

**MINUTES – SELECTMEN’S MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.
MARSHFIELD TOWN HALL – SELECTMEN’S HEARING ROOM**

Present: Stephen G. Robbins, Chairman; Michael G. Bradley, Vice-Chairman; James J. Fitzgerald, Clerk; and Rocco J. Longo, Town Administrator

Mr. Robbins opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and announced that the meeting was being recorded by MCTV, WATD and other newspaper and media outlets.

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

- 1) Sent out a notice to all employees that the Town Hall would be closed tomorrow as well as the schools. Spent most of the day on a conference call with the National Weather Service in Taunton. All meetings tomorrow night are cancelled and rescheduled.
- 2) We will be talking about the Special Town Meeting tonight but not the annual because the budget process is not complete.
- 3) We are in line for some grant money from the Governor; \$30,000 to help with personnel and \$5,000 for software for the Town Clerk to help with Freedom of Information Requests.
- 4) The Town is invited to a ceremony for Green Communities which will be held on March 29, 2017 and we will invite the Energy Committee.
- 5) Met with the Safety Committee last week. There is a new Risk Manager from MIIA. We had a good year with workers comp and accidents and if it continues, the Town will get a break on next year’s insurance.
- 6) Did not attend the Recreational marijuana seminar last Friday due to working on the warrant but Town Counsel did attend and will share information.

Renewal of Seasonal Licenses - Mr. Robbins noted that The Point Restaurant would like the approval of their Seasonal All Alcohol Restaurant License to include the dates of April 26, 2017 through December 22, 2107. Mr. Robbins then mentioned that Jogi’s Liquors and Jackanson’s Seasonal All Alcohol Package Store License would run from April 1, 2017 through January 15, 2018.

Mr. Bradley moved, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald to approval the seasonal liquor licenses for The Point Restaurant, Jogi’s Liquors and Jackanson’s as read. The vote was unanimous.

Board of Public Works – Permission to Deficit Spend Snow and Ice Budget – Mr. Robbins mentioned that due to the storm event for tomorrow he would like to table this vote to next Monday night. Mr. Longo indicated that the DPW knows that the Selectmen are supportive and will give the Board an amount next week.

Roche Bros. Supermarket – Annual Package Store Wine & Malt Change of Manager – James Myers appeared before the Board on his application for Change of Manager at Roche Bros. Supermarket. Mr. Robbins read through the application and mentioned that everything seemed to be in order. Mr. Robbins also noted that their rules and regulations for selling beer and wine are the finest around as they card everyone. Mr. Robbins asked Mr. Meyers where he was currently working and Mr. Meyers indicated that he was working at the Burlington store. Mr. Bradley moved, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald to approve the change of Manager at Roche Bros. Supermarket to James Myers. The vote was unanimous.

Review and Vote on Warrant Articles for Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting - Mr. Robbins mentioned that the Board would only be talking about the Special Town Meeting Warrant articles tonight.

Article #1 – Mr. Robbins mentioned that this is the Budget article for unpaid bills. Mr. Longo commented that the Board can vote what they have at this point but if something comes up, they can reconsider. Mr. Bradley moved, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald to approve Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant. The vote was unanimous.

Article #2 - Mr. Robbins mentioned that this is a zoning article to include the words maritime service and safety facilities. Mr. Robbins indicated that he had spoken with the Captain of the Port who supported this article. Mr. Bradley moved, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald to approve Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant. The vote was unanimous.

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Article #3- Mr. Robbins indicated that this article was for the Replacement of the Roof at the Furnace Brook Middle School. Mr. Longo explained that the Board had supported this article at a previous meeting. Mr. Fitzgerald expressed concern about the wording for funding and said he thought the article needed clarification on the funding mechanism. Mr. Longo said he would get in touch with Bond Counsel. Mr. Robbins said the Board would table this article until next week.

Article 4 - Mr. Robbins read the article regarding the lease for the Food Pantry at the Library Plaza building. Mr. Bradley moved, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald to approve Article 4 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant. The vote was unanimous.

Article 5 – Mr. Longo explained that this article would take balances off the books for the completed projects for money not borrowed. Mr. Fitzgerald said he thought that the Board should check with the Treasurer/Collector. Mr. Longo said he would have Patrick explain the policy. Mr. Bradley moved, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald to approve Article 5 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant but would also like to have more information from the Treasurer/Collector. The vote was unanimous.

Article 6 – Mr. Longo explained that this article is not complete and that he is still working with the Town Accountant to offset some of the expenses and said he would like to bring this back to the Board. Mr. Fitzgerald suggested that the Board table this article until next week.

Article 7 – Mr. Longo mentioned that Rod Procaccino is still working with the state on this article and that he thought that maybe Chapter 90 money could be used. Mr. Fitzgerald mentioned that he would like to know the funding mechanism for this article and would like to table this article to next week.

Article 8 – Mr. Fitzgerald stated that the article mentions a sum of money and he would like to have a number. Mr. Fitzgerald suggested tabling this article to next week.

Article 9 - Mr. Robbins read the article for the Spring Street Water Main replacement. Mr. Longo recommended that the Board approve but have a legal review. Mr. Bradley moved, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald to approve Article 9 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant and have Mr. Longo check with Legal Counsel. The vote was unanimous.

Article 10 – Mr. Robbins read the article. Mr. Longo indicated that this article came from Town Counsel and that he thought it was meant to be a gift. Mr. Longo said he could get a clearer explanation from Town Counsel. The Board decided to table to next week.

Discussion and Possible Vote on Demolition of Pratt Property House and Barn – Mr. Longo explained that the house is in very bad shape and that they would have to go through procurement if they vote to tear it down. Ms. O’Donnell from Open Space was present and said that her committee recommends that if there was anything worthwhile to salvage, the land trust wants to know the disposition of the property. Mr. Bradley moved, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald authorize the demolition of the barn and house at the Pratt property. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Longo said he would like to come back to the Board with a proposal before they put it out to bid.

