

MINUTES – SELECTMEN’S MEETING

Monday, December 21, 2020

Remote Meeting

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

Mr. Bradley 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.

Town Administrator Report – Michael Maresco provided the Board with his brief as follows. Week of December 7, 2020:

- Weekly COVID-19 Task Force meeting
- Conference Call with Labor Counsel on personnel issues in the Building Department
- Meeting with Labor Counsel on Fire Grievance regarding injured on duty
- Meeting with Bill Grafton on some conservation issues and personnel issues
- Weekly meeting with Collins Construction for update on elevator project
- Meeting with Finance Director Patrick Dello Russo on payroll change from 26 pay periods to 24 pay periods
- Meeting with Chief Corbo and Bill Hocking on Fire Department issues
- Met with Cabot Risk Management on a Town legal issue; Gill vs. Marshfield
- Weekly meeting with Fred Russell for update on ongoing projects
- Operation Shot meeting regarding COVID-19 Vaccine
- Weekly meeting with Page Construction regarding Senior Center Project
- Meeting with Christine McCarthy on handling/coordinating inventory control at DPW/Town Hall and I/T
- Zoom Meeting with Marshfield Housing Partnership
- Met with Jack Griffin and Patrick Dello Russo to review FY22 and DPW capital needs
- Police Station construction project kick-off meeting

Week of December 14, 2020:

- Meeting with Matt Parent, Energy Consultant, and Michael Frenette, No Fossil Fuel, regarding solar projects on municipal buildings
- Meeting with Building Department staff to address some personnel issues
- Meeting at Harbor Park to review dredge spoil area to create additional parking in the harbor area
- Zoom meeting with Brant Rock residents Mary and Eric Murphy regarding improvements to sidewalks, crosswalk painting and street sweeping
- Conference call with Chief Hocking and Chief Blanchard of Hanover regarding COVID-19 testing
- Weekly COVID-19 Task Force Meeting
- Monthly Department Head Meeting
- Meeting with MMA and Lt. Governor Polito for COVID-19 update
- Weekly meeting with Collins Construction for update on elevator project
- Meeting with Fire Chief and School Administration on Fire Communication Systems and alarms for the schools
- Weekly meeting with Page Construction regarding Senior Center Project
- Meeting with Patrick Dello Russo and Fire Chief to review overtime
- Meeting with outside counsel Attorney Zoli on solar project at landfill
- Signed deal to purchase natural gas from VGI Energy for a savings of \$65,000 per year or \$204,000 over three years
- Meeting with Fred Russell and CBI Architectural Firm to discuss designs for the dog park and potential senior housing at the Alamo
- Weekly Operation Shot meeting
- Meeting with Fred Russell and Danielle Kerrigan to review Facilities Manager contract which will be renewed for three years
- Meeting with Chief Tavares and licensed child care providers to discuss quarantine procedures and policies for communication

Michael Maresco turned the discussion over to Patrick Dello Russo to make two important announcements. Mr. Dello Russo told the Board that he and Michael Maresco attended Plymouth County Commissioners meeting for Cares Act disbursement earlier this evening and received a check for \$530,908.36. Mr. Dello Russo noted that the Town has another application pending for \$957,238.19, and said that of the 3.8 million dollars the

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Town has spent on COVID-19 related expenditures, all but \$1,240.95 has been reimbursed through the Cares Act. Mr. Dello Russo thanked the Plymouth County Commissioners, the Board of Selectmen and Michael Maresco for making this possible. Mr. Dello Russo also told the Board that the Town received their CAFR Award for 2019 today and said that this morning he and Michael submitted the package for 2020 CAFR ahead of the January 1, 2021 deadline. The Board of Selectmen thanked Patrick Dello Russo and Michael Maresco for all of their work and congratulated them on these two major achievements.

New Appointment to Council on Aging – After a brief discussion Mike Bradley moved, seconded by Chris Rohland, to appoint Janice Fletcher to the Council on Aging for the remainder of a three year term that expires on June 30, 2022. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy - aye.

