

Carlisle Select Board
Tuesday, May 25, 2021
Remote participation
Zoom Meeting ID: 860 6954 3043

The Carlisle Select Board met on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. by remote participation via Zoom Meeting ID: 891 6137 8265. Present were Chair Alan Lewis, Barney Arnold, Kate Reid, and David Model.

Absent was Luke Ascolillo.

*This meeting was live streamed and recorded <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gwvzvs59zwk>
In accordance with Massachusetts Open Meeting Law Remote Participation 940 CMR 29.10 all votes shall be by roll call.

Public Input: There were no requests.

LEPC update – Changes to Town Hall hours

The Select Board met with Police Chief John Fisher on behalf of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), to consider updates to the town's COVID-19 and to discuss proposed changes to the Town Hall hours. The LEPC recommends that the Select Board adopt the latest state and CDC guidelines for lifting COVID restrictions beginning May 29. Town Hall would adopt a normal summer schedule with no appointments required. Masks will continue to be required for visitors or employees who are not vaccinated. Groups planning events after May 29 do not need to file safety plans with the Board of Health.

TOWN HALL HOURS OF OPERATION
Summer Schedule starting June 1st
Mondays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays (9 AM – 3 PM)
Tuesdays (9 AM – 6 PM)
Fridays (9 AM – 1 PM)

On the motion made by Kate Reid and seconded by Barney Arnold, it was unanimously **VOTED** to accept the LEPC recommendation. ROLL CALL VOTE: B. Arnold-Aye, A. Lewis-Ayer, D. Model-Aye and K. Reid- Aye

The State has approved the community vaccination application (Carlisle joined seven other communities in applying for permission to hold a community vaccination site). The State's initial vaccine distribution focused on large-scale clinics and hospital settings. The group has opted not to activate the site at the moment and will keep the application active should circumstances change.

Old Home Day update – Niles Cocanour

SB approved 6/21/21
Prepared by J. Gibbons

The Select Board met with Old Home Day (OHD) Committee chair Niles Cocanour. This year, the Old Home Day celebration committee has decided hold the celebration in two parts. The first will take place on Saturday, June 26th and second will be held on Saturday, September 25th. The committee has met with the Local Emergency Planning Committee and the Board of Health (BOH) to discuss COVID restrictions and social distancing protocols.

The Old Home Day Celebration events include:

Saturday, Jun 26th

Road Race
Country Fair
Kids' games on Spalding Field
Cake decorating and pie baking contests.
Pancake Breakfast at Congregational Church

Saturday, Sept 25th

Arts and crafts show
Great parade
Firefighters' BBQ

Deer Management study presentation – Sara Cavallo, BU Dept. of Earth & Environment

The Select Board met with Sara Cavallo from Boston University Department of Earth and Environment to see if the Town of Carlisle is interested in teaming up on a program called Managing Suburban Wilds, a project that will explore the social and environmental dynamics of wildlife in suburban and urban spaces. The goal for the team is to provide information to residents and officials about the impact of deer in town as well as evaluation of options for management.

The project is funded by the National Science Foundation and led by researchers at Boston University (BU), Texas A&M University, Colorado State University and University of Wisconsin-Madison (UW) and will gather information from case studies in 11 towns over a three-year period to better understand deer populations and the factors affecting their numbers in Carlisle and across the Northeast.

The research activity falls into three categories:

1. Deer population monitoring
2. Environmental impacts
3. Human dimensions.

Sites to be studied will be selected based on forest cover and land use, among other criteria. Cameras will be installed (with owner approval) in various locations around town to monitor deer activity. The group will also monitor five 50-foot-by-50-foot agricultural plots to see how vegetation is affected by the deer population.

The study will be conducted primarily on town-owned land. Private landowners may be contacted to see if they would like to participate.

