

MINUTES – SELECT BOARD MEETING

Monday, January 9, 2023

Select Board Hearing Room

Participants: James J. Kilcoyne; Lynne E. Fidler; Michael A. Maresco, Town Administrator

Excused: Stephen R. Darcy, Chair

James Kilcoyne moved, seconded by Lynne Fidler, to open the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The vote was 2:0. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kilcoyne – aye; Ms. Fidler – aye. Mr. Kilcoyne announced that the meeting is being recorded by Marshfield Community Media.

Town Administrator Report – Michael Maresco provided the Board with his brief as follows:

- Met with Chairman Darcy to review agenda items, budget and maintenance issues
- Meeting with employees who requested upgrades under contract language based on changes to their job description
- Site visit to 328 Ocean Street with Building Commissioner Andrew Stewart and concerned parties
- Hosted monthly Department Head meeting at the EOC
- Participated in weekly DPW construction meeting
- Met with Jim Kilcoyne to review areas of concern with ongoing Town matters
- Weekly meeting with Fred Russell for update on ongoing projects
- Met with Anne Marie Sinnott to sign off on tax rate for DLS/DOR
- Met with resident to discuss dissatisfaction with potential aquaculture business in Green Harbor area
- Participated in WATD interview regarding blood drive at the Fairgrounds
- Participated in EOC storm preparation meeting with Lt. Shaw
- Participated in MEMA phone call regarding storm
- Participated in meeting with Greg Guimond and Ray Joyal from Sowing Seeds regarding easement for signalization of School Street intersection
- Meeting with Mark MacDonald, Board of Health, to review an issue
- Meeting with Susan Caron to discuss some potential land purchases
- Participated in ZBA meeting regarding the dog park with Fred Russell
- Meeting with Beverly Wiedemann and Kate Burke to review insurance policies and issues of concern
- Phone call with Scott Dixon regarding BRVA and Select Board discussion regarding debt exclusion
- Press interview with Marshfield Community Media regarding FY24 Budget
- Meeting with Fred Monaco regarding the Marshfield Housing Partnership and their upcoming meeting
- Meeting with Fred Russell and representative from WB Mason regarding Select Board hearing room and bench
- Participated in weekly Police project construction meeting to review ongoing issues
- Participated in weekly DPW project construction meeting to review ongoing issues
- Meeting with Lisa Clark to assist in signing off on ARPA DPW project
- Meeting with Select Person Fidler to review some development issues
- Met with Lisa Clark and Danielle Kerrigan to review some ongoing personnel issues
- Met with Energy Consultant Matt Parent to discuss EV chargers needed around Town
- Met with Bill Hocking and Todd Goodwin to review clinic and extension of services
- Phone call with Lenny LaForest regarding extending the vaccination clinic at the Fairgrounds for another 4-8 weeks
- Meeting with Tom Reynolds to discuss Brant Rock project
- Meeting with Danielle Kerrigan to review DPW labor issue
- Attended Eagle Scout ceremony for Andrew Haley with Select Person Lynne Fidler
- Discussion with Greg Guimond regarding MBTA housing initiative
- Worked with Matt Parent on adding vehicle charging stations with State grant money
- Worked on plans for Bev Wiedemann's retirement party on January 26, 2023
- Met with Fred Russell on Ventress Library asbestos removal and carpet installation
- Working with Good Energy on best practices for aggregation roll out

Michael Maresco gave an update on the Vaccination Clinic and said that as of today, 3,804 covid vaccinations and 878 flu vaccinations have been administered at the clinic.

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Request for Permission to Accept Donation – Beach Commission – Kim Arouca from the Goodwill Hunters and Beach Supervisor Cindy Castro appeared before the Board to give some details on this donation. Ms. Arouca said that the donation of \$5000 is in memory of Anjuli and Drew Hunter, and will be used to put baby changing stations in the restrooms at the Rexhame Beach and Brant Rock comfort stations. Mr. Kilcoyne and Ms. Fidler thanked Ms. Arouca for the generous donation. James Kilcoyne moved, seconded by Lynne Fidler, to accept the donation of \$5000 from the Goodwill Hunters to the Marshfield Beach Department for the purchase of four baby changing stations, with the remainder of the funds to be used toward snow fencing and other supplies needed to help restore the dunes at Rexhame Beach. The vote was 2:0. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kilcoyne – aye; Ms. Fidler – aye.

