

  
ORLEANS TOWN CLERK

**MINUTES**  
**SELECT BOARD MEETING**  
Wednesday, October 11, 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 4:30 p.m. on October 11, 2023.

In attendance in the Nauset Room were Chair Herman, Clerk Ms. Reed, and Mr. Galligan with Town Manager Ms. Newman. Mr. Mathison joined the meeting during Executive Session.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Executive Session to consider the purchase, taking, exchange, lease, or value of real property located on Main Street and to discuss strategy in preparation of negotiations with the Finance Director

Ms. Reed moved to go into executive session to consider the purchase, taking, exchange, lease, or value of real property and to discuss strategy in preparation for negotiations with the Finance Director, and the chair declare separately that open session could compromise the negotiating position of the Town, and the Board reconvene later in open session. Mr. Galligan second the motion. Vote by roll call with Ms. Reed, Mr. Galligan, and Mr. Herman voting Aye. Motion carried: 3-0-0.

The Chair separately declared that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the body.

The meeting reconvened in public session at the conclusion of the Executive Session with no comments. The Chair requested a moment of silent reflection for world affairs.

Public Comment

Ms. Tobin spoke about Article 32 and the Friends of Pilgrim Lake and a survey of 20 people about the possible use of alum at the lake. 18 voted in favor, 2 opposed to alum.

Ms. Brink spoke about the Pilgrim Lake Terrace Association and her survey of people who live around Pilgrim Lake about alum treatment. 20 people signed in favor of alum treatment prior to the 2024 recreational season.

Ms. Sargent, president of Friends of Crystal Lake, spoke about alum treatment at both Pilgrim and Crystal Lake.

Mr. Sargent said it was valuable to have a scientific expert (Mr. Eichner) at the meeting to discuss alum treatments and answer questions at the Town Meeting. He said he hoped alum treatment would move quickly, ideally prior to the herring run.

Vote to approve Ambulance Billing Waivers

Town Treasurer Scott Walker spoke about a financial hardship waiver for a member of the public.

Mr. Galligan moved to approve the application for a financial hardship waiver in the letter by Scott Walker dated October 5, 2023 in the Select Board packet and authorized by Town Counsel signature. Mr. Mathison seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 4-0-0.

Discussion of 44 Main Street building use policy

Ms. Newman spoke about the development of a draft Use Policy. Ms. Miteva also explained the recommendations. There was some discussion about the difference in use from Snow Library and that the space is organized through Recreation but not limited to "recreational" activities. Website access and registration were discussed. The lock and sign in/sign out process at the Police Station was also briefly reviewed.

**Ms. Reed moved to adopt the policy for 44 Main Street as submitted. Mr. Mathison seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 4-0-0.**

Vote to consider license agreement for 44 Main Street and Nauset Together We Can, Inc.

The Chair and Treasurer of Nauset Together We Can, Inc. spoke about the use of the facility and some of the terms of the agreement. In particular, the option to renew the license annual was discussed and to have other events beyond the hours in the license. The Town Manager explained that the building had been unregulated for a long time, but that is changing. Flexibility and ongoing discussion will be needed. Ms. Miteva said: "Other events may be available with prior approval of the Town" will be added to the language of the contract.

**Ms. Reed moved to approve the license agreement with Nauset Together We Can, Inc at 44 Main Street. Mr. Galligan seconded the motion provided some flexibility is used by all parties to ensure usage. arrangements are working out. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 4-0-0.**

Review draft FY25 CPC application by Veteran's & Memorial Day Committee and possible vote to grant permissions on town property

**Ms. Reed moved to proceed with the request to CPC for the project by the Veteran's & Memorial Day Committee. Mr. Mathison seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 4-0-0.**

Designate Orleans Water Department as Keepers of the Town Pump

Mr. Galligan recapped the history of the pump.

**Ms. Reed moved to designate the Orleans Water Department as keepers of the Town pump in perpetuity. Mr. Galligan seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 4-0-0.**

Discussion and vote to add site visits to 66-76 Route 6A RFP process

**Ms. Reed moved to approve additional site visits as part of the RFP to 66-76 Route 6A. Mr. Galligan seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 4-0-0.**

Discussion and vote to add additional Special Town Meeting details

Mr. Herman noted non-resident speakers for the meeting and asked if any other materials are needed for the meeting. The childcare arrangements are being coordinated. Mr. Galligan would like a revote on Article 32 for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

**Ms. Reed moved to approve the minutes of June 28, July 12, July 19, August 2, and August 9, 2023 with one edit. Motion seconded by Mr. Mathison. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 4-0-0.**

Liaison Reports

The Planning Board is reviewing the questions for the town on the comprehensive plan.

Zoning will be discussing possible changes to zoning bylaws.

The Cultural Council and Cultural District have funded tee shirts for the middle school marching band for all public performances. They hope to have them ready to perform on Veteran's Day. Parish Park has live music performances on Saturdays through to the start of the Winter Festival. The Cultural Council is working on a logo.

The Conservation Commission is considering the preservation of wildlife corridors as it relates to fencing pools or development areas.

The Board of Health is looking at ways to make sewer connections easier. Pay-as-you-go discussions have not been scheduled.

Socially distant seating at the Town Meeting will be provided.

The CPC conducted a site visit to the French Cable Museum which was impressive.

The Agricultural Committee met, and Putnam Farm was discussed and moving forward.

The Veteran's Memorial Committee met and discussed the bridge opening and planning for Veteran's Day events.

The Affordable Housing Trust Board and Committee met and reviewed the draft for the new Housing Study.

The IFAW Dolphin Rescue Center opened last week.

DeLude Communications had an opening event.

The Outermost Blues Festival was a "great family event" and was well prepared and run.

**Ms. Reed moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Mathison seconded the motion. All voted AYE.  
Motion carried: 4-0-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Fountain*



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Andrea Reed, Clerk

Documents in October 11, 2023 packet:

1. Agenda
2. Executive Session Documents
3. Scott Walker Memo re: Ambulance Billing Waivers

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4. Ambulance Billing Hardship Determination Form
5. Draft Policy for 44 Main Street Community Building Use
6. Draft FY24 License Agreement Nauset Together We Can
7. FY25 CPC Application – Veterans Memorial Park
8. Keeper of the Pump Memo
9. Unpaid Bills of Prior Years Memo
10. Select Board Minutes June 28, 2023
11. Select Board Minutes July 12, 2023
12. Select Board Minutes July 19, 2023
13. Select Board Minutes August 2, 2023
14. Select Board Minutes August 9, 2023
15. Finch Family Bridge Dedication
16. Specialized Energy Code FAQ Sheet