

MINUTES – SELECTMEN’S MEEING
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2016 AT 7:30 P.M.
MARSHFIELD TOWN HALL – SELECTMEN’S HEARING ROOM

Present: Matthew J. McDonough, Chairman, Stephen G. Robbins, Vice-Chair, Stephen G. Bradley, Clerk and Rocco J. Longo, Town Administrator

Mr. McDonough opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and announced that the meeting was being recorded by MCTV, reporters from the Mariner, other local media outlets and that anyone who speaks, may be recorded.

Town Administrator’s Report Mr. Longo announced that he had a FEMA phone call today with Leslie Fields regarding her technical review of the latest FEMA maps. Mr. Longo indicated that some of the problems on the previous maps had been addressed and changes were made but they didn’t do everything that the Town had hoped for. Mr. Longo mentioned that there are now 400 less people in the flood zone but there are still some issues so the Town is going to most likely do a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR). Mr. Longo commented that he hoped that FEMA would work with the Town. Mr. Longo indicated that Greg Guimond, the Town Planner would come to the Selectmen’s meeting tonight to provide some explanations on the new maps. Mr. Longo mentioned that he held a Safety Committee meeting last week and a Communication Forum and both meetings went very well. Mr. Longo also stated the he had met with Rod Procaccino of the DPW regarding projects. Mr. McDonough mentioned that if the Town doesn’t get involved with trying to get the maps correct, then it will be up to the homeowners to file an appeal. Mr. Longo mentioned that the towns of Duxbury, Scituate and Marshfield are involved together in this effort and we will find out more from Leslie Fields.

Mr. McDonough decided to start the Action Items while waiting for Mr. Guimond.

South River School Road Race – May 21, 2016 – Mr. McDonough mentioned that the Board had received a letter from Deb Gauley, P.E. teacher at the South River School. Mr. McDonough read the recommendations of the Safety Officer. Mr. Robbins moved, seconded by Mr. Bradley to approve the road race with the recommendations of the Safety Officer and the corrected date from the Safety Officer. The vote was unanimous.

Best Buddies Challenge June 4, 2016 – Mr. McDonough mentioned the letter from Paul Curley, Route Manager of the Best Buddies Challenge as well as the list of streets involved. Mr. McDonough also stated that the Safety Officer has reviewed and sent his recommendations. Mr. Robbins moved, seconded by Mr. Bradley to approve the Best Buddies Challenge on June 4, 2016. The vote was unanimous.

Vote to Accept Police Chief Contract – Mr. McDonough mentioned that the Chief has worked for the Town since 1988 and started as the Animal Control Officer and has held every position within the Police Department. Mr. McDonough also mentioned that the Chief was a graduate of the F.B.I. Academy and is immediate past President of the Plymouth County Chief’s Association, currently the Vice President of the Southeastern Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association and founder of the Old Colony Police Anti-Crime Task Force. Mr. McDonough also

mentioned that he has consistently had great communication with the Board and the Fire Chief. Mr. Robbins stated that Chief Tavares is one of the finest Chiefs in the state and that the Town is well protected. Mr. Bradley concurred and stated that the Town is very lucky to have the Chief. Mr. McDonough commented that the Board votes based on past performance. Mr. Robbins moved, seconded by Mr. Bradley to approve the Police Chief's contract. The vote was unanimous.

Vote to Accept Treasurer/Collector Contract – Mr. McDonough mentioned that David Leary has been with the Town for the past two months and we now have the contract to sign. Mr. Robbins indicated that he is looking forward to working with Mr. Leary. Mr. Robbins moved, seconded by Mr. Bradley to approve the Treasurer/Collector contract. The vote was unanimous.

The Board took a break at 7:45 p.m. to wait for the Town Planner, Greg Guimond to join them.

Mr. Guimond joined the Board at 7:50 p.m. for a tutorial on the new FEMA flood maps. Mr. Guimond gave each member of the Board a small hand-out of the map presentation. Mr.

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Guimond explained in detail how residents could go to the Town's website and click off the box of the 2012 map and then click on the March 1, 2016 latest map. He said that residents then click on "Find" and type in their street. Mr. Guimond explained if the blue color touches your building that it means you are in the flood zone and will need to get flood insurance or an elevation certificate. Mr. Longo explained that in the next week or two they plan to go into Boston to meet with FEMA. Mr. Guimond explained that when the Town gets the letter of Final Determination, the Town will have six months to vote on the maps. Mr. Guimond indicated that the Town will need to delay the Letter of Determination as much as possible. Mr. John Maxwell of 170 Woodlawn Circle expressed concern that his house is near an area of 14 foot elevation. Mr. McDonough explained that when the maps first came out FEMA had waves of 3 feet coming all the way to Town Hall and that the Town will still keep trying to work on the LOMR for the community. Mr. Longo explained that Ms. Leslie Fields has the best credentials but they do not know if FEMA will accept her modeling of the maps. Mr. McDonough commented that the goal was to make this work for the community.

Acceptance of Minutes - Mr. Robbins moved, seconded by Mr. Bradley to approve the minutes of February 29, 2016. The vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mr. Robbins moved, seconded by Mr. Bradley at 8:10 p.m. to go into Executive Session for the purpose of contract negotiations for the cable contract and negotiations with non-union personnel in which an open session might have a detrimental effect on the negotiating body and not to reconvene into open session. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Robbins – aye, Mr. McDonough – aye, Mr. Bradley – aye.

There were no votes taken in Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Wiedemann

Documents and exhibits presented at the meeting were the following: Printed flood map hand-out from Town Planner, letter from Deb Gauley of the South River School and letter of recommendation from the Safety Officer, letter from Paul Curley with information regarding Best Buddies Challenge and letter of recommendation from the Safety Officer, copy of Police Chief's contract, copy of Treasurer/Collector contract, and copy of Minutes of February 29, 2016.