Debt Exclusion for Brant Rock Esplanade Improvements – DPW Superintendent Tom Reynolds appeared before the Board and gave some details on this project. Mr. Reynolds said that they original planned to do this project in 3-4 phases, but decided that going out to bid for the whole project at one time would be more cost effective. Mr. Reynolds said that the total cost is \$3.7 million, but the Town would receive some reimbursement from the State through the Complete Streets Grant. Mr. Reynolds said that these improvements would improve parking and put sidewalks on the east side of the esplanade and improve traffic and pedestrian safety with a bull nose roundabout. Tom Reynolds noted that drainage is still a major issue in that area, but it would cost \$20-30 million to mitigate. Lynne Fidler asked if the drainage issue would impact this project. Tom Reynolds said that the current drainage system is adequate except when there is high tide during a storm. Lynne Fidler asked if there is any plan for pumping water back during a storm. Tom Reynolds said that they have looked into this, but it is cost prohibitive and there is nowhere for the water to go until the tide recedes. James Kilcoyne asked if it is fair to say that solving the drainage issues will take several years. Tom Reynolds said it will definitely take time and money. James Kilcoyne asked if future development in this area would impact this project. Tom Reynolds said there are already sidewalks on the west side of the esplanade where the new development is proposed and added that these proposed improvements would be from the center of the esplanade east toward the ocean. Lynne Fidler said that she is concerned about taking a vote without seeing a plan. Tom Reynolds said he is sorry he doesn't have a plan for them but they are still in the process of designing it. Lynne Fidler asked if there are other options beside a debt exclusion to fund this project. James Kilcoyne said that a capital expenditure would not work for a \$3.7 million project, and noted that they could ask for a proposition 2½ override but that is permanent as opposed to debt exclusion which has a definite term. Michael Maresco said that a debt exclusion would be for the term of the note, which could be 10, 15, or 20 years. Lynne Fidler asked if the idea of a betterment could come into play. James Kilcoyne said that Duxbury does betterments for seawall repair, Marshfield has not historically done that but it could be looked at for this type of project. Mr. Kilcoyne read the proposed debt exclusion warrant article into the record. James Kilcoyne moved, seconded by Lynne Fidler, to approve this article as read. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kilcoyne – aye; Ms. Fidler – nay. The motion failed with a vote of 1:1.

Mr. Kilcoyne read the proposed debt exclusion Town Meeting motion into the record. James Kilcoyne moved, seconded by Lynne Fidler, to approve this motion as read. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kilcoyne – aye; Ms. Fidler – nay. The motion failed with a vote of 1:1.

Mr. Kilcoyne read the proposed debt exclusion ballot question into the record. James Kilcoyne moved, seconded by Lynne Fidler, to approve this ballot question as read. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kilcoyne – aye; Ms. Fidler – nay. The motion failed with a vote of 1:1.

Special Town Meeting Warrant – James Kilcoyne read into the record the public notice regarding the opening and closing of the warrant for the April 24, 2023 Special Town Meeting. James Kilcoyne moved, seconded by Lynne Fidler, to open the warrant for the special town meeting on Monday, February 13, 2023 and close it on February 24, 2023 at 12:30 p.m. The vote was 2:0. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kilcoyne – aye; Ms. Fidler – aye.

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Best Buddies Challenge – James Kilcoyne gave some details on this annual request. James Kilcoyne moved, seconded by Lynne Fidler, to approve the request for permission to route the 24th annual Best Buddies Challenge through the Town of Marshfield on June 3, 2023, pending approval by the Marshfield Police Department. The vote was 2:0. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kilcoyne – aye; Ms. Fidler – aye.

Cultural Council Request to Hold Outdoor Concerts – James Kilcoyne read through the request from the Cultural Council for permission to hold three outdoor concerts on Town property. Mr. Kilcoyne said the concerts would be scheduled for July 16, 2023 at Harbor Park and July 23 and July 30 on the Town Green, with a rain date of August 6, 2023. James Kilcoyne moved, seconded by Lynne Fidler, to approve the request from the Cultural Council to fund three concerts on Town property this summer and grant access to electric outlets and bathrooms for the concerts on the Town Green. The vote was 2:0. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kilcoyne – aye; Ms. Fidler – aye.

Eric Murphy, 252 Ocean Street, asked if he could speak about the previously voted debt exclusion article. Lynne Fidler said that she does not feel that this is timely since a vote was already taken. Eric Murphy asked if he could speak about the proposed concert at the Harbor Park. Mr. Kilcoyne said that he could.

Mr. Murphy spoke in opposition to holding this concert at 5PM, a high traffic time in this area, and said that he is concerned about pedestrian safety. Mr. Murphy provided the Board with photos of broken guard rails near the Harbor Park and said that those should be repaired before any events are held there. Tom Reynolds said that the DPW already has plans to make these repairs. Eric Murphy asked about vehicles and boat trailers parked overnight at the Harbor Park parking lot. Michael Maresco said that he will have the Police Chief and Harbormaster look into this. Mary Murphy, 252 Ocean Street, appeared remotely before the Board and expressed her concern about parking and asked if the Harbormaster has approved this request. Ned Bangs, Cultural Council, said that the Harbormaster supports this proposal. Mary Murphy asked if they considered having the concert at the chapel instead. Ned Bangs said they did not.

