



CAPE ELIZABETH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting # 12-02-03
Wednesday, March 12, 2003
7:30 p.m.

Present Absent

John E. "Jack" Roberts, Jr., Chr.	185 Fowler Road	X	767-4526	6/2005
Henry N. Berry III	110 Two Lights Road	X	799-6500	6/2003
Penelope P. Carson	36 Trundy Road	X	799-8029	6/2003
Carolyn M. Fritz	1 Stirrup Road	X	767-3737	6/2003
Mary Ann Lynch	2 Olde Colony Lane	X	767-5788	6/2004
John W. McGinty	86 Brentwood Road	X	767-0139	6/2004
Anne E. Swift-Kayatta	14 Stone Bridge Road	X	767-5754	6/2005

Student Representatives

Rhiannon Gill	X
Alex Weaver	X

Michael K. McGovern, Town Manager	X
Debra M. Lane, Town Clerk	X

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call by the Town Clerk

Presentation: Cape Elizabeth Concert Jazz Ensemble

On behalf of the Town Council, Chairman Roberts presented members of the Cape Elizabeth High School Concert Jazz Ensemble with a Town Council Proclamation recognizing the Ensemble's top honors at the recent High School Jazz Festival at the Berklee School of Music.

Reports and Correspondence

Councilor Berry recently attended an Executive Committee meeting of GPCOG. Councilor Berry will continue to report on the meetings of the Executive Committee.

Councilor Carson thanked residents for the calls and emails regarding the proposed school project and proposal for entrance fees to Fort Williams Park.

Chairman Roberts reported on his attendance at the following events and meetings:

- Chamber of Commerce Town/City Councilor Annual Dinner 3/6
- One Maine Event 2/28
- Tour of School Facilities re: proposed school projects
- TRIAD

Town Manager's Report

Manager McGovern dispensed with his report due to the anticipated length of the public hearing on the school projects.

Town Clerk Lane reported that nomination papers for town council and school board are due by 5:00PM on Monday, March 24, 2003. Interest residents should contact Debra Lane. There are three seats available for town council and three seats available for school board.

Student Representative Rhiannon Gill gave an update on activities and events at the Cape Elizabeth High School.

Citizens' Discussion of Items not on the Agenda NONE

Minutes of Meetings # 11-02-03 held February 10, 2003

Moved by P. Carson and Seconded by H. Berry

Ordered the Cape Elizabeth Town Council approves the minutes of Meeting #11-02/03 held February 10, 2003 as written.

(7 yes) (0 no)

Item # 92-02-03

Public Hearing- Report from School Board School Facilities

Intro – Superintendent Tom Forcella

School Board Chairman Marie Prager – Chairman Prager presented the Town Council with revised enrollment figures. See memo, in the Town Clerk's records, to Town Council from Marie Prager dated March 12, 2003 Re: School Enrollment Projections.

Chairman Roberts opened the public hearing at 8:27PM.

Elaine Moloney, 19 Stonegate Road School Board Member

Mrs. Moloney thanked Marie Prager, Tom Forcella and the School Building Committee for their efforts. Mrs. Moloney asked for Town Council support for both projects (kindergarten project and high school renovations). This is a "two-part plan." The high school will need to be addressed "sooner than later."

Cindy Garfield, 10 Abaco Drive Supports Kindergarten Project

Barbara Schenkel, 32 Belfield Road

Mrs. Schenkel didn't express views for or against. She indicated the decision is for the Town Council, however she asked for fiscal restraint.

Gwyneth Maguire, 6 Olde Colony Lane

Mrs. Maguire “supports the needs of the entire school system,” beyond the projects. “Sacrifices have to be made, and I’m willing to pay higher taxes.” Is there a way to combine classes into current space?

Sue Pierce, 59 Hunts Point Road Supports Both Projects

Maria Wykykowski, Geldert Lane

What happened to the space vacated by Community Services?

Bill Gatchell, 10 Belfield Road

A building isn’t a reflection of the school system, it is the educators inside the buildings. Debate is encouraged. Look at financial implications. Encourage regional efforts. Look into the use of Hamlin School.

Judy Simonds, 18 Brentwood Road Opposes Kindergarten Project

Supports Hamlin School alternative. Encourages Town Council to table the issue until other alternatives are completely reviewed.

Ingrid Stressenger, 82 Fowler Road Supports Kindergarten Project

Frank Potenzo, 8 Ivie Road

Opposes Kindergarten Project

Put the project on hold. A revaluation is “looming.” Look at increased class size and Hamlin School.

Robert Chatfield, 22 Beacon Lane

The Town Council should make the decision, not send to referendum. “Parental involvement is the most important thing, no matter where the child is housed.”

