

MINUTES – SELECTMEN’S MEETING

Monday September 10, 2018

Town Hall, Selectmen’s Hearing Room

Present: James J. Fitzgerald, Chairman; Joseph E. Kelleher; Michael G. Bradley; Michael A. Maresco, Town Administrator

Jim Fitzgerald opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. and announced that the meeting is being recorded.

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

- August 28th – met with Chief Hocking regarding the issues with the Rainbow Bridge (Canal Street)
- August 28th – met with John Gallagher, from Ant Bicycles at the request of the Chamber of Commerce
- August 28th – met with John Catlin and Carol Hamilton regarding the design for the senior center project
- August 29th – went to Hyannis with Chief Tavares, received \$555,500 dredging grant
- August 30th – met with Mike Verochi regarding billboard issue
- August 30th – met with Bill Grafton regarding an easement issue at Scituate Chair
- August 30th – met with Christine McCarthy regarding issues and deadlines
- August 30th – weekly meeting with Fred Russell for update on facilities projects
- August 30th – was a guest on Dr. Joe Shrand’s show regarding the Overdose Awareness Vigil
- August 30th – toured the Alamo building in preparation for moving some items to the former Hancock Paint building
- September 4th – started budget meetings with Department Heads
- September 4th – met with Jim Folkard regarding full time local inspector position
- September 5th – attended Mayflower Health Insurance meeting
- September 5th – met with members of the Chamber of Commerce regarding petition article to fund Grant Writer position
- September 6th – attended FEMA meeting at the Emergency Operations Center
- September 7th – walkability tour of Library Plaza, looking at ways to make the area more pedestrian friendly
- September 7th – met with Bill Finn and Susan Caron regarding dedication of the plaque identifying the North and South Rivers as National Natural Landmarks
- September 10th – continued budget meetings
- September 10th – met with DPW regarding water issues and meters
- September 10th – meeting regarding Comcast license renewal
- September 10th – attended Capital Budget Meeting

Stellwagen Beer Company – Application for Change of Hours – Mike Snowdale appeared before the Board of Selectmen and said that he is currently open Wednesday through Sunday from 12:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., he is requesting to be open Monday through Sunday from 11:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. Mr. Snowdale said that his intention is to be closed to the public and have private functions and fundraisers on Mondays and Tuesdays. Jim Fitzgerald said that he does not think he can be closed to the public during licensed hours. Mr. Snowdale said that he would be willing to be open to the public on Mondays and Tuesdays if necessary, but asked if he could post a sign saying “closed for private function” on days when a function is being held since he does not have space to rope off for private functions. Mr. Fitzgerald said they would have to check with Town Counsel to see if closing during licensed hours to hold a private function is allowable. After some discussion the Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to approve the change of hours. The vote was unanimous.

New Appointment to Capital Budget Committee – Jim Fitzgerald read through the application from Jack Griffin and noted that Mr. Griffin has previously served on the Capital Budget Committee. Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to appoint Jack Griffin to the Capital Budget Committee for the remainder of a three year term that expires on June 30, 2019. The vote was unanimous.

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Appointment of Full Time Local Inspector – Jim Fitzgerald read through the letter from Jim Folkard recommending that Andrew Stewart be appointed as full time Local Inspector in the Building Department. Jim Folkard appeared before the Board and said that Mr. Stewart has been doing a great job as the Temporary Local Inspector. Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher to appoint Andrew Stewart and the full time local building inspector effective immediately. The vote was unanimous.

Annual Reappointment of Wiring and Gas Inspectors – Michael Maresco noted that these positions should be reappointed annually, but were not reappointed at the beginning of this fiscal year. Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to reappoint Aldo Bertoni as the Plumbing and Gas Inspector for a one year term expiring on June 30, 2019. The vote was unanimous. Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to reappoint David Comoletti as the Electrical Inspector for a one year term expiring on June 30, 2019. The vote was unanimous.

One Day Entertainment License – Duck Derby – Jim Fitzgerald read through the application from Kim Arouca requesting permission to hold the annual Duck Derby at Rexhame Beach on September 30, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Mr. Fitzgerald noted that the Board has received positive recommendations from Police and Fire. Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to grant this license. The vote was unanimous.

Vote on Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles – Michael Maresco said that the final warrant for the October 15, 2018 Special Town Meeting will be available to the public by the close of business on September 11, 2018. Mr. Fitzgerald read through the articles in the Special Town Meeting Warrant and the Selectmen voted on them as follows:

Article 1: Unpaid bills. Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to support this article. The vote was unanimous.

Article 2: Collective Bargaining Agreements. Michael Maresco noted that we have not settled with these unions yet, but the article is included so that we have funding in anticipation of reaching agreements. Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to support this article. The vote was unanimous.

Article 3: Personnel Bylaw. Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to support this article. The vote was unanimous.

Article 4: OPEB. Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to support this article. The vote was unanimous.

Article 5: Stabilization Fund. Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to support this article. The vote was unanimous.

Article 6: Professional Services. Michael Maresco gave a brief explanation of this article. Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to support this article. The vote was unanimous.

Article 7: Veterans Park and Rockwood Road Easement Surveys. Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to support this article. The vote was unanimous.

Article 8: Facilities Expense Budget. Michael Maresco explained that this article is to replace funds that were taken from this line item. Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to support this article. The vote was unanimous.

Article 9: Capital Budget. Jim Fitzgerald read through the article and noted that the Capital Budget Committee has voted to support all of these requests. Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to support this article. The vote was unanimous.