Marshfield Yacht Club Dredge Spoils – James Kilcoyne gave some details on this request from the Marshfield Yacht Club to move dredge spoils from Parsonage Street to the Dredge Spoil Area (DSA) on Joseph Driebeek Way. Tom Reynolds said that the dredging was done a couple of years ago and the spoils have been held at Parsonage Street for de-watering. Mr. Reynolds said that they need approval from the Select Board before they can be moved. Lynne Fidler said that they have received the soil reports and it supports this activity. Mary Murphy, 252 Ocean Street, appeared remotely before the Board and said it is great that testing was done but questioned who is tracking the amount of material that is going into the DSA. Ms. Murphy also questioned why a private entity is being allowed to dump dredge spoils on Town property and why Harbormaster DiMeo is allowed to do whatever he wants. Tom Reynolds said that this has nothing to do with the Harbormaster, this is an approved DSA and there is still plenty of room for spoils to be put there. Mary Murphy asked who is tracking the amount of material being dumped there so we know when we hit the cap. Tom Reynolds said that the DEP has permitted the site and there is enough capacity left for another 50 years' worth of spoils. Mary Murphy said the DEP said the DSA would be capped at 50,000 cubic yards. Tom Reynolds said that the DEP monitors the reports submitted by the DPW and we are not even close to the cap amount. Eric Murphy, 252 Ocean Street, said that in the 1980's there was a hotline for complaints about the smell at the DSA and asked if there would be a number for people to call now. James Kilcoyne said that they could call the DEP or the DPW with any concerns. James Kilcoyne moved, seconded by Lynne Fidler, to approve the request from the DPW to move dredge spoils from Parsonage Street to the DSA site on Joseph Driebeek Way. The vote was 2:0. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kilcoyne – aye; Ms. Fidler – aye.

Donation to Veterans Services – James Kilcoyne moved, seconded by Lynne Fidler, to accept a donation in the amount of \$500 from Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Spriggs to the Veterans Services Gift Account to be used to assist veterans and their families in time of need. The vote was 2:0. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kilcoyne – aye; Ms. Fidler – aye.

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Donation to Veterans Services – James Kilcoyne moved, seconded by Lynne Fidler, to accept a donation in the amount of \$100 from Mr. David Carriere to the Veterans Services Gift Account to be used to assist veterans and their families in time of need. The vote was 2:0. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kilcoyne – aye; Ms. Fidler – aye.

Request for Permission for Temporary Closure of Licensed Premise – Michael Maresco gave some details on this request. James Kilcoyne moved, seconded by Lynne Fidler, to approve the closure of the Fieldston Restaurant effective December 21, 2022 during the process of selling the business. The sale is expected to close on or before February 28, 2023. The vote was 2:0. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kilcoyne – aye; Ms. Fidler – aye.

State Ethics Commission Automated System – James Kilcoyne gave some details on this automated system that will eliminate the need to keep paper records of compliance and allows municipalities to track compliance for its users. James Kilcoyne moved, seconded by Lynne Fidler, to approve the Town Clerk’s request to have the Town of Marshfield participate in the Massachusetts State Ethics Commission Automated Ethics System. The vote was 2:0. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kilcoyne – aye; Ms. Fidler – aye.

Acceptance of Minutes – James Kilcoyne moved, seconded by Lynne Fidler, to accept the minutes of December 19, 2022 as written. The vote was 2:0. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kilcoyne – aye; Ms. Fidler – aye.

Mr. Kilcoyne moved, seconded by Ms. Fidler, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The vote was 2:0. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kilcoyne – aye; Ms. Fidler – aye. There was no executive session held.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Burke

The following documents and exhibits were presented at the meeting: letter from Kim Arouca regarding donation to Beach Department; copy of Special Town Meeting warrant notice; letter from Paul Curley requesting permission to route the Best Buddies Challenge through the Town of Marshfield and backup information; letter from Cultural Council requesting permission to hold summer concerts on Town property and photos of Harbor Park guard rail submitted by Eric Murphy; request from Tom Reynolds regarding disposal of dredge spoils at DSA, sediment sample report and other backup information; letter from Carin Paulette requesting permission to accept donation from Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Spriggs; letter from Carin Paulette requesting permission to accept donation from David Carriere; email from Jan Perrin regarding temporary closure of licensed premise; letter from Narice Casper request permission to enroll in the State Ethics Commission’s automated system; language for debt exclusion town meeting article and ballot question.