

**MINUTES – SELECTMEN’S MEETING – REMOTE AND IN-PERSON  
MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022 AT 6:30 P.M.  
MARSHFIELD TOWN HALL – SELECTMEN’S HEARING ROOM**

Present: Christopher R. Rohland, Chairman; Stephen R. Darcy, Vice-Chairman; James J. Kilcoyne, Clerk and Michael A. Maresco Town Administrator

Mr. Rohland opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and stated that the meeting was being recorded by MCTV and noted that Mr. Maresco would be giving his Town Administrator’s Report as well as an update on the vaccination clinic.

Town Administrator’s Report - Mr. Maresco gave an oral report on the following:

Week of January 3, 2022:

- Called into WATD to review BOS Meeting
- Attended weekly meeting with PMA to review police and DPW projects prior to related meetings
- Met with Rosie Kaulbfliesch to discuss payroll issues
- Called into WATD to answer questions regarding actions at BOS Meeting last night
- Met with Anne Marie Sinnott regarding solar car ports @ Fairgrounds
- Attended weekly OAC meeting at Library Plaza on Police Station Project
- Attend breakfast meeting with Jeff Simpson to discuss clinic, COVID testing and Task Force Meeting
- Held meeting with Danielle on union letters for Impact Bargaining regarding BOS’s Adopted Policy for OSHA – ETS
- Set up agenda and Task Force Meeting
- Conference call with MEMA of potential Friday storm
- Met with Danielle on DPW personnel issues regarding goals
- Worked with Bob Galvin on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment of PPA changes for Next Grid
- Conference call with new Treasurer/Collector Lisa Clark regarding contract issues
- Attended clinic meeting with Chief Hocking, Chief Simpson and Detective Todd Goodwin regarding operation and moving into a testing facility
- MEMA call on storm
- Attended COVID Task Force Meeting
- Met with Secretary Tesler and Trails Committee on unveiling of Pedestrian Crossing Lights from Commonwealth Grant

Week of January 10, 2022

- Held breakfast meeting with Steve Darcy to discuss issues
- Attended PMA Meeting to review priorities for Police and DPW projects
- Held meeting with Danielle on COA staffing needs
- Attended DPW weekly construction meeting with staff and PMA
- Met with Carol Hamilton and Sheila Gagnon regarding staffing needs for new services, costs of staffing and funding options
- Met with Chief Tavares regarding the Animal Shelter repairs and heating issues
- Met with police Building Committee at Library Plaza to review and vote change orders for project
- Attended weekly OAC meeting on Police Project at Library Plaza
- Toured Animal Shelter with Animal Control Officer Griffin Webb and Chief Tavares
- Met with vaccination team to discuss the start-up of a testing location
- Held phone meeting with Bob Galvin regarding Fairgrounds Contract for the next 3 months for clinic
- Met with Kathy Fox regarding the ZBA and Roht Marine issue with Nancy from ZBA office and Andrew Stewart Building Commissioner
- Held weekly meeting with Anne Bastille and Joe Fleming on financial matters
- Attended DPW biweekly zoom meeting on project needs
- Held phone meeting with Fred Russel on tree cutting at the COA for propane tank installation
- Attended CPC meeting on Dog Park
- Met with testing team to review our program for Marshfield residents
- Met with Keith Douglas regarding issues at the Airport such as removal of the underground storage tanks and work on the administrative building
- Met with Craig Hannifan Chair of the Conservation Commission to review some issues including the replacement of Eric Flynt

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- Attended construction meeting for COA project with Paige and Dan Pallotta
- Held storm briefing meeting with MEMA at EOC

Week of January 17, 2022:

- Held Department Head Meeting via zoom
- Attended weekly OAC Meeting on Police project at Library Plaza
- Met with DPW and DEP on DSA issue
- Attended the MHP meeting
- Met with the Commonwealth, BOH and Clinic Team on pandemic preparedness with Sandwich Fire Chief
- Met with Fire Chief at LM6Eversource Facility on temporary updates for cold weather
- Held weekly meeting with Anne Bastille and Joe Flemming on MUNIS and general business
- Held breakfast meeting with Steve Darcy on Dog Park and other issues
- Met with Danielle and Annette for reclassification under the contract
- Attended COA Building Committee Meeting with Team
- Attended meeting on Chandler Pond issue with the Commonwealth, Samantha Woods of NSRWA and Bill Early
- Met with Danielle and Audrey for reclassification under the contract
- Call with Plymouth County Treasurer and Commissioner regarding test kits coming to Marshfield from the County. Pick-up will be on Friday.

Vaccination and Covid-19 Testing Clinic Update - Mr. Maresco then gave an update on the COVID Clinic and stated that 20,271 total vaccines have been administered and they have been administering approximately 250-400 each day that the clinic is open. Mr. Maresco also noted that 248 PCR tests have been given out with 60 out of those tests being positive.

