

**MINUTES – SELECTMEN’S MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015 AT 7:30 P.M.  
MARSHFIELD TOWN HALL – SELECTMEN’S HEARING ROOM**

Present: John E. Hall, Chairman, Matthew J. McDonough - Vice-Chair, Stephen G. Robbins, Clerk, Rocco J. Longo, Town Administrator and Michaela Black, high school in-tern.

Mr. Hall opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and announced that the meeting was being recorded by MCTV, newspapers and radio outlets.

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

Mr. Longo stated that he had attended an MMA meeting today and indicated that the Department of Revenue had extended the date for the payment of bills from February 2<sup>nd</sup> to February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Longo also stated that the Governor has made Economic Development one of his priorities.

Mr. Longo indicated that he is on the Governor’s Advisory Committee and that the Governor had met with Joe Biden regarding the amount of snow we had this winter and he is trying to get assistance from FEMA. Mr. Longo also stated that he had mentioned to the Governor that the Town had still not received any assistance from FEMA for Nemo and Hurricane Sandy. Mr. Longo mentioned that Brian Adams has completed a Capital Assessment Study of the Town buildings. Mr. Longo commented that Michaela is working on a Facebook page for the Town. Mr. Longo also stated that he has a press release ready relative to personnel issues at the Fire Department which he had given a copy to each member of the Board.

Mr. McDonough moved, seconded by Mr. Robbins to accept the Statement press release from the Town Administrator’s report at this meeting. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. McDonough asked for a point of personal privilege and mentioned that tonight would be the last night that John Hall would chair a meeting in the Selectmen’s Hearing room. Mr. McDonough also stated that it has been a privilege serving with Mr. Hall and that he appreciated his leadership and considered him a friend. Mr. McDonough then read the Proclamation from the current Board of Selectmen as well as two other Selectmen who served with Mr. Hall and proclaimed April 14, 2015, “John Hall Day” in the Town of Marshfield. Mr. Robbins also mentioned that it has been a privilege serving with Mr. Hall and that he admired his leadership and dedication.

Aldan McDonald – Eagle Scout Project - Aldan McDonald and his mother Lynda McDonald appeared before the Board. Aldan presented a handout to the Board of his proposed project. Aldan explained that he would like to put up library boxes to borrow/take free books at Green Harbor Beach, Rexhame Beach and the Avon Street Beach. Aldan indicated that he already had permission from the Library Board of Trustees. Mr. McDonough mentioned that he had been an Eagle Scout and was aware of all the requirements and hard work it takes to become one. Mr. Robbins indicated that he had spoken with Michelle Noonan of the Library Board of Trustees and knew that the project had been approved. Mr. McDonough moved, seconded by Mr. Robbins to approve the Eagle Scout Project of building library boxes to borrow/take free books at Green Harbor Beach, Rexhame Beach and Avon Street Beach. The vote was unanimous. The Board also mentioned that they would like to be invited to the Eagle Scout Ceremony.

Waterways Committee – Harbor Plan - Mike McNamara, Mike Duane, Roger Fosdick, Joe Hackett and Dave Suffredini appeared before the Board. Mr. McNamara indicated that his committee has been working on a master plan for the Marshfield waterways and most recently the Planning Board voted to approve the Marshfield Harbor, Rivers and Waterways Management Plan. Mr. McNamara indicated that the plan is just what they would like to see in the next 5 or 10 years and that just because the Board accepts it doesn’t mean that they have to approve everything. Mr. Duane indicated that they have a wish list of things that are attainable and some that are way off. Mr. Hall thanked them all for working on the plan and asked Mr. McNamara to introduce the committee of Mike Duane, Roger Fosdick, Mike McNamara, Dave Suffredini and Joe Hackett. The Board thanked them all for their hard work. Mr. McNamara also indicated that they were also looking into the quality of water and were looking forward to cooperation from both conservation and the beach commission. Mr. Hall mentioned that he thought they were doing wonderful work and thanked them all for coming in.

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Appointment of Planning Board Liaison to Housing Partnership - Mr. Hall read the memo from the Planning Board with their recommendation for their liaison to the Housing Partnership. Mr. McDonough moved, seconded by Mr. Robbins to approve Mike Baird of the Planning Board as liaison to the Housing Partnership. The vote was unanimous.

Request Board of Assessors to Release Overlay Surplus – Mr. Longo explained that the Board is asking the Board of Assessors to release the overlay surplus of \$375,000. Ms. Bohinc, Finance Director explained that each year the Town reserves an amount of money for abatements and exemptions and that they over-estimate and this gives the Town an opportunity to use it again. Mr. McDonough asked if it could be used at Town Meeting and Ms. Bohinc indicated that the Town has some FY15 deficits. Mr. McDonough moved, seconded by Mr. Robbins to have the Board of Assessors release the overlay surplus of \$375,000. The vote was unanimous.