Hourly Rate for Tax Relief Work Off – Michael Maresco said that this proposed change would bring the hourly rate to minimum wage. Mike Bradley moved, seconded by Chris Rohland, to change the hourly rate for the Tax Relief Work Off program from \$12.75 per hour to \$13.50 per hour. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy - aye.

Chamber of Commerce – Economic Development Plans – Jeremy Devaney and Alyssa McNamara Reed appeared before the Board to give an update on the plans and goals of the Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Reed said that their goal is to collaborate with the Town and work harmoniously with the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board to come up with a vibrant economic development plan. Ms. Reed said that when the Chamber talks about economic development they are referring to revitalization and not necessarily increased development, and added that their mission is to support local businesses and provide increased amenities for residents. Ms. Reed reviewed some of the work that has already been done to improve walkability in the Webster Square area and asked the Board if they would support updating the Town’s Economic Development Plan and restarting the Economic Development Committee. Jeremy Devaney gave some details on funding assistance that the Chamber can provide and said they are hoping the Town will issue a clear mandate on smart growth. Mike Bradley said that this is a good time to relook at the Economic Development Plan and added that he would be willing to look at reactivating the Economic Development Committee. Mr. Bradley said that safety issues around the playground have improved but there is still room for improvement. Chris Rohland said that he appreciates the Chamber of Commerce coming and supports economic development in Town. Steve Darcy said that he supports a public private partnership between the Chamber and Town officials and appreciates the open communication. Mr. Darcy said that he will be going before the Planning Board at a future meeting to discuss making the downtown area a mixed use district with housing opportunities, which would encourage foot traffic in that area. Jeremy Devaney stressed the importance of having a grant writer so that funding is not coming from tax payers. Michael Maresco said that there is no need for a grant writer since the Town does in-house grant writing. The Board thanked Ms. Reed and Mr. Devaney for the update and said that they look forward to working with them to support local businesses.

Launch Ramp Fees – Michael Maresco gave some details on this request to increase fees in order to cover the cost of the improved amenities at the Town Pier. Mr. Maresco noted that fees are controlled by the State Department of Fish and Game, which has approved the fee increase recommended by the Harbormaster. After a brief discussion, Mike Bradley moved, seconded by Chris Rohland, to change the daily in-state launch permit fee from \$7.00 to \$10.00 and the annual in-state launch permit fee from \$75 to \$125. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy - aye.

Haddad’s Ocean Café – Temporary Closure of Licensed Premise – Mike Bradley said that the Board has received a letter from Chuck and Mitch Haddad requesting permission to close the restaurant for the months of January and February due to a decrease in business related to the pandemic. Mike Bradley moved, seconded by Chris Rohland, to approve this temporary closure of a licensed premise from January 4, 2021 through February 28, 2021. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy - aye.

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Appointment of Carin Paulette as Veterans Agent – Mike Bradley said that Carin Paulette has been doing a great job as Interim Veterans Agent. After a brief discussion, Mike Bradley moved, seconded by Chris Rohland, to appoint Carin Paulette as Veterans Agent effective immediately. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy - aye.

Common Victualler License Renewals – Michael Maresco read through the list of applicants for renewal of common victualler licenses as follows:

1st Stop Coffee
7-Eleven #37405H
Anthony's Pizzeria
Balance Nutrition
B's Ice Cream
Buppa's Breakfast
China Wok
Coffee Shack Inc.
Dairy Queen
Domino's Pizza
Dunkin Donuts
Dunkin Donuts
Fetch BBQ
Green Harbor Lobster Pound
Mae's
Major League Pizzeria
Manny's Pizzeria
McDonald's
Remix Nutrition
Riva Pizzeria
Rocky Roads
SlackTide Coffee Roasters
Starbucks Coffee Inc.
Subway
Sweet Frog Frozen Yogurt
The Coffee Bar
The Corner Café
The Hop
The Mug
Wendy's #2290

Mike Bradley moved, seconded by Chris Rohland, to approve the renewal of these licenses contingent on receipt of forms and fees, payment of taxes, and clearance from the Board of Health. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy - aye.