Carlisle Energy Task Force – Update re: EV Charging stations at CPS

The Select Board met with Bob Zogg from the Energy Task Force to request assistance in addressing Eversource delays in the completion of two projects that will lower Carlisle's greenhouse gas emissions and generate revenue for the Town:

1. A solar canopy installation sited over the Carlisle Public Schools' parking lot.
2. Installation of three electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, also at the school parking lot.

Voters approved the solar project at Carlisle's Annual Town Meeting in April 2019. After the competitive selection of a qualified installer (Ameresco, Inc.), construction of the solar canopy began in May 2020 and was mechanically complete in September 2020. Eversource, our electric utility has not connected the canopy to the grid. Over these nine months, Carlisle has lost about \$25,000 in payments, and the state has lost close to 600,000 kWh in renewable generation. Those losses continue to mount.

Eversource has also caused significant delays in the installation of Carlisle's EV charging stations. It took Eversource 18 months to approve this project under its EV Make Ready program, and they have yet to bring power to the charging-station site. Eversource caused significant complications and delays by changing their interconnection plans for the stations twice.

Both of these projects were initiated as significant ways in which Carlisle, a small rural community of approximately five-thousand residents, could contribute to the state's critical efforts to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and transition to a renewable energy economy while also generating revenue for the Town.

The Select Board agreed to send a letter to the appropriate agencies to accelerate the completion of these two projects.

2021 Open Space and Recreation Plan:

The Select Board met with OSRP chairman David Freedman.

The Open Space & Recreation Plan Committee has completed the Town of Carlisle's 2020/2021 Open Space and Recreation Plan (OS&RP). It has been approved through March 2028 by the state Division of Conservation Services. The OS&RP Plan is available online at the town's website for viewing.

The final step in the process is to receive formal letters of approval from the Select Board, Planning Board, ConsCom and RecCom.

On the motion made by Kate Reid and seconded by Barney Arnold, it was unanimously VOTED to approve the Year 2021 update of the Carlisle Open Space and Recreation Plan and to provide a letter of support.

Condition of Curve Street Dam:

The Select Board met with Conservation Administrator Sylvia Willard and Conservation Commission and ConsCom member Ken Belitz to present the conditions report on the Curve Street dam following a visual inspection by the Massachusetts Office of Dam Safety.

The dam connects to the water channels at the Cranberry Bog Conservation Land. The dam remains in fair condition with significant operational and maintenance deficiencies and no structural deficiencies.

The new report outlines some recommendations for work that should be done to maintain the area around a dam, including repairing the toe of the upstream slope where undercutting has occurred, removing overgrown vegetation and trees within 20 feet, and repairing flume conduits and risers to prevent additional washout of soil from upstream. The Conservation Commission recommends that the town repair the upstream slope since it affects the integrity of Curve Street regardless of whether the dam remains in use as a dam.

Estimated cost to repair the dam \$300–400K
Decommissioning dam \$10–20K

The Cranberry Bog Working Group (CBWG) would like to find a way to preserve the open space of the Bog. If left unpreserved, the land will return to forest. CBWG should have a plan/recommendation Within the next few months.

No action was requested of the Select Board tonight.

2021 Annual Town Meeting Preparations

Annual Town Meeting will occur this year on Sunday, June 6th, 2021 at 1PM at the Carlisle Public Schools. The location has shifted to underneath the solar canopies in the upper portion of the school parking lot.

