

MINUTES – SELECTMEN’S MEETING

Monday, February 22, 2021

Remote Meeting

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

Excused: Michael G. Bradley

Mr. Rohland moved, seconded by Mr. Darcy, to open the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The vote was 2:0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy - aye. Mr. Rohland announced that Chairman Michael Bradley will not be in attendance tonight due to a schedule conflict.

Town Administrator Report – Michael Maresco provided the Board with his brief as follows. Week of February 8, 2021:

- Mr. Maresco noted that he cleared most of his schedule this week so that he could be at the Drive Thru Vaccination Clinic during its first week of operation.
- Weekly COVID-19 Task Force meeting
- Meeting with Recreation Department regarding programming

Week of February 15, 2021:

- Telephone meeting with Vaccination Clinic team and DPH regarding vaccine reporting
- Monthly Department Head Meeting, discussed Town employees returning to in-person work, increased public hours at Town Hall, upcoming town meeting and local elections
- Warrant article review with Patrick Dello Russo
- Meeting with new Advisory Board member Susan Tiskwicz
- Zoom meeting with Vaccination Clinic Team
- Met with Patrick Dello Russo to review G&R Construction invoices for Police Station project
- Meeting with Patrick Dello Russo to revise budget spending level
- Meeting with Board of Health to review budget numbers for the new Director
- Zoom meeting with Good Energy on aggregate energy going through DPU process
- Review of ATM and STM warrant articles, warrant will be available on March 23rd
- Attended Advisory Board meeting
- Tour of new DPW facility with Bob Galvin and Tom Reynolds
- Meeting with Jana Ferguson for update on COVID-19 vaccination distribution
- Volunteered at Vaccination Clinic all day on Saturday

Update on Drive Thru Vaccination Clinic – Michael Maresco said that 2253 vaccines were given at the clinic during the week of February 8-13 and another 1544 were given on February 16, 20 and 22, for a total of 3797 over the 9 days that the clinic was open. Mr. Maresco described how the drive-thru process works and said that people have been very pleased with how quick and efficient it is. Christopher Rohland said that he is proud of the Town and everyone who has worked so hard on this. Mr. Rohland noted that it is important that people be patient when trying to schedule an appointment, we have come a long way in a short amount of time and everyone who wants a vaccine will eventually be able to get one. Steve Darcy thanked Michael Maresco, Patrick Dello Russo and all of the volunteers who have stepped up to serve the community and noted that the number of doses we can distribute is dependent on the number of vaccines we receive from the State.

ALS Polar Plunge – Michael Maresco said that we are still waiting for some information on this event and recommended that the Board table this discussion and vote until their next meeting.

Forbearance of Fees for Small Businesses – Patrick Dello Russo said that in an effort to help small businesses, the Finance Team has come up with a policy that would extend the time they have to pay taxes and fees without hindering their ability to obtain licenses and permits in Town. The policy requires that restaurants fill out a Promise to Pay Agreement and pay all taxes and interest by January 14, 2022. Mr. Dello Russo said that the policy also states that the Town will not enforce any foreclosure action on a business until September 1, 2022, as long as they have an agreement with the Collector’s Office. After a brief discussion, Christopher Rohland moved, seconded by Stephen Darcy, to adopt this policy as proposed by the Finance Director/Treasurer/Collector. The vote was 2:0. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Rohland –aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

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Application for Change of Manager for M&M Southshore Hospitality LLC dba Station Eight from Michael Pavone to Anthony J. Calabrese III – Michael McDonough appeared remotely before the Board and gave some details on Mr. Calabrese’s background and said that he has been working at the restaurant for several years. After a brief discussion, Christopher Rohland moved, seconded by Stephen Darcy, to approve this application for change of manager from Michael Pavone to Anthony J. Calabrese III. The vote was 2:0. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Rohland –aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

FEMA Flood Maps and MVP Program – Town Planner Greg Guimond appeared remotely before the Board and gave a presentation on FEMAs revised inland waterways flood maps. Mr. Guimond said that a vote to accept these maps is required by FEMA in order to stay in the Federal Flood Insurance Program, and explained how residents can view the maps on the Town’s website. Greg Guimond then gave the Board a presentation on the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Plan and said that this plan must be approved in order to apply for MVP grants. Mr. Guimond said that the grant program provides support for cities and towns to plan for climate change resiliency and implement priority projects, and said that the Town of Marshfield would use any grant funds to create a Long-term Coastal Resiliency Plan. The Board thanked Mr. Guimond for the presentations.

