how to assess what is "best for the town." He pointed out that appointees do not answer to the electorate. The Select Board maintains discretion over appointments as the elected representatives of the townspeople. Ms. Reed raised some issues about keeping committees focused on their charge, and also on the need for succession planning. Mr. Galligan and Ms. Reed pointed out how some regulatory boards do not have access to essential support whether it be required/formal training or staff expertise. Mr. Herman said he will work on another draft of the policy for further input.

Vote to sign MOU with Town of Eastham for DEP's Joint Watershed Management Permit - Minor updates, many of which were grammatical, to the MOU were shared among board members. Mr. Sumner noted that the intent of the MOU had not been changed. Mr. Galligan updated the meeting regarding linking with Eastham.

Ms. Reed moved to sign the MOU with the Town of Eastham with the minor changes submitted. Mr. Mathison seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Vote to Send Letter in Support of ARPA Funding for Pennrose –

Mr. Galligan moved that the Chair of the Select Board sign the letter of support tomorrow for Pennrose for ARPA Funding with minor grammatical changes. Ms. Reed seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Discuss and Vote Annual Hawker's and Peddler's License for BCQ, LLC dba Street Eats of Orleans, Amber Kingston, manager, to operate at 116-118 Route 6A –

Mr. Galligan moved to vote to approve the application of BCQ, LLC. dba Street Eats of Orleans for a Hawker's and Peddler's license to sell bottled water, soda, hotdogs, and chips from CVS-Route 6A parking lot area, located at 116-118 Route 6A, subject to all laws, regulations, approvals, bylaws, permits and licenses. Said license is to expire on December 31, 2023. Ms. Reed seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Discussion of Agreement re: Interim Town Administrator consulting agreement – Mr. Sumner discussed the transition period for working with the new Town Administrator and a draft agreement, to be shaped by the incoming Town Administrator, was included in the packet.

Ms. Reed moved to accept the Interim Town Administrator consulting agreement. Motion was seconded by Mr. Runyon. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Town Administrator's report – Mr. Sumner discussed the role of Playground Director and the updates to the schedule.

Mr. Galligan moved to approve the change in seasonal schedule for the Playground Director as outlined in the Select Board packet. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Mr. Sumner discussed the Eldredge Master Plan for recreation and noted the process is back on track. Mr. Sumner also discussed landscaping issues around the town and challenges to staffing. The pickleball courts will be repainted over the next several weeks so they will be closed until the end of June (temperatures permitting).

Liaison Reports.

Very brief updates were mentioned.

Mr. Galligan noted the bill pending in State legislation about double phone poles and how he made contributed comments at the recent hearing for the bill.

Mr. Galligan shared about the active involvement of the town in grant procedures for the new library.

Ms. Reed spoke about the Housing Needs Trust through the Affordable Housing Committee and joint meetings with the Affordable Housing Trust Board. The 107 Main Street development has received a grant from the State, but the amount of the grant is unknown. Mr. Mathison noted some progress in the area of modular housing.

Ms. Reed mentioned the Cultural District and the inclusion of theater to the cultural mix.

Mr. Herman mentioned the Chair's meeting. He spoke about a letter received about dune protection and restoration.

Mr. Herman also mentioned an emergency management training course at Eldredge Park and the strong integration of Orleans services and personnel.

Items for Future Meetings -

New regulations from DEP.

DPW property scoping and cold storage.

Board of Health and Affordable Housing Committee and Trust regarding the impact of ADUs on sewage and nutrient loads.

Adjournment-

Mr. Galligan moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

7:30p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 7.30pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Fountain*