

**MINUTES – SELECTMEN’S EMERGENCY REMOTE MEETING
FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2020 at 2:30 P.M.
MARSHFIELD TOWN HALL**

Present: Joseph E. Kelleher, Chairman, Michael G. Bradley, Vice-Chair, Chris R. Rohland, Clerk, Robert W. Galvin, Town Counsel, Patrick Dello Russo, Treasurer/Collector, Police Chief Phil Tavares, Mr. Maresco, Town Administrator was absent.

Mr. Kelleher moved to open the meeting at 2:32 p.m. and announced the meeting was being broadcast remotely and that instructions were available on the website. Roll call vote: Mr. Kelleher – aye, Mr. Bradley –aye, Mr. Rohland –aye. The vote was unanimous.

Discussion and Vote on Public Beach Closures - Mr. Kelleher mentioned the recent order from the Governor on beach parking and noted that area towns have voted to close their beach parking lots. Mr. Kelleher indicated that he was in favor of something along those lines with what the Governor has done. Mr. Bradley indicated that he would like to hear from the Police Chief. Chief Tavares stated that he thought some of the beach lots should be closed but it should not include Ocean Street or people walking on the beach and the Board of Health Director supported closing the lots.

The Chief informed the Board that he would like to close the Avon Street parking lot in Green Harbor which will be chained; the Beach Street lot will have signs posted because they can’t close the lot completely because of a driveway; the Post Office Lot and Green Harbor Lobster Pound lot. The Chief noted that cars can’t go down to the Green Harbor Lobster Pound lot at the moment because of the Bridge work, Dyke Road parking lot would be used for commercial parking only. The Chief also stated that he would not close parking on the Esplanade or at the high wall of Ocean Street. The Chief mentioned that there are only a couple of spots at Old Beach Road and that maybe the DPW could install jersey barriers. The Chief also noted that Rexhame Beach would be closed off and that Humarock is a non-issue. Chief Tavares commented that if the Town is going to continue with on-line beach sticker sales, then there should be some type of disclaimer that the beaches may be closed temporarily. Mr. Dello Russo mentioned he could put a disclaimer on the website regarding the on-line sales. Mr. Rohland asked the Chief if he would be able to get large signs posted at the parking lots regarding closure and the Chief said the DPW would be capable of getting the signs up.

The Chief indicated that the Town of Duxbury had recently had an influx of people from out of Town driving to their beach and he was concerned that this would happen in Marshfield if the beach lots were open

Mr. Kelleher moved, seconded by Mr. Bradley to close the beach lots tomorrow at noon and put a disclaimer on the website for stickers. Roll call vote: Mr. Kelleher –aye, Mr. Bradley – aye, Mr. Rohland – aye. The vote was unanimous.

Attorney Galvin mentioned that Governor is going to sign a municipal relief package this afternoon and that he emailed the information to the Board which contains financial and municipal information. Mr. Dello Russo said he would make it available on the website.

Mr. Kelleher moved at 2:44 p.m. seconded by Mr. Bradley to adjourn the meeting and have the beach parking lots closed at noon tomorrow. Roll call vote: Mr. Kelleher –aye, Mr. Bradley – aye, Mr. Rohland –aye. The vote was unanimous.

There was no Executive Session held.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Wiedemann

Documents and exhibits presented at this meeting: There were none.