Update from Plymouth County Mosquito Control – Ross Rossetti, Superintendent of Plymouth County Mosquito Control (PCMC), appeared remotely before the Board and gave a presentation on the organization and what they do. Mr. Rossetti said that, in addition to spraying, PCMC monitors for EEE and West Nile Virus, works with residents and businesses to reduce areas of standing water and works with Towns to identify and resolve problem water retention areas. Mr. Rossetti said that PCMC sprays using trucks from 2:00 AM to sunrise and added that residents can request spraying up to eight times per year. Steve Darcy asked if PCMC does aerial spraying. Mr. Rossetti said that aerial spraying is not under the control of PCMC and noted that the MDAR is working to pull together more information on aerial spraying and the use of Anvil for the Town. Mr. Rossetti said that they have not used Anvil since 2009, they now use a product called Duet which is manufactured by the same company and they are working to replace all of the chlorinated barrels which were contaminating the product. Steve Darcy asked if they use any other products in that type of packaging. Mr. Rossetti said they do not. Steve Darcy asked if the new packaging will be in place in time for the upcoming season. Mr. Rossetti said that it will. The Board thanked Mr. Rossetti for his time and for the presentation.

Donation of Food for Vaccination Center Volunteers – Patrick Dello Russo told the Board that Rockland Trust has offered to donate lunch from Fetch BBQ for volunteers at the Vaccination Clinic at a cost up to \$2500. Mr. Dello Russo said that they are expecting to receive similar donations from other banking partners in Town. After a brief discussion, Christopher Rohland moved, seconded by Stephen Darcy, to accept this donation. The vote was 2:0. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Rohland –aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

Request to Deficit Spend Snow and Ice Budget – Patrick Dello Russo gave some details on this request to deficit spend the Snow and Ice Budget up to \$200,000. Christopher Rohland moved, seconded by Stephen Darcy, to approve this request. The vote was 2:0. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Rohland –aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

Request to Use Town Hall Lawn and Training Green – Michael Maresco gave some details on this request from Seaside Gardeners to use the Town Hall Lawn and Training Green for a plant sale over Memorial Day weekend. Christopher Rohland moved, seconded by Stephen Darcy, to approve this request. The vote was 2:0. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

Marshfield Education Foundation – Virtual St. Patrick’s Day 5K – John Giberti appeared remotely before the Board and explained how this virtual event would work. Michael Maresco noted that the Marshfield Education Foundation has provided Marshfield Public Schools with 172 grants valued at over \$920,000. After a brief discussion, Christopher Rohland moved, seconded by Stephen Darcy, to approve this virtual event which will take place from March 17-April 3, 2021. The vote was 2:0. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Rohland –aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

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Reopening of Skate Park and Street Hockey Rink – Michael Maresco said that the Town is just out of the red zone and into the yellow zone with the recent drop in daily cases of COVID-19. Mr. Maresco gave some details on why the parks had to be closed and asked if the Board wants to reopen the parks now or wait for two weeks after school vacation to see if there is a post-vacation spike in COVID-19 cases. Christopher Rohland said that the closing of these parks was a difficult but necessary decision and added that he would like to reopen the parks on March 1, 2021, which would give one week to see if there is any impact from school vacation. Steve Darcy said that makes sense to him. Christopher Rohland moved, seconded by Stephen Darcy, to reopen the skate park and street hockey rink on March 1, 2021 as long as the Town stays out of the red zone. The vote was 2:0. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Rohland –aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

Acceptance of Minutes – Christopher Rohland moved, seconded by Stephen Darcy, to accept the minutes of February 8, 2021 as written. The vote was 2:0. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Rohland –aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

Mr. Rohland moved, seconded by Mr. Darcy, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. The vote was 2:0. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy – aye. There was no executive session held.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Burke

The following documents and exhibits were presented at the meeting: application for Change of Manager for Station Eight and accompanying information; information from Greg Guimond on FEMA Inland Waterways Flood Map changes and copy of PowerPoint presentation; information from Greg Guimond on Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Plan and copy of PowerPoint presentation; email regarding Mosquito spraying and PowerPoint presentation from Plymouth County Mosquito Control; email regarding ALS Polar Plunge; email regarding tax forbearance and copy of policy; email regarding donation from Rockland Trust Bank; request to deficit spend Snow & Ice budget from Tom Reynolds; request to use Town Green from Seaside Gardeners; request to hold virtual St. Patrick’s Day 5-K from Marshfield Education Foundation.