

**Carver Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Joint Appointment for new member to:
Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical Committee
(OCRVT)**

with School Committee and Moderator

Town Hall 2nd Floor

Meeting Room #1

October 12, 2017 @ 7:00 pm

Moderator: Chairman Robert Bentley

Board of Selectmen in attendance: Sarah Hewins and Helen Marrone.

Absent: Dave Robertson

School Committee in attendance: Andrew Cardarelli, Stephanie Clougherty and Andrew Soliwoda

The Chair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bentley introduced the appointing committee members:

Applicants interviewed: Timothy Blanchard and Joanne Puskar.

Blanchard – Is a 2006 graduate of OCRVT and is currently working on his Masters in Energy Services. In addition he is an on-call firefighter since 2009, EMT since 2015 and full-time medic. Organizations: Youth Program and Civil Air Patrol. He attended OCRVT school and had a great experience that afforded him with many options such as Student Council, Peer Advisor, Nominee for Walter J. Marula, Vocational Leadership award. Wants to be a part of team and committee and to contribute to the opportunities and experiences they offer.

Cardarelli – Asked would you vote allow a member town to fully participate in the cost regarding future construction?

Blanchard - If you're a vested member it should be all in for the town?

Cardarelli – How will you prioritize parents concerns into consideration?

Blanchard – You want the child to succeed and take responsibility for what they do. Decisions should be based on facts not emotions.

Marrone – If you weren't chosen, would you serve on another committee?

Blanchard – His passion is to serve on OCRVT and would if it suited his interests.

Marrone – How would you advocate for Carver students?

Blanchard – Always felt he had the support of the Town and the funds reflect the infrastructure and staff and transportation. He also feels it's important to relate to the students and feels he could do that.

Hewins – If not selected, interested in serving in another committee capacity?

Blanchard – It would have to be a committee he is passionate about.

Hewins – What is your extent with big budgets?

Blanchard – Currently working under a budget with a job in his capacity. Is part in drafting the budget.

Soliwoda – Asked about submitting more background information

Blanchard – It wasn't requested.

Soliwoda – Stated he respects Blanchard for stepping forward and doesn't want him to be deterred if he doesn't get chosen.

Clougherty – How did you find out about opening?

Blanchard – It was posted on the OCRVT website. He felt that he could commit the time.

Puskar- Has a son currently attending OCRVT and has graduated from a vocational school. (see application for listing of committees served on) Interest as a parent brought her to apply for this position.

Marrone – Why interested now?

Puskar – Feels she has the skill and has the availability. Regardless of the outcome she will continue to participate in town sponsored activities.

Marrone – Have you had good experiences at OCRVT?

Puskar – Yes, excellent experience. Her son has made a tremendous positive change since entering the school.

Marrone – How would you best represent the Carver student?

Puskar – Would like to make sure all students are treated equally and respectfully.

Hewins – Regardless of the outcome would she be willing to serve on another committee?

Puskar – Yes, this is the area of interest, but would be willing to assist and would apply it in the future.

Hewins – Any experience with budgets?

Puskar – Full time role with budgetary restrictions and had to establish the team to the Budget. Also does project management which always has a budget attached to it.

Soliwoda – Is there anything that is on your agenda that you would attack right away?

Puskar – Not sure how to answer that. Would support the teachers, growth opportunity, & would like to see 8th graders have the opportunity to attend.

Cardarelli – Should Towns participation share full-cost of construction?

Puskar – Feels that yes they should and can't compare what district pays per student vs. what the Town of Freetown pays per student.

RECESS: 7:45pm – 7:48pm

Discussion on candidates: Members discussed how they viewed candidates.

Motion to appoint Joanne Puskar by Clougherty, 2nd by Marrone

VOTE: 6 – 0

Motion to adjourn by Cardarelli, 2nd by Hewins

VOTE: 6 – 0