Article 10: School Department Funding. Jim Fitzgerald noted that there is no dollar amount in this article and said that all articles must have a dollar amount or they will be pulled from the warrant. Mr. Maresco said that he can put the number in before the warrant goes to print. Patrick Dello Russo gave a brief description of how the money would be used by the School Department, but said that the School Superintendent and Business Manager would be able to give greater detail. After some discussion the Board decided to table a vote on this article until they have more information on what the money will be used for.

Article 11: Debt Service. Patrick Dello Russo gave a brief description of the reason for this article. After some discussion it was decided that a vote on this article would be tabled to a future meeting.

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Article 12: Town Hall Roof. Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to support this article. The vote was unanimous.

Article 13: Rockwood Road Easement. After a brief discussion, Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to support this article. The vote was unanimous.

Article 14: Pudding Hill Water Tower Lease. Jim Fitzgerald said that the words “the Board of Selectmen and/or” should be removed from the first line of the article. After further discussion the Board decided to table a vote on this article until they have the terms of the lease. Mr. Fitzgerald said that the article is too vague and should be rewritten.

Article 15: Seawall Repair/Replacement. After some discussion the Board decided to table a vote on this article until the dollar amounts can be corrected.

Article 16: Building Demolition. Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to support this article. The vote was unanimous.

Article 17: Town Clerk Salary. Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to support this article. The vote was unanimous.

Article 18: Zoning Bylaw Definition (Recreational Marijuana Retailer). Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to support this article. The vote was unanimous.

Article 19: Zoning Bylaw Definition (Solar Panels). Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to support this article. The vote was unanimous.

Article 20: Zoning Bylaw Amendment (Table of Use). Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to support this article. The vote was unanimous.

Article 21: Zoning Bylaw Amendment (New Section 12.04). Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to support this article. The vote was unanimous.

Article 22: Agricultural Commission. Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to support this article. The vote was unanimous.

Article 23: Part Time Grant Writer. Michael Maresco gave a brief explanation of this article. Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to support this article. The vote was unanimous.

Article 24: Dog Park. Michael Maresco spoke briefly about this article and the possibility of putting the dog park on Coast Guard Hill property. Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to support this article. The vote was unanimous.

Article 25: Emergency Repairs to the Canal Street Bridge. Michael Maresco gave some details on this article. After a brief discussion, Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to support this article. The vote was unanimous.

Personnel Records Policy – Michael Maresco gave a brief overview of this policy which was drafted for the Town by Labor Counsel. After a brief discussion, Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to adopt this policy as written. The vote was unanimous.

Common Victualler License for Flea Market – Jim Fitzgerald noted that the Board has not received any applications for Common Victualler licenses for this event that is scheduled to take place at the Fairgrounds on Sunday September 16, 2018, but they expect to receive an application from Away Café. Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to grant a one day common victualler license to Away Café contingent on receipt of application and fee and a positive recommendation from the Board of Health. The vote was unanimous.

Common Victualler Licenses for Irish Festival – Jim Fitzgerald read through the list of vendors who have applied for, or are expected to apply for, common victualler licenses for the South Shore Irish Festival scheduled to take place at the Marshfield Fairgrounds on September 22 and 23, 2018 as follows:

- Ahhhh Roma
- Tinkers Son
- Jim Bertoni
- Maple Valley Creamery
- Mom on the Go
- Shishkaberrys
- Dean’s Concessions
- Plymouth Party LLC
- South Shore BBQ Man
- Jim Appel – Funnel Cakes and Corn Dogs

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Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to grant temporary common victualler licenses to these vendors contingent on receipt of application and fee and a positive recommendation from the Board of Health. The vote was unanimous.

North River Arts Society – Application for One Day Wine & Malt License – Jim Fitzgerald read through the application for the 2018 Members Show Exhibit scheduled to take place at the GAR Hall on September 22, 2018 from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to grant this license. The vote was unanimous.

Vote to Declare Furniture as Surplus for Destruction – Michael Maresco gave a brief explanation of the reason for the request and described the broken/damaged furniture items as follows: typewriter desk, small table and large bookcase. Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to declare these items as surplus for destruction. The vote was unanimous.

Water Enterprise Fund Discussion – Jim Fitzgerald gave some details on the reason he put this item on the agenda. Mr. Fitzgerald said that the plan discussed at the joint meeting with the Board of Public Works does not make economic sense. Joe Kelleher said that he agrees that it is too much money. Mike Bradley noted that it is a Board of Public Works decision. Jim Fitzgerald asked Michael Maresco to draft a letter to the Board of Public Works thanking them for including the Board of Selectmen in their discussion and recommending that they look at other less costly solutions before making a decision.

Acceptance of Minutes – Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to accept the minutes of August 27 and August 31, 2018 as written. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Fitzgerald noted that the Board of Selectmen’s next meeting will be the joint hearing with the Advisory Board on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ventress Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. There was no executive session held.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Burke

The following documents and exhibits were presented at the meeting: application for change of hours from Stellwagen Beer Company and recommendation from police chief; application for appointment to Capital Budget Committee from Jack Griffin and recommendation from CBC; letter from Jim Folkard recommending appointment of Andrew Stewart as full time local inspector and copy of Andrew Stewart’s resume; email from Town Administrator regarding reappointment of plumbing and electrical inspector; application for entertainment license for Duck Derby and recommendations from Police and Fire; draft Special Town Meeting Warrant; draft Personnel Records Policy; list of applicants for common victualler license for Flea Market; list of applicants for common victualler licenses for Irish Festival; application for one day liquor license from North River Arts Society; emails regarding furniture to be declared surplus for destruction.