Vote to support/assign ATM Warrant Articles:

ART. 1 - Consent Agenda

On the motion made by Kate Reid and seconded by Barney Arnold, it was unanimously **VOTED** to support Warrant Articles 2 - 9 on the Consent Agenda. ROLL CALL VOTE: B. Arnold-Aye, A. Lewis-Ayer, D. Model-Aye and K. Reid- Aye (Member assigned: Alan Lewis)

ART. 10- Town Clerk Salary Adjustment

On the motion made by Kate Reid and seconded by Barney Arnold, it was unanimously **VOTED** to support Warrant Article 10- Town Clerk Salary Adjustment. ROLL CALL VOTE: B. Arnold-Aye, A. Lewis-Ayer, D. Model-Aye and K. Reid- Aye (Member assigned: Alan Lewis)

ART. 11 - Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Transfers

Postponed - The Select Board will meet prior to Town Meeting to vote on Article 11

ART. 12 - FY2022 Operating Budget

On the motion made by Kate Reid and seconded by Barney Arnold, it was unanimously **VOTED** to support Warrant Article 12 - FY2022 Operating Budget. ROLL CALL VOTE: B. Arnold-Aye, A. Lewis-Ayer, D. Model-Aye and K. Reid- Aye (Member assigned: Jim Darr, FinCom)

ART. 13 - Special Appropriations

On the motion made by Kate Reid and seconded by Barney Arnold, it was unanimously **VOTED** to support Warrant Article 13 - Special Appropriations. ROLL CALL VOTE: B. Arnold-Aye, A. Lewis-Aye, D. Model-Aye and K. Reid- Aye (Member assigned: Alan Lewis)

ART. 14 - Capital Equipment

On the motion made by Kate Reid and seconded by Barney Arnold, it was unanimously **VOTED** to support Warrant Article 14 - Capital Equipment. ROLL CALL VOTE: B. Arnold-Aye, A. Lewis-Aye, D. Model-Aye and K. Reid- Aye (Member assigned: Scott Triola, FinCom)

ART. 15 - Municipal Facilities

On the motion made by Kate Reid and seconded by Barney Arnold, it was unanimously **VOTED** to support Warrant Article 15 - Municipal Facilities. ROLL CALL VOTE: B. Arnold-Aye, A. Lewis-Aye, D. Model-Aye and K. Reid- Aye (Member assigned: Jerry Lerman, MFC)

ART. 16 - CPA Annual Recommendations

Postponed - The Select Board will meet prior to Town Meeting to vote on Article 16, Annual CPA Recommendations. (Member assigned: Luke Ascolillo)

ART. 17 – Establish A New Committee –Town Governance Task Force

On the motion made by Kate Reid and seconded by Barney Arnold, it was unanimously **VOTED** to support Warrant Article 17 – Establish A New Committee –Town Governance Task Force. ROLL CALL VOTE: B. Arnold-Aye, A. Lewis-Aye, D. Model-Aye and K. Reid- Aye (Member assigned: Kate Reid)

ART. 18- Amend Zoning Bylaws – Selectmen to Select Board

On the motion made by Kate Reid and seconded by Barney Arnold, it was unanimously **VOTED** to support Warrant Article. ROLL CALL VOTE: B. Arnold-Aye, A. Lewis-Aye, D. Model-Aye and K. Reid-Aye (Member assigned: Madeleine Blake)

ART. 19- Amend General Bylaws – Personnel Bylaw

On the motion made by Kate Reid and seconded by Barney Arnold, it was unanimously **VOTED** to support Warrant Article 19- Amend General Bylaws – Personnel Bylaw. ROLL CALL VOTE: B. Arnold-

Aye, A. Lewis-Aye, D. Model-Aye and K. Reid- Aye (Member assigned: Kate Reid)

ART. 20 –Amend Zoning Bylaws – Adult Use Marijuana

On the motion made by Kate Reid and seconded by Barney Arnold, it was unanimously **VOTED** to support Warrant Article 20 –Amend Zoning Bylaws – Adult Use Marijuana. ROLL CALL VOTE: B. Arnold-Aye, A. Lewis-Aye, D. Model-Aye and K. Reid- Aye. (Member assigned: Madeleine Blake)

ART. 21 –Amend General Bylaws – Affordable Housing Trust

On the motion made by Kate Reid and seconded by Barney Arnold, it was unanimously **VOTED** to support Warrant Article 21 –Amend General Bylaws – Affordable Housing Trust. ROLL CALL VOTE: B. Arnold-Aye, A. Lewis-Aye, D. Model-Aye and K. Reid- Aye (Member assigned: Kate Reid)

