



Town of West Newbury Board of Selectmen

Monday, September 11, 2017 6:00pm
381 Main Street, Town Office Building
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Minutes

Chairman Archibald called the meeting to order at 6:06pm. In attendance were Selectmen David W. Archibald, Glenn A. Kemper and Joseph H. Anderson, Jr.; Town Counsel Michael McCarron, Interim Finance Director Andrew Gould and Executive Administrator Mary Winglass.

Redraft of Town Manager Legislation S2067 from Senate Counsel's Office

The Board received via email on Thursday, September 7, 2017 edits to the Town Manager Special Legislation S.2067 from the Senate Counsel's office.

The Board briefly discussed the edits with Town Counsel McCarron with no objections to the edits.

Selectman Anderson moved to approve the edits as recommended by the Senate Counsel's office to the Town Manager Legislation S2067 received on September 7, 2017. Second by Selectman Kemper with a unanimous vote.

The Board requested for a letter with the revised legislation to go to Senator Tarr and Representative Mirra's office via overnight mail tomorrow.

Cont. discussion of the Carr Post/Drakes Landing parking

The Selectmen received a request from Cottage Advisors, LLC asking for direction from the Board of Selectmen on the Carr Post parking. The Board of Selectmen met with the Planning Board, DPW and Cottage Advisors on September 5th which resulted in no decision.

The Selectmen agreed that the second plan presented by the Planning Board to have 12 parking spots alongside Drakes Landing roadway is unsafe which has been confirmed by DPW, Police and the Fire Department. The original plan had 12 parking spots behind the Carr Post and the Board is willing to compromise with 8 parking spots behind the Carr Post with an easement on both sides of the parking area. The easements will create 4 additional parking spots, 2 on each side for future use.

Selectman Anderson stated that he is ready to approve an amendment to the Selectmen's previous vote of 12 parking spots to 8 with an easement for an additional 4 parking spots, 2 on each side of the parking area with the additionally prescribed wording for approving the curb cut as voted and approved on July 10, 2017.

Chip Hall of Cottage Advisors inquired if this would grant him permission to move forward with the improvements; the Board responded in the affirmative.

Resident John McGrath spoke on future use of the building, street side parking is unsafe, unsightly and poor planning, and encouraged the Board to approve at least 12 parking spots at a minimum.

Robert Janes, member of the Historical Committee and the Carr Post Committee added that to date there is no decision on the use of the property, possibly a military museum. As it stands, the second floor can be used for storage only and does not foresee having large events at this property.

Chairman Archibald moved to approve the original plan as amended for (8) parking spots with an easement for four additional on the westerly side. Second by Kemper with a unanimous vote.

Selectman Anderson moved to adjourn at 6:36pm with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Winglass, Executive Administrator