Mr. Rohland announced that there is an opening on the Housing Authority which is an elected committee and that it is open to all residents who have an interest. Mr. Rohland commented that those interested should send their applications to the Board of Selectmen’s office by February 2, 2022 and that the position is up for reelection in the spring. Mr. Rohland also mentioned that there is an opening on the Zoning Board of Appeals and people should apply if they are interested in volunteering for the Town.

Greg Guimond, Town Planner – MBTA Communities- Mr. Guimond appeared before the Board and gave a power point presentation on the new Section 3A to Chapter 40A (State Zoning Act). Mr. Guimond indicated that the Town of Marshfield is considered an MBTA adjacent community and must comply with the requirements that were provided by the state and that failure to do so would mean that the Town is not eligible for the Housing Choice Initiative, the Local Capital Projects Fund or the MassWorks infrastructure program. Mr. Guimond indicated that although the Town is an adjacent community there is no MBTA service or useable public transportation to an MBTA Commuter Rail Station. Mr. Guimond mentioned that they had tried to come up with a scenario that might work which would include rezoning existing areas of multi-family developments but were unable to meet the MBTA guideline requirements. Mr. Guimond suggested that residents contact their representatives and object to the definitions of Adjacent MBTA Community and the zoning density of 15 units per acre for all communities. Mr. Rohland moved, seconded by Mr. Darcy to have Mr. Maresco draft a letter from the Board of Selectmen to Senator O’Connor and Representative Kearney showing our opposition to this MBTA zoning law in asking the Town to do something that is not feasible. The vote was unanimous.

Chief Tavares – Police Department Update – Chief Tavares appeared before the Board and read from his report to give an update on the Police Department. The Chief noted that Neighborhood Scout analyzes data that every Police Department in the country is mandated to supply to the FBI. The Chief noted the ratings that Marshfield has received since 2014 and that in 2021 Marshfield was ranked 6<sup>th</sup> safest community in the United States with a population of over 25,000 people. The Chief also mentioned that the National Council for Home Safety and Security conducted its own study and Marshfield was also rated one of the safest communities in Massachusetts for 2021. The Chief then went on to explain that one of the deterrents for crime is the geographical location of Marshfield with the Ocean on the

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eastern border of the Town and lack of roads that lead in and out of Town. The Chief commented on the fact that technological advances such as cell phones and surveillance cameras have also made policing easier as well as the strict gun laws in Massachusetts. The Chief explained that the Department has the support of Town government and elected officials and with their support it makes things easier. The Chief also mentioned the training and specialized classes that the Department attends throughout the year. The Chief went on to explain that they believe in early intervention with the children of the Town which develops future relationships and that he supports the Peacebuilders Program that teaches students district wide that bullying will not be tolerated. The Chief mentioned that the Department founded and is still part of the Old Colony Police Anti-Crime Task Force as well as the Human Trafficking Task Force Subcommittee and that the Department also offers the TIPS training program for alcohol serving establishments as well as the Rape Aggression Defense program to adults and children.

The Chief related the fact that they added Beny, their K9 to the Department 8 years ago and that he has tracked and apprehended criminals, people who were lost and searches the schools for contraband. The Chief also explained their current practices which include practicing Proactive Preventative Random Patrol, Problem Oriented Policing utilizing the Scanning, Analysis, Response and Assessment (SARA) method and the implementation of police policies and procedures including being committed to the President’s Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing. The Chief concluded with the facts that there are several factors that contribute to making Marshfield the 6<sup>th</sup> safest community in the United States which also includes the citizens of Marshfield themselves. The Chief thanked the various organizations in Town such as Grad Nite Live, citizens who report suspicious activity and vote on the Police Budget and the support of the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator. The Board thanked the Chief for his thorough report.

Mary Murphy – Brant Rock Village Association - Mary Murphy appeared via zoom with a power point presentation on the wants and needs of the Brant Rock Village Association (BRVA). The following are some of the highlights of her presentation: The establishment of the BRVA, the amount of money they raised in 2021, the 100+roses they planted, the replacing of benches this spring, working with the Planning Board and DPW to finish sidewalks in the Esplanade, working with the Town on regular maintenance items, future events, annual membership dues and their Vision Board for the Esplanade area. Ms. Murphy indicated that they have an elected board and that the Association would like to become a non-profit. Ms. Murphy also noted that they are in the processing of putting together a newsletter as they currently communicate through emails. Ms. Murphy mentioned that they would like to get some commitment from the Board of Selectmen for some of their future endeavors. Members of the Board then gave their contact information to Mr. Eric Murphy who was sitting in the audience and thanked Ms. Murphy for her presentation.