Laura McGrath, 4 Heritage Court Supports Kindergarten Project

Christopher Lynch, 880 Shore Road Supports Both Projects

Peggy Hunter, 67 Columbus Road Supports Both Projects

Opposes use of Hamlin School.

Steven Lavallee, 57 Brentwood Road

Supports Kindergarten Project

The Town Council should make the decision, not send to referendum. A delay will add more in construction costs.

Kelly Hasson, Team Leader at Pond Cove Supports Kindergarten Project

Jennifer DeSena, 4 Ivie Road School Board Member

Mrs. DeSena wanted to clarify information regarding the number of Cape Elizabeth households that have children in the school system. “48% of the households have K-12 child or the parent of a K-12 child.”

Jeff Shedd, 6 Linwood Street Principal Cape Elizabeth High School
Mr. Shedd supports both projects. Encourages an expeditious decision.

Mary Delano, 21 Ivie Road Supports Kindergarten Project
The timing is now. School projects are coming in under budget. Better value at this time for construction dollars.

Diane Nicholson, 243 Mitchell Road Supports Kindergarten Project
Mrs. Nicholson presented a petition to the Town Council signed by 66 residents supporting the kindergarten addition. See petition in Town Clerk's records.

Susan Steinman, 10 Woodcrest Road School Board Member Supports Both Projects

Peter Eastman, 24 Woodland Road
Although a building doesn't make education, teachers need a structure.

Andrew Steinberg, 60 Cross Hill Road Supports Kindergarten Project

Byron Castro, 29 Valley Road Supports Kindergarten Project
Space will always be needed, "we will never have enough room." This issue is more than a kindergarten issue.

Betsy Moir, 2 Webster Farm Road Supports Kindergarten Project

Terry Ann Sriven, 1 Granite Ridge Road Supports Kindergarten Project

Tim Thompson, 6 Pine Ridge Road Supports Both Projects

After hearing no further comments, the public hearing was closed at 9:45PM.

Moved by A. Swift-Kayatta and Seconded by H. Berry

Ordered the Cape Elizabeth Town Council defers a final decision on the kindergarten addition until the July 14, 2003 Town Council meeting.

(7 yes) (0 no)

Item # 93-02-03

Receipt of the Municipal and Special Funds Budgets

Moved by H. Berry and Seconded by M. Lynch

Ordered the Cape Elizabeth Town Council acknowledges receipt of the Town Manager's proposed budget for fiscal year 2004 and refers the municipal and special funds budget to the Finance Committee.

(7 yes) (0 no)

Item # 94-02-03 Annual Dog Warrant

Intro – Debra Lane, Town Clerk

Moved by J. McGinty and Seconded by A. Swift-Kayatta

Ordered the Cape Elizabeth Town Council approves the 2003 Municipal Warrant for Prosecuting Unlicensed Dog Owners-Keepers as presented.
(6 yes) (1 no J. Roberts)

Item # 95-02-03 Mountain View Park Sewer Improvements

Present – Robert Malley, Director of Public Works

Moved by M. Lynch and Seconded by J. McGinty

Ordered the Cape Elizabeth Town Council approves the award of a bid for sewer improvements on Island View Road and Mountain View Road. Said bid shall be awarded at the discretion of the purchasing agent.
(7 yes) (0 no)

Citizens' Discussion of Items Not on the Agenda NONE

Manager McGovern announced that this is the last meeting for Debra Lane as Town Clerk. Debra will be assuming the duties of Assistant Town Manager effective April 7, 2003. Debra was applauded for her efforts as Town Clerk for the past 17 years.

Item # 96-02-03 Hardship Abatement

Moved by H. Berry and Seconded by A. Swift-Kayatta

Ordered the Cape Elizabeth Town Council enters executive session at 10:55PM to review a request for a hardship abatement of property taxes.
(7 yes) (0 no)

Moved by J. McGinty and Seconded by H. Berry

Ordered the Cape Elizabeth Town Council exits executive session and reenters public session at 11:27PM.
(7 yes) (0 no)

Moved by A. Swift-Kayatta and Seconded by J. McGinty

Ordered the Cape Elizabeth Town Council denies the request for a hardship abatement of property taxes.
(7 yes) (0 no)

Adjournment

Moved by M. Lynch and Seconded by H. Berry

Ordered the Cape Elizabeth Town Council adjourns at 11:28PM.

(7 yes) (0 no)

Debra M. Lane, CMC
Town Clerk

Next Meetings:

Fort Williams Park Fees Workshop
Public Forum on Budget Issues
Finance Committee Budget Workshops
Next Regular Town Council Meeting
Public Hearing on Proposed Budget

Thursday, March 13, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.
Monday, March 31, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.
April, 2, 7, 17, 28 and 30 at 7:30 p.m.
Monday, April 14, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.
Monday, May 12, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.