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SELECT BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, September 6, 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 8 at 5:00 p.m. on September 6, 2023.

In attendance in the Nauset Room were Chair Herman, Vice Chair Mr. Mathison, Clerk Ms. Reed, Mr. Galligan, and Mr. Runyon. Town Manager Ms. Newman attended the meeting.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Kevin Higgins, chair of the Veteran's & Memorial Day Committee, spoke about the recognition of Coast Guardsmen Norman Finch. Approval has been received for a bridge to be named in recognition of both Finch and the Coast Guard vessel that was sunk by a U Boat in 1918. An official naming of the bridge is scheduled for October 21, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Richard Levy spoke about the health of Pilgrim Lake and excessive phosphorus. He requested alum treatment for Pilgrim Lake.

Sue Sargent spoke about Crystal Lake and in support of treatment of neighboring Pilgrim Lake.

Len Short spoke about the need for treatment of Pilgrim Lake and her experience of alum treatment at Harvey's Pond.

Judy Scanlon for the Marine & Freshwater Committee spoke about Pilgrim Lake and the need for alum treatment.

Mike Brink spoke about the beach at Pilgrim Lake and the science of alum treatment.

Consider the request of Judy Lindahl of Orleans Chamber of Commerce, Inc. for a One Day Liquor License for November 25, 2023 at 116 Route 6A

Judy Lindahl spoke about the opening of Winter Fest.

Ms. Galligan moved to approve the application of Judy Lindahl, Executive Director of Orleans Chamber of Commerce, and to waive the application fee and reduce the license fee to \$10 for a Special One Day Liquor License on November 25, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. for an outdoor event at 116 RTE 6A. The license is issued in accordance with the Massachusetts General Law Chapter 138 Sec. 14. and is subject to all licenses, bylaws, permits, and approvals. Ms. Reed seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Discussion of one day liquor licenses

Ms. Miteva, Assistant Licensing Manager, spoke about licensing and the impact of cancellations on licensed events. The Board asked Ms. Miteva to draft a proposed streamlined process for applications, rain dates, and possible extensions.

Discussion of alum treatment (s) for Pilgrim Lake

The Town Manager spoke about how previous articles passed by the town meeting may not have the appropriate language to allow for alum treatment at Pilgrim Lake and that a clearer warrant article is needed for the October meeting. The approach will not slow down the process of permitting for alum treatment needed in the near future. There was discussion about Orleans ponds and communicating with various pond coalition groups. Discussion also talked about encouraging pond abutters to pledge to reduce/cease their use of fertilizers and chemicals that might affect water quality to demonstrate the local commitment to pond health.

Mr. Runyon moved to send the matter of Pilgrim Lake to the Conservation Commission for review and approval. At the same time look at encouraging homeowners around the pond to come up with their own plan on property management for the protection of the water quality at getting pledges from landowners around the pond, and also look at the town's responsibility for stormwater runoff and its effect on the ponds. Ms. Reed seconded the motion. Discussion of the proposed motion and modifications to it followed. Mr. Runyon withdrew his motion. Ms. Reed withdrew her second.

Mr. Galligan pointed out that there are a lot of questions relating to Pilgrim Lake treatment that have not been answered. He suggested supporting the work of town staff and their recommendations for treatment needed at Pilgrim Lake.

Mr. Galligan moved to support the recommendation of George Meservey dated August 28, 2023 to proceed with the recommendations for Pilgram Lake subject to approval at special Town Meeting and subject to the commitment to efforts to protect the pond environment by neighboring organizations and landholders. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Sue Sargent asked for assistance in the processes of educating abutters and acquiring signed pledges for the non-use of chemical fertilizers.

Peter Allgeier told the Board that the Friends of Pilgrim Lake would meet on Saturday and could discuss homeowners pledging not to use inorganic fertilizers and education area residents. Mr. Herman said the Board would work on outreach with the community groups.

Judy Scanlon said she could assist with the public education process around pond treatments and appropriate fertilizers.

Vote to sign letter to Army Corps of Engineers re: Rock Harbor Dredging Project

Ms. Reed moved to sign the letter to the Army Corps of Engineers regarding Rock Harbor Dredging. Mr. Galligan seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Vote to sign proclamation from the Cape & Islands Suicide Prevention Council to declare September National Suicide Prevention and Action Month

Ms. Reed moved to sign the proclamation from the Cape & Islands Suicide Prevention Council to declare September National Suicide Prevention and Action Month. Motion was seconded by Mr. Mathison. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Vote to place potential debt exclusion and general override questions on the November 7, 2023 Special Election ballot

Ms. Newman explained the language for two overrides and the debt exclusions. She suggested starting with the warrant articles and reviewed each one for the Board.