Liberty School – Request to Use Brant Rock Beach – Mr. Robbins read the letter from Liberty School requesting to use Brant Rock Beach on June 14, 2017. Mr. Robbins also read the memo from Cindy Castro which indicated that she had no issues. Mr. Bradley moved, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald to grant the Liberty School permission to use Brant Rock Beach on June 14, 2017 with a rain date of June 15, 2017. The vote was unanimous.

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Vote on One Day Liquor License for Family Crest Catering – 3/16/17 Mr. Robbins read the application from David Crest regarding a One Day All Alcohol License for March 16, 2017 at the Daniel Webster Estate as a fundraiser for Grad Nite Live. Mr. Robbins also mentioned that they had included a copy of their liquor liability insurance. Mr. Bradley moved, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald to approve the One Day All Alcohol License for March 16, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Request to Hold Fundraiser Walk for Prader Willi Research on 5/21/17 – Mr. Robbins read the memo from Kristine Mosca as well the letter from the Safety Officer and the memo from the Harbormaster. Mr. Robbins noted that the Harbormaster had said that there could be no bouncy house because of liability. Mr. Robbins also indicated that they would have to get approval of the Food Truck. Mr. Bradley moved, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald to approve the fundraiser for Prader Will Research on 5/21/2017 at the Harbor Park. The vote was unanimous.

Vote to Appoint New Member to Cultural Council – Mr. Fitzgerald read the memo from Anna Baker of the Cultural Council recommending Rose Ann Concannon to the Cultural Council. Mr. Bradley moved, seconded by Mr. Robbins to appoint Ms. Concannon to the Cultural Council. The vote was unanimous.

Request to Waive Permit for Boys and Girls Club Pool Construction – Mr. Robbins mentioned that the Board has a request from the Boys and Girls Club to waive the construction fee and noted that the Board had done so previously. Mr. Robbins also mentioned that the Boys and Girls Club is vital to the Town. Mr. Fitzgerald said he would recuse himself from the vote as he is a member of the Board of Directors. Mr. Robbins moved, seconded by Mr. Bradley to waive the fee for construction of the pool at the Boys and Girls Club. The vote was 2-0. Mr. Fitzgerald abstained.

Discussion Items

Elevated Access Center/Medical Marijuana – Mr. Longo noted that the Board had talked about having a medical marijuana article but because the state has a moratorium it is not necessary at this time and wanted to know if the Board would like to hold off an article until the fall. Mr. Bradley said he thought it would make sense to wait. Mr. Fitzgerald indicated that he would table doing something until they know what is going on.

Budget Update – Mr. Longo and Mr. Dello Russo gave a power point presentation on the updated budget. Members of the Advisory Board were also present. Mr. Longo mentioned that the Budget is balanced but it is a bare bones budget. The following is a list of some of the slides from the presentation that Mr. Longo read through: Revenues, FY2018 Revenue Assumptions – Summary, FY2018 Proposed Expenses Summary of Requests, Expense Summary, Health Insurance, FY2018 General Government, FY2018 Public Safety, FY2018 Education, FY2018 Public Works, FY2018 Health & Human Services, FY2018 Culture & Recreation, Facilities Department, Proposed Revenues v. Expenses and FY2018 Budget Summary. Mr. Longo also noted that there would be a joint hearing with the Advisory Board and the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at the Furnace Brook Middle School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Robbins mentioned that with regard to Town Counsel’s budget that the Board had made it clear that if people wanted to call Town Counsel, they needed to go through Rocco. Mr. Robbins noted that everyone calls Town Counsel without going through Rocco. Mr. Robbins also asked about why DPW budget was cut and Mr. Dello Russo explained that initially they had put in too many weeks for employee salaries but it has since been corrected which is why there is less. Mr. Fitzgerald noted that the Town has to start living within its means and that Rocco has done a great job trying to pull this budget together and that he commends him for all the work he has done. The Board also thanked Mr. Dello Russo for his hard work. Mr. Polansky, Chairman of the Advisory Board mentioned there is already a \$20,000 deficit as of today in the snow and ice budget. Mr. Robbins explained that the Board tabled their vote until next week because of the impending storm tomorrow. Mr. Polansky also asked what would happen if the debt override doesn’t pass and Mr. Fitzgerald said that if the debt exclusion fails, the schools would have to

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come up with a patch and repair plan. Mr. Polansky agreed that there needs to be a plan in place. The Board thanked the Advisory Board for coming in tonight.

Acceptance of Minutes – Mr. Bradley moved, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald to approve the minutes of February 21, 2017. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Robbins motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

There was no Executive Session held.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Wiedemann

Documents and exhibits presented at this meeting were the following: Roche Bros. application for Change of Manager, list of seasonal license renewals with copy of email from Treasurer’s office, memo from DPW Superintendent requesting to deficit spend with a copy of an email detailing current snow and ice expenditures, copy of draft of Special Town Meeting warrant, copy of email regarding Pratt property demolition from Mr. Longo, letter from Liberty School requesting to use Brant Rock Beach with email from Beach Administrator, application and certificate of insurance from David Crest for One Day All Alcohol License, email from Kristine Mosca requesting fundraiser for Prader Willi Research with email and letter from Safety officer and email from Harbormaster, email from Anna Baker nominating Rose Ann Concannon to the Cultural Council with copy of application from Ms. Concannon, email from Mr. Longo regarding a request to waive permit fee for pool construction for Boys and Girls Club, email from Mr. Longo regarding budget update with copy of slides and budget worksheets.