Economic Development Committee - Mr. Erich Roht and Mr. Bill Bowers appeared before the Board with a power point presentation on The Economic Development Committee Progress Update and gave a hand-out of the presentation to the Board. Mr. Roht explained the following from the presentation: Process Summary, Objectives and Progress Update, The Cliff, and Key Options to Create Sustainability. Mr. Bowers discussed the 6 Key Areas for Improvement and specifically mentioned that the Town Charter needs to be changed. Mr. Roht then discussed the Next Steps and that they need to obtain building and zoning data. Mr. Hall expressed dismay with the fact that two Town employees did not participate in the meeting with Mr. Roht and others for Economic Development. Mr. Longo indicated that Joe Markanian could help get the Town the data that they need. Ms. Bohinc, Finance Director stated that she felt this was an excellent start because the Town needs central management so that everyone is on the same page and indicated that she was happy that they are interested in a Charter change. Mr. Hall indicated that he was interested in spending about \$2,500 to get some answers and also see what other towns are doing. Mr. McDonough mentioned that he was also interested as the Town doesn't receive as much local aid as it used to and the costs of operating have risen. Mr. McDonough also indicated that he thought it was very important for the Town to have a Human Resource employee and that he would make sure that they got the information they needed. Mr. Robbins thanked the Committee for their presentation. Mr. Robbins also indicated that the Charter needs to be changed and he would like to lead that charge and that it will be a lengthy process and will take years. Mr. Robbins commented that he wasn't aware that the committee didn't get their information that they needed.

Mr. Robbins then mentioned that Nancy and Bill Bowers were both voted Citizen of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce and congratulated them.

Mr. McDonough moved, seconded by Mr. Robbins to ask Mr. Longo to obtain the information from certain employees requested by the Committee. The vote was unanimous.

The Board took a break at 8:35 p.m. The Board returned at 8:40 p.m.

30 Day Contract with Acting Fire Chief - Mr. Longo explained that Acting Fire Chief Bill Hocking is making considerably less than the previous Fire Chief and that the current Deputy Chief is making the same as the Acting Fire Chief. Mr. Longo asked the Board to approve the 30 Day Contract for the Acting Fire Chief. Mr. McDonough moved, seconded by Mr. Robbins to approve the 30 Day Contract for Acting Fire Chief Bill Hocking. The vote was unanimous.

Renewal of Fuel Storage Licenses - Mr. Hall read the following list of Underground Storage Licenses for renewal: Quirk Automotive 830 Plain Street, Quirk Automotive 955 Plain Street, Williams Coal & Oil Company 717 Plain Street, Roht Marine 2205 Main Street, Hess#21324 2139 Ocean Street, Prime Gasoline 2170 Ocean Street, Colbea Enterprises dba Shell 2126 Ocean Street, Carpenter Automotive 2054 Ocean Street, Marshfield Country Club 515 Moraine Street, Public Petroleum 1933 Ocean Street, Rand-handly Oil Co. 857 Webster Street, John A. Flagg, Jr., 750 Webster Street, Ocean Bluff Service 969 Ocean Street, Cedarview Filling Station 430 Careswell Street, Green Harbor Marina 239 Dyke Road, Taylor Marina 95 Central Street. Mr. McDonough moved, seconded by Mr. Robbins to approve the listed fuel storage licenses

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contingent upon receipt of forms and fees and clearance from the Treasurer/Collector. The vote was unanimous.

Recreation Department – Permission to Accept Gift - Mr. Hall read the letter from Ned Bangs, Recreation Director regarding the donation from SeaSide Homes for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Mr. McDonough moved, seconded by Mr. Robbins to approve the donation of \$125.00 from SeaSide Homes for the Recreation Department’s annual Easter Egg Hunt. The vote was unanimous.

Review Town Meeting Articles – Mr. Longo stated that there is now an amendment to the Community Preservation Committee’s article. Mr. Longo explained that it should have been submitted with their original article and was an oversight. Mr. McDonough indicated that he wanted to discuss the Meals tax article. Mr. McDonough indicated that he had not been in favor of the article and that the Meals tax option has been around for a couple of years and that he felt that the voters should decide. Mr. McDonough also stated that the money would go to the General Fund. Mr. Robbins stated that he supports the article and that he had spoken with a number of restaurant owners and that it wouldn’t change anything for them. Mr. Robbins also noted that people from out of town go to the restaurants so it would not just affect Marshfield residents. Mr. Hall stressed the fact that he would like to see the money from the tax go to the senior center and the DPW to help support the maintenance of fields so that all kids would be able to play sports. Mr. Longo mentioned that it is difficult but now most of the Towns on the south shore have implemented it. Ms. Bohinc commented that the money could be used for priorities.

Mr. Hall then mentioned that the Board has an amendment to the CPC Article #22 and that this would be added after Item 9. Mr. Hall then read the amendment. Mr. McDonough moved, seconded by Mr. Robbins to approve the amendment to CPC Article 22 to be added to the existing Warrant Article after Item 9. The vote was unanimous.

Acceptance of Minutes – Mr. McDonough moved, seconded by Mr. Robbins to approve the minutes of April 6, 2015. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Hall then thanked the office staff, Rocco Longo, Steve Robbins, Matt McDonough, Trish Reilly and Michael Maresco for all their help while he was a Selectman.

Mr. Hall then motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

There was no Executive Session held.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Wiedemann

Documents and exhibits presented at this meeting were the following: Press release regarding Fire Department, e-mail and corresponding information including hand-out for Eagle Scout Project, memo from Planning Board regarding Waterways Plan, Town of Marshfield Economic Development Committee Progress Update hand-out, memo from Planning Board requesting appointment of Mike Baird as their representative to the Housing Partnership, memo from Board of Selectmen to Board of Assessors to release Overlay Surplus, 30 Day Contract for Acting Fire Chief, list of fuel storage registrations for renewal, memo from Recreation Commission requesting to accept donation, Town Meeting Warrant, copy of Amendment to CPC Article #22 in Annual Town Meeting Warrant and copy of minutes of April 6, 2015.