

MINUTES – SELECTMEN’S MEETING

Monday July 27, 2020

Remote Meeting

Participants: Michael G. Bradley, Chairman; Christopher R. Rohland; Stephen R. Darcy; Michael A. Maresco, Town Administrator

Mr. Rohland moved, seconded by Mr. Darcy, to open the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy – aye. Mr. Rohland announced that the meeting is being recorded.

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

Week of July 13, 2020:

- Zoom meeting with Labor Counsel Attorney Caitlin Morey and Danielle Kerrigan.
- Met with Steve Rusteika, Patrick Dello Russo and David Carriere on condition of accounts for new DPW facility project
- Attended COVID-19 Task Force Meeting
- Met with Patrick Dello Russo on close out of accounts for FY20 and DPW Indirects
- Met with Patrick Dello Russo regarding next round of borrowing for capital projects
- Met with Patrick Dello Russo and Danielle Kerrigan regarding Bylaw employee pay scale
- Met with Roderick family on zoning issues for Fall Town Meeting
- Conference Call with Lt. Governor Polito on COVID-19 issues related to sports, travel, restaurants etc.
- Met with Fred Russell and Patrick Dello Russo regarding facility issues for the summer
- Zoom meeting with Senior Center project architect and project manager regarding conservation issues and kitchen/coffee shop design.
- Discussion with Patrick Dello Russo, Tom Miller and Jeff Granatino regarding school reopening and possibility of the Town paying to have wifi at MHS, Governor Winslow School and Library parking lots to assist families who do not have access at home.
- Met with Kastle Boos and PMA regarding Police Station project
- Met with Ned Bangs on Rail Trail issues
- Weekly meeting with Collins Construction regarding elevator project

Week of July 20, 2020:

- Statewide Zoom meeting with Mass Office of Disabilities regarding technical advice, remote work information, grants, education, training, food distribution/sheltering, and accessibility issues.
- Met with Matt Parent and Eversource regarding Police Station project
- Phone call with Matt Parent on Energy Resiliency
- Walk through at 109 Old Main Street with Patrick Dello Russo and Chief Tavares in preparation for auction
- Interviewed Local Inspector candidate with Andrew Stewart and Danielle Kerrigan
- Attended COVID-19 Task Force Meeting
- Remote call-in Department Head Meeting
- Weekly meeting with Collins Construction regarding elevator project
- Conference Call with Lt. Governor Polito on COVID-19 issues related to school reopening and sports
- Met with Chief Hocking and Labor Counsel on personnel issues
- Met with Nancy Bowers and Craig Jameson on recreation programs and issues
- Attended auction at 109 Old Main Street, there were 61 attendees, a couple from Weymouth purchased the property for \$485,000
- Weekly meeting with Fred Russell for update on ongoing projects
- Met with Police Association on Collective Bargaining Agreement
- Zoom Meeting regarding Senior Center Project
- Met with Craig Jameson and Nancy Bowers regarding pickle ball and Peter Igo Park
- Met with Bill Grafton on Parsonage Street site
- Met with Steve Darcy and Scott Dixon, BU graduate student in urban planning, regarding issues at Brank Rock esplanade
- Met with Fire Chief on opening fire station to the public for limited hours

Chris Rohland said that he is happy about the free wifi in parking lots around Town, and added that he would eventually love to have Town-wide free wifi. Mr. Rohland also applauded the Grad Night Live Committee for the great job they did with posters and tee shirts to celebrate the MHS Class of 2020.