ART. 22 – Funding for Public Safety Architectural Programming Study

On the motion made by Kate Reid and seconded by Barney Arnold, it was unanimously **VOTED** to support Warrant Article 22 – Funding for Public Safety Architectural Programming Study. ROLL CALL VOTE: B. Arnold-Aye, A. Lewis-Aye, D. Model-Aye and K. Reid- Aye (Member assigned: Alan Lewis)

ART. 23- FY22 Salary/Wage Table

On the motion made by Kate Reid and seconded by Barney Arnold, it was unanimously **VOTED** to support Warrant Article 23- FY22 Salary/Wage Table. ROLL CALL VOTE: B. Arnold-Aye, A. Lewis-Aye, D. Model-Aye and K. Reid- Aye

ART. 24- Town Share of Employee Medical Insurance Premiums

On the motion made by Kate Reid and seconded by Barney Arnold, it was unanimously **VOTED** to support Warrant Article 24- Town Share of Employee Medical Insurance Premiums. ROLL CALL VOTE: B. Arnold-Aye, A. Lewis-Aye, D. Model-Aye and K. Reid- Aye

Town Administrator's Report

1. Cemetery Deeds

Deed 750

On the motion made by Kate Reid and seconded by Barney Arnold, it was unanimously **VOTED** to transfer land in the public burial ground to Parkman Howe. (129 Russell Street) at Green Cemetery Lot D368, Graves 1 and 2. ROLL CALL VOTE: B. Arnold-Aye, A. Lewis-Ayer, D. Model-Aye and K. Reid- Aye

Deeds 751- 754

On the motion made by Kate Reid and seconded by Barney Arnold, it was unanimously **VOTED** transfer land in the public burial ground to and Melinda Lindquist (83 Acton Street) at Green Cemetery Lot

D183 (Graves 1 and 2), Lot D184 (Graves 1 and 2), Lot 185 (Graves 1 and 2) and Lot 186 (Graves 1 and 2). ROLL CALL VOTE: B. Arnold-Aye, A. Lewis-Ayer, D. Model-Aye and K. Reid- Aye

2. MS Bike Ride – September 18th

The New England Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society has requested permission to use Carlisle streets for the annual fundraising bike ride on September 18, 2021.

On the motion made by Kate Reid and seconded by Barney Arnold, it was unanimously **VOTED** to approve the request from New England Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society for use of Carlisle streets on September 18, 2021. ROLL CALL VOTE: B. Arnold-Aye, A. Lewis-Ayer, D. Model-Aye and K. Reid- Aye

3. Fidelity Charitable Restricted Grant

This grant is made by Fidelity Charitable for building of a storage shed for the Police Department. Any excess funds to be used at the discretion of the Chief Fisher for the Police Department.

On the motion made by David Model and seconded by Katherine Reid, it was unanimously **VOTED** to accept the gift donation of \$48,000.00 to the Carlisle Police Department. ROLL CALL VOTE: B. Arnold-Aye, A. Lewis-Ayer, D. Model-Aye and K. Reid- Aye

Public Safety Task Force

Alan Lewis confirmed that a notice was published in the Carlisle Mosquito on behalf of the Select Board seeking volunteers for the Public Safety Task Force. Lewis.

Approval of Minutes/Warrants

There were no minutes for approval.

The following three town expense & payroll warrants were reviewed and approved by Barney Arnold on 05/11/21:

- Payroll (Town & School) Warrant #7221 (\$761,502.11)
- Town Expense Warrant #7321 (\$659,120.34)
- School Expense Warrant #7421 (\$163,252.94)

Meeting adjourned.

List of documents reviewed at meeting:

- 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant prepared by Town Administrator and reviewed by Town Counsel.