Peddlers License Renewals – Michael Maresco read through the list of applicants for renewal of annual peddlers licenses as follows:

Laurie Igo, Island Dawg
Stephen Burt, Burt's Ice Cream
James Bertoni, Surf Dogz
Robert F. Shine, Shinetti's Grill
Ed O'Cain, The Dispatch
Tasia Lizardo-Cobbs, Wahlburgers Mobile Food Truck
Robin Flint, Townie Frozen Desserts
Joseph Hoyte, Oath Pizza LLC
Wardell Loatman, The South Shore BBQ Man
June Somers, Mom on the Go
Amber & Michael Kelly, Thyme Traveling Food Truck
Nathan Smith, Yummy Pad Thai
Ryan Burt, Burt's II Ice Cream
Kristin A. Donahue, Nona's Homemade Inc.
Joshua Dahl, Wolf Pizza
Fletcher Souba, SlackTide Coffee Roasters

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Daniel and Josephine Naples, Fetch BBQ & Catering Company
John J. Frosk, The Bacon Truck
Manny Dookham, Mangia
Katherine Keefe, Ellie's Treats
Martin Raynor, Kono Pizza Cape Cod
Sally Hughes, Smiles by the Mile Ice Cream
Clint Smith, South Shore Taco Guy
Deborah Doyle, Mama Deb's

Mike Bradley moved, seconded by Chris Rohland, to approve the renewal of these licenses contingent on receipt of forms and fees, payment of taxes, and clearance from the Board of Health. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy - aye.

Fortune Teller License Renewal – Michael Maresco said that there is one fortune teller, Michelle Ann Rollins, who has applied for renewal of her annual license. Mike Bradley moved, seconded by Chris Rohland, to approve the renewal of this license contingent on receipt of forms and fees and payment of taxes. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy - aye.

Lodging License Renewals – Michael Maresco read through the list of applicants for renewal of annual lodging licenses as follows:

Shiva Corporation, Marshfield Inn
Nicholas DiTommaso

After a brief discussion, Mike Bradley moved, seconded by Chris Rohland, to approve the renewal of these licenses contingent on receipt of forms and fees, payment of taxes, and clearance from the Police Chief. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy - aye.

Class 1 and 2 License Renewals – Michael Maresco read through the list of applicants for renewal of Class 1 and 2 licenses to sell used cars as follows:

Lucchetti's Service Center, Inc.
Marshfield Gas
Triple E Equipment Sales Corp.
Ocean Bluff Automotive Inc.
Kabilian's Car Care
Marshfield Tire and Auto Service Center Inc.
Minot Motor Sales
Marshfield Auto Body, Inc.
Quirk Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram
Quirk Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram
Roffey Family Enterprises
MZ Auto Sales

Mike Bradley moved, seconded by Chris Rohland, to approve the renewal of these licenses contingent on receipt of forms and fees and payment of taxes. 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 December 7, 2020 as written. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

Executive Session – At 7:55 p.m. Mr. Bradley moved, seconded by Mr. Rohland, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel pursuant to General Laws, c. 30A, §21(a)(2) that if discussed in open session may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Town, not to return to open session. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

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Mr. Bradley moved, seconded by Mr. Rohland, to close the executive session at 8:25 p.m. and adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland –aye; Mr. Darcy – aye. There were no votes taken in executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Burke

The following documents and exhibits were presented at the meeting: email from Chamber of Commerce asking to be placed on Selectmen’s agenda to discuss economic development; application for appointment to Council on Aging from Janice Fletcher; information from Harbormaster regarding request to increase launch fees; email from Haddad’s requesting permission for temporary closure of licensed premise; lists of applicants for renewal of common victualler, peddler, fortune teller, lodging and class 1 & 2 car dealer licenses.