

**MINUTES**  
**SELECT BOARD MEETING**  
Wednesday, October 18, 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 pm on October 18, 2023.

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

5:02 p.m. Call to Order. The Chair called the meeting to order.

Public Comment.

Mr. Cass spoke about recreational spaces in Orleans and his willingness to share his expertise.

Consider request by Annual All Alcohol Common Victualler License holder Longquist West, Inc. dba Abroad, located at 89 Old Colony Way, Molly Kasakoff, Manager, for seasonal closure from November 5 to November 27, 2023.

**Ms. Reed moved to approve the request of Molly Kasakoff, manager of Longquist West Inc. dba Abroad, 89 Old Colony Way to temporarily close for business from November 5, through November 27, 2023, in accordance with the Town of Orleans Rules and Regulations of the Liquor Licensing Authority under M.G.L. Chapter 138. Mr. Mathison seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 4-0-0.**

Committee interviews/appointments.

Shellfish & Waterways – Addison Buddy Wilson, Gil Payson, and Chris Viprino each interviewed with the committee. One further candidate is to be interviewed and then the Select Board will vote on the vacancies.

**Ms. Reed moved to accept with thanks the resignation of Peter Przygocki from the Shellfish & Waterways Advisory Committee. Mr. Mathison seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 4-0-0.**

**Mr. Mathison moved to elevated Mark Carroll to regular member of the Shellfish & Waterways Advisory Committee with a term ending 6/30/26. Mr. Galligan seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 4-0-0.**

Affordable Housing Trust – William Madden interviewed for a role with the Affordable Housing Trust.

**Ms. Reed moved to appoint Mr. Madden as a regular member of the Affordable Housing Trust with a term ending 6/30/26. Mr. Mathison seconded the motion. All vote Aye. Motion carried: 4-0-0.**

Energy & Climate Action – Andrew O’Neill interviewed for a role with the Energy & Climate Action Committee.

**Mr. Galligan moved to appoint Mr. O’Neill as an associate member of the Energy & Climate Action Committee with a term ending 6/30/26. Ms. Reed seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 4-0-0.**

Safer Community Task Force – Mr. Mathison explained there is a vacancy on the committee for a representative of the school. The superintendent has chosen Matthew Kravitz.

Ms. Reed moved to approve the appointment of Matthew Kravitz as the school representative on the Safer Community Task Force with a term ending 12/30/23. Mr. Galligan seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 4-0-0.

Vote to approve final Budget Policy recommendations for FY2025. The Town Manager discussed the budgeting policies and review for the coming year. There is an effort to move forward with modernization and efficiency.

Mr. Mathison moved to accept the budget policy for F2025 as recommended. Ms. Reed seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 4-0-0.

Vote to approve new staff positions as voted at Special Town Meeting (Article 14). The Town Manager explained the staff vacancies and plans to fill them.

Ms. Reed moved to approve the new staff positions as voted at the Special Town Meeting (Article 14). Mr. Galligan seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 4-0-0.

Vote to sign response letter to Mass DEP regarding Watershed Permit Regulations. Mr. Galligan provided some background to the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan, related meetings, and the resulting letter to the DEP.

Mr. Mathison moved the Chair sign the letter to the Mass DEP on behalf of the Select Board. Ms. Reed seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 4-0-0.

Liaison reports and member updates

The Director of Finance will be retiring in December and the Select Board expressed their appreciation for her contributions.

The Energy & Climate Action Committee did a lot of outreach for the Town Meeting and will debrief on the efforts soon.

Conservation Committee is addressing the mindset to regulations in the community.

Open Space is discussing the perceptions around open space and its uses.

The Economic Development Committee is applying a very disciplined approach to assessing needs and available expertise before making plans.

Water & Sewer is addressing increases in flow for some properties.

Shellfish & Waterways met Tuesday and reorganized.

The Affordable Housing Trust is having robust conversations about rental assistance programs and an upcoming CPC grant application. Pennrose is progressing. 107 Main Street is switching to modular design.

A postmortem for the Town Meeting is scheduled for November 1 with the Select Board.

The Cultural Council is working on some art at Town Hall reflecting the town through the eyes of local artists.

The Governor has announced a significant release of funding for affordable housing with a new bill.

Items for future agendas.

Ms. Reed would like to investigate connecting committees with each other for discussions well in advance of the warrant for the next Town Meeting.

November 8 there will be a Wastewater Management Plan outreach meeting seeking public feedback.

The Town Manager would like to be advised of possible warrants as soon as they are being considered. Committees may need some guidance about this.

Citizen's petitions were also briefly discussed.  
Succession planning and training for committees was briefly discussed.  
A new Recreation Director is due to start in November.

Adjourn.

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:27pm.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Fountain*