Maryanne Leonard – Update on North River Commission – Maryanne Leonard appeared before the Board and introduced herself as the new chairman of the North River Commission as Chris Head had recently retired and that they are looking for a new member for the commission. Mrs. Leonard explained that the North River is about 12 miles long encompassing six towns and that they conduct tours along the river. Ms. Leonard gave a brief history of the river and mentioned that from 1645 to 1875 there were two dozen shipyards located along the river. Ms. Leonard also explained that the river is protected and that they have rules and regulations and explained some of the activities involved in being a member of the North River Commission. Ms. Leonard noted that the North River is a valuable resource and that one of the most beautiful spots is the Little River Walk on Union Street. Ms. Leonard thanked the Board for their letter of support to the state last year as the North River is a valuable resource and it needs to be continually funded.

Michael Maresco – Budget Presentation for Advisory Board – Mr. Maresco had a power point Budget Presentation for the Advisory Board which included the following: Budgetary Achievement Overview, Revenues Explanation, as well as Revenues, Expense Explanation

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and Expenses, Fixed Costs Summary for FY2022, Debt Management, Debt FY2023, FY2023 General Government, FY2023 Public Safety, FY2023 Education, FY2023 Public Works, Health and Human Services FY2023, Cultural Services, Utilities, Revenue, Expense and Closing Summary. Mr. Maresco noted that it was a balanced budget, the tax rate went down to \$12.95 and that to date, the Town has saved the taxpayers \$13.7 million dollars.

Action Items

Discussion and Vote on Treasurer/Collector Contract - Mr. Maresco commented on some of the details of the new Treasurer/Collector’s contract. Mr. Roland moved, seconded by Mr. Darcy to approve the 3 year contract for Lisa Clark effective February 1, 2022. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Rohland said he would like to skip to Action Item #7 as he saw that Ned Bangs was participating via zoom.

Discussion and Vote on New Appointment to Recreation Trails Committee – Scott DeCastro - Mr. Bangs explained that he has known Scott DeCastro for years and that he has helped out working on the trails for years. Mr. Rohland moved, seconded by Mr. Darcy to appoint Mr. Scott DeCastro to the Recreation Trails Committee. The vote was unanimous.

Discussion and Vote on Dollar Amounts for ARPA funding of SCADA System and Ambulance – Mr. Maresco explained that we didn’t have the dollar amounts at the time they voted on the ARPA funding. Mr. Rohland moved, seconded by Mr. Darcy to correct the minutes of from September 27, 2021 regarding ARPA funding for replacement of SCADA System by inserting the actual cost of \$90,000. Mr. Rohland moved, seconded by Mr. Darcy to correct the minutes from September 13, 2021 regarding ARPA funding for the purchase of a second ambulance by inserting the actual cost of \$325,000. The vote was unanimous.

Discussion and Vote to Waive Fire Inspection Fee for Airport – Mr. Maresco explained that they are removing the underground fuel storage tanks at the airport. Mr. Rohland moved seconded by Mr. Darcy to waive the Fire Inspection fee for the Marshfield Airport for the removal of the two underground fuel storage tanks. The vote was unanimous.

Discussion and Vote on Request to Waive Building Department Fees Associated with Sea Wall Project – Mr. Maresco explained that the fees are for the Brant Rock Sea Wall Restoration Project with MIG Corporation. Mr. Rohland moved, seconded by Mr. Darcy to waive all Town fees associated with the new Brant Rock Sea Wall Restoration Project under contract with MIG Corporation. The vote was unanimous.

Discussion and Vote on Support of Tree Cutting on Commonwealth-owned Land (after the fact) – Mr. Maresco explained that he had submitted a letter on behalf of the Board regarding tree cutting on the commonwealths land. Mr. Rohland moved, seconded by Mr. Darcy to support “after the fact” a letter to the Commonwealth regarding tree cutting on the Commonwealth’s land around the VRT Corporation sign located on Enterprise Drive fronting on Route 3 to increase the visibility for vehicles traveling both north and south. The vote was unanimous.

Discussion and Vote on Appointment of Alternate Building Inspectors (after the fact) – Mr. Maresco explained that he had written a required letter on behalf of the Board to appoint alternate building inspectors for specific properties. Mr. Rohland moved, seconded by Mr. Darcy to support “after the fact” the appointment of Robert Vogel, Scituate Building Commissioner and Neil Duggan, Scituate Building Inspector as unpaid alternative Building Inspectors for the Town of Marshfield specifically for two properties: 50 Ocean Street and 328 Ocean Street. The vote was unanimous.

Discussion and Vote on Request for Permission to Accept Two Donations – Veterans Services - Mr. Maresco explained that these donations are used to help veterans and their

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families in times of need. Mr. Rohland moved, seconded by Mr. Darcy to accept a donation on behalf of the Marshfield Veterans Services from Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Spriggs in the amount of \$750.00 to assist our veterans and their families in time of need. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Rohland moved, seconded by Mr. Darcy to accept a donation on behalf of the Marshfield Veterans Services from Jeanne Kwedor in the amount of \$2000.0 to assist our veterans and their families in time of need. The vote was unanimous.