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Chief Hocking – Update on Fire Department – Chief Hocking appeared before the Board to give an operations update in light of COVID-19, including staffing at the different stations, cleaning protocols, and the addition of an ambulance to reduce need for call back and mutual aid. Chief Hocking said that to date there has only been one positive case in the Fire Department, which was traced back to contact outside of work. Chief Hocking said that the main station will reopen to the public with limited hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning this week. Chief Hocking thanked the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and Patrick Dello Russo for their support and noted that the increased costs associated with extra staffing and PPE is being covered through the Plymouth County Cares Act. Chief Hocking also announced that after 34 years of service on the Marshfield Fire Department, he will be retiring in the fall. Chief Hocking said that he will work with the Board to assist with the transition to a new Fire Chief in any way that he can. Mike Bradley thanked the Chief for the COVID-19 update and for his dedication and leadership over the past six years as Fire Chief. Chris Rohland said that he has great appreciation for the work Chief Hocking has done as chief and said that he is sad to see him go. Steve Darcy thanked Chief Hocking for his leadership and for staying on during the COVID-19 crisis. Michael Maresco said that it has been a pleasure to work with Chief Hocking and congratulated him on 34 years of dedicated service.

Ming Dynasty – Violation of Governor Baker’s Phase III Reopening Orders – Michael Maresco gave some details on the violations that were found at the Ming Dynasty on Friday July 17, 2020 and noted that the Health Inspector had given them a warning about the bar being open in the days leading up to that violation. Mr. Maresco noted that the Board of Health is the enforcement authority for COVID-19 violations and said that the Board of Health met at 6PM this evening and voted unanimously to impose a one day suspension of food and alcohol service on August 8, 2020. Mike Bradley said that this is a very serious concern. Chris Rohland said that he finds it very disturbing, and asked patrons to be responsible and abide by the rules when they are visiting local restaurants. Steve Darcy agreed that this is a serious public safety issue and said that he fully supports the Board of Health. Michael Maresco said that he will draft a letter to the Ming Dynasty expressing the Board of Selectmen’s support of the Board of Health action.

ADA Committee – Michael Maresco said that there have been two prior ADA Committees in Town, but both were disbanded due to a lapse in membership. Mr. Maresco said that they have received 8 applications but two applicants were disqualified based on background checks and one applicant stated that he is no longer interested in serving on this committee, leaving 5 eligible candidates. Mr. Maresco reviewed the role of the ADA Committee and gave some details on the credentials of the five candidates. After a brief discussion, Mike Bradley moved, seconded by Chris Rohland, to appoint Amy Krzyzewski, Helen Bennett, Heather White, Peter Mandly and Bud Duksta to the ADA Committee. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

Town and School COVID-19 Expenditures – Patrick Dello Russo gave some details on this agreement between the Town and the School Department related to shared funding for COVID-19 expenses. After a brief discussion, Michael Bradley moved, seconded by Chris Rohland, to adopt this agreement. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

Unplug and Be Mindful Yoga – Mr. Bradley read through the request for permission to continue teaching yoga classes on Rexhame Beach and noted that the Beach Administrator has no issues with this request. Mike Bradley moved, seconded by Chris Rohland, to approve this request. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

COVID-19 Travel Policy – Michael Maresco gave some details on this policy for employee travel, which mirrors the Governor’s travel order requiring a two week self-quarantine upon returning from certain areas. Chris Rohland questioned the compensation section, which states that employees will not be permitted to take unpaid leave if they do

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not have sufficient leave time. Michael Maresco said that this is an error and will be revised to say that employees will be permitted to take unpaid leave if needed. Mike Bradley moved, seconded by Chris Rohland, to adopt this policy with the correction. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

Acceptance of Minutes – Mike Bradley moved, seconded by Chris Rohland, to accept the minutes of July 13, 2020 as written. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

At 8:05 p.m. Mr. Bradley moved, seconded by Mr. Rohland, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy – aye. There was no executive session held.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Burke

The following documents and exhibits were presented at the meeting: letter sent to Ming Dynasty regarding violation; letter from Town Administrator with recommendations for appointment to ADA Committee and copies of applications/resumes; copy of Agreement on town and School Covid-19 expenditures; letter from Unplug and Be Mindful Yoga and recommendation from Beach Administrator; copy of Covid-19 Travel Policy.