Ms. Reed moved to place and support Article 1 on the October Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Mathison seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to place Article 2 on the Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Mathison seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Ms. Reed moved to place and recommend Article 3 on the Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Mathison seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Ms. Reed moved to place and recommend Article 4 on the Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to place and support Article 5. Ms. Reed seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to place and support Article 6. Ms. Reed seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to place and support Article 7. Mr. Mathison seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to place and support Article 8. Mr. Mathison seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to place and support Article 9. Mr. Mathison seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to place and support Article 10. Mr. Mathison seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Ms. Reed moved to place and support Article 11. Mr. Mathison seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Ms. Reed moved to place and support Article 12. Mr. Mathison seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Mr. Runyon moved to place and support Article 13. Mr. Mathison seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to place and support Article 14. Mr. Mathison seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Mr. Galligan to place and support Article 15. Mr. Mathison seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Ms. Reed moved to place and support Article 16. Mr. Galligan seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Ms. Reed moved to place and support Article 17. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Ms. Reed moved to place and support Article 18. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion

carried: 5-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to place and support Article 19. Ms. Reed seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to place and support Article 20. Ms. Mathison seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Mr. Runyon moved to place and support Article 21. Ms. Reed seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Ms. Reed moved to place and support Article 22. Mr. Mathison seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Ms. Reed moved to place and support Article 23. Mr. Mathison seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion Carried: 5-0-0.

Mr. Mathison moved to place and support Article 24. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Ms. Reed moved to place and support Article 25. Mr. Galligan seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to place and support Article 26. Mr. Mathison seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to place and support Article 27. Mr. Mathison seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Ms. Reed moved to place and support Article 28. Mr. Mathison seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Ms. Reed moved to place and support Article 29. Mr. Mathison seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Ms. Reed moved to place and support Article 30. Mr. Mathison seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to place and support Article 31. Ms. Reed seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Ms. Reed moved to place and support Article 32. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Discussion covered the content of the summary to Article 32 to help set accurate expectations about the lengthy procedures required to proceed with treatment.

Ms. Reed moved to place and support Article 33. Mr. Mathison seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Mr. Galligan moved to place and approve the debt exclusion general override questions as presented subject to a final check on the figures by the Town Manager. Mr. Mathison seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

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Ms. Newman said the warrant goes to print on September 8, 2023. Motions can be amended on the floor of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Galligan moved to approve the minutes of May 3, 8, 17, 31, 2023 and June 7, 14, 20, 2023 as written. Mr. Mathison seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Liaison Reports and Member Updates

The Marine & Freshwater Committee has selected a chair and vice chair.

Historic Commission reviewed a visit to the Elijah P Freeman house which may be demolished.

An archeological survey of the Peck property is about to begin with CPC funding.

The Orleans Elementary School committee meets Monday to discuss the recommendations of the Habib Report.

The sewer work will begin on Lake Farm Road. Some signage regarding the Meetinghouse Pond phase of the sewer project will be noticeable at Town Hall. Noise issues are still being worked on.

Two presentations have occurred on the Snow Library with two more next week.

The Affordable Housing Committee is looking at forward steps after the new Housing Needs Study is ready.

The Conservation Commission met and discussed native plants at Putnam Park.

Human Services met and have a new chair.

The Governor Prence (66-76 Route 6a) RFP has been released.

The Veteran's Park & Memorial Day Committee is considering an application to the CPC and there was discussion about the Civil War memorial.

The final water testing has been completed for the season.

A podcast with Trove was completed.

A CDP event was held and very successful.

A formalized process is needed for the management of 44 Main Street.

Ms. Reed moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Mathison seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Fountain*



Andrea Reed, Clerk

Documents in September 6, 2023 packet:

1. Agenda
2. Chamber of Commerce Winterfest One Day Liquor Application
3. Blue Bubbles LLC One Day Liquor Application
4. Email re: Cost and Permitting of Pilgrim Lake Alum Treatment
5. Letter to USACE re: Rock Harbor Dredge Permitting dated Sept. 6, 2023
6. Suicide Prevention Awareness Month request
7. National Suicide Prevention Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Invitation
8. National Suicide Prevention Month Proclamation
9. Select Board Minutes May 3, 2023
10. Select Board Minutes May 8, 2023
11. Select Board Minutes May 17, 2023
12. Select Board Minutes May 31, 2023
13. Select Board Minutes June 7, 2023
14. Select Board Minutes June 14, 2023
15. Joint AHT/Select Board Minutes June 20, 2023