Discussion and Vote on Request for Permission to Accept Donation – Police Department – Mr. Rohland mentioned the letter from the Chief for the donation to the D.A.R.E. education program. Mr. Rohland moved, seconded by Mr. Darcy to accept the donation on behalf of the Marshfield Police Department from the Copeland Family Foundation, Inc. in the amount of \$5,000 to be used specifically for the D.A.R.E. education program. The vote was unanimous.

Discussion and Vote on Stellwagen Beer Co. Application for Revised Entertainment License to Include Arcade Games – Mr. Rohland mentioned that the arcade games are making a comeback. Mr. Rohland moved, seconded by Mr. Darcy to approve an updated Entertainment License for Stellwagen Beer Company to allow Arcade Video games, pending approval from the Marshfield Police Department, Board of Health, Building Department and Marshfield Fire Department. The vote was unanimous.

Discussion and Vote on Release of Land Under Care and Custody of the BOS for New Dog Park Location – Mr. Maresco explained that the land for the Dog Park will be next to the Boys & Girls Club and that the Board needs to vote to have a vote taken at Town Meeting which needs to pass by 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s. Mr. Rohland moved, seconded by Mr. Darcy to declare that the portion of that parcel of land known as and numbered 89 Rockwood Road to the right of the Boys and Girls Club and adjacent to the parking lot is no longer needed for its existing purposes and is available for transfer and for use as a Dog Park pursuant to GLc.40 sec 15A. The vote was unanimous.

Discussion and Vote on Request to Declare Library Materials as Surplus – M. Rohland read from the Library Collections policy the following items to be withdrawn from the collection: 134 DVD’s that were damaged or hadn’t circulated since 2018, 19 DVD’s series that were damaged or hadn’t circulated since November 2018, 56J DVD’s that were damaged or hadn’t circulated since November 2018, 398 CD’s that were damaged or hadn’t circulated since November 2018 and 248 paperbacks that were damaged and hadn’t circulated since November 2018. Mr. Rohland moved, seconded by Mr. Darcy to approve the request from the Ventress Library to declare the list of materials that are damaged and no longer needed to be surplus and withdrawn from the collection. The vote was unanimous.

Discussion and Vote on Request to Hold 7<sup>th</sup> Annual ALS One Polar Plunge on April 2, 2022 – Mr. Rohland read from the request from Ashley Corbin for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Polar Plunge for ALS Research. Mr. Rohland moved, seconded by Mr. Darcy to approve the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Polar Plunge at Rexhame Beach on Saturday, April 2, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. til 2:00 p.m. Marshfield Fire Department will discuss with organizers having an EMS detail for the event and the Marshfield Police Department’s Safety Officer will offer some recommendations. The vote was unanimous.

Discussion and Vote on Requests for ARPA Funding for Non-Profits – Mr. Maresco mentioned that the Board gave additional time for Non-Profits to apply for ARPA funding. Mr. Maresco mentioned that Drug Story Theatre needed to submit tax information and the Kiwanis have now submitted an application. Mr. Rohland moved, seconded by Mr. Darcy to approve the additional Non-Profits to receive ARPA funded assistance from the Town in the amount of \$5,000; Drug Story Theatre Inc. and the Marshfield Kiwanis. The funded non-Profits will all be invited to the BOS meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup> to receive their checks from the Board. The vote was unanimous.

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Discussion and Vote on Acceptance of Minutes of January 3, 2022 Meeting – Mr. Rohland moved, seconded by Mr. Darcy to accept the minutes of January 3, 2022. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Rohland moved, seconded by Mr. Darcy to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

There was no Executive Session held.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Wiedemann

Documents and exhibits presented at this meeting were the following: copy of the power point presentation on MBTA communities, copy of chief’s report, copy of Advisory Board presentation, copy of Treasurer/Collector contract, copy of information for ARPA funding for SCADA system and ambulance, copy of email regarding waiving of fee for Fire Inspection for Airport, copy of emails regarding waiving of Building Department fees regarding sea wall project, copies of letter to DOT regarding tree cutting, copies of letters to alternate building inspectors for projects in Marshfield, copies of letters, application, resume and emails regarding appointment to Recreation Trails Committee, copies of letters requesting permission to accept donations for the Veterans Department, copy of letter from Police Chief requesting permission to accept donation from the Copeland family for D.A.R.E., copy of revised Entertainment application from Stellwagen, copies of pictures of proposed dog park, copy of email from Ventress Library regarding permission to declare materials as surplus, copies of emails and related information for 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Polar plunge, copies of requests from Kiwanis and Drug Story Theatre regarding ARPA funding for Non-profits copy of minutes of January 3, 2022.