

## MARSHFIELD PLANNING BOARD

### Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2019 7:00 PM

Hearing Room 2- Town Hall

PRESENT: Mike Baird, Chair  
Mike Biviano, Vice Chair  
Fred Monaco  
Katie O'Donnell  
Nik Pappastratis  
Peg Davis, Associate Member

ALSO PRESENT: Greg Guimond, Town Planner  
Kay Ramsey, Executive Assistant

Mr. Baird moved to go out of Executive Session and to go into Open Session. Mr. Biviano seconded and the vote was: Ms. O'Donnell, Aye; Mr. Biviano, Aye; Mr. Monaco, Aye; Mr. Baird, Aye.

Mr. Baird opened the meeting.

### DISCUSSION: THE OCEAN BLUFF PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

Mr. Mike Fay explained who the group is and what they are hoping to accomplish. They submitted a power point presentation and went through the slides. The neighborhood they are talking about is from about a 1000' radius of 512 Ocean Street to 432 Ocean Street. Mr. Fay said that although DPW has done their best and has made many repairs, the entire design and rebuild of the revetment is necessary. He said the infrastructure along Ocean Street and Foster Ave is significant including all the utilities, a church, post office and fire station. They would like to have the entire revetment from 26 Foster Ave to 432 Ocean Street repaired or replaced but need help with funding such as help with obtaining grants and funding from state, federal and towns. He said 5,000 vehicles each way travel Ocean Street. Mr. Baird asked if they had talked with DPW and the Board of Selectmen. They have. Mr. Fay noted that the Beach Nourishment Plan did not include Ocean Bluff beaches and he felt it should be included with the rest of the beaches but Mr. Guimond said it's not a public beach. It does not have public access and there are no life guards. Mr. Fay said CZM said it was public but not carte blanche."

Mr. Fay said that sand nourishment is needed for the beaches. Mr. Biviano asked if there are seawalls but there aren't any seawalls in that stretch. Mr. Fay said there are jetties but they helped cause the erosion and one of them is angled wrong. Mr. Biviano asked if you can move the boulders and reposition them but that would take a crane and a crane cannot easily access the area where the work needs to be done. It could only access the beach for about four-hours per

day even if it could get access due to the tides, not to mention the weather. Excavators can't handle the large boulders that would be required. Mr. Biviano said he thinks you're not allowed to cement the boulders now and said there are certain laws that would need to be looked up.

Mr. Guimond said before beach nourishment can be done, easements from every single property owner would have to be obtained. A grant for beach nourishment is not easy to get and could take a minimum of 5 years. Mr. Guimond said that CZM requires certain things to be done first including town-wide nourishment, mix of material and length of structure. The Town has already looked at using WADS. Mr. Fay said they will try to get the revetment repaired. He said the rocks should be pointed (sharp) and much larger. Mr. Fay said that Ocean Bluff has had the highest structural damage, meaning seawalls and revetment. Mr. Biviano asked if homeowners were allowed to do the work on their own. Mr. Fay said some homeowners have spent thousands trying to promote their homes. He said they would like to have Mr. Guimond help them in trying to get a grant. Ms. O'Donnell said that's a problem because everyone comes to him and he can only do so many things in a work week.

Ms. Donna Martin of Shawmut Ave said the DPW came and did some much needed work but couldn't finish due to lack of funding. She also is hoping of grants.

Mr. Fay said in going to the different departments there seemed to be a lot of contradiction including; He said the Town Administrator said that the Town Administrator would not do debt exclusions but the Selectmen said it would be possible. He was told that the Town cannot do sand replenishment from various sources but the Harbormaster and CZM say it's possible etc. Mr. Biviano said one thing is certain, the Planning Board doesn't handle any money so couldn't help with funding.

MINUTES: Mr. Biviano moved to approve the minutes of 2/25 and both the Executive Session and open session minutes of 3/11/19. Mr. Pappastratis seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Biviano moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm. Mr. Monaco seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Ramsey, Executive Assistant  
Marshfield Planning Board