

MINUTES – SELECTMEN’S MEETING

Monday, January 5, 2015

Selectmen’s Hearing Room

Present: John E. Hall, Chairman; Matthew J. McDonough; Stephen G. Robbins; Rocco J. Longo, Town Administrator

John Hall opened the meeting 7:30 p.m. and announced that the meeting is being recorded by MCTV.

Mr. Hall also announced that the Carolina Hill Shelter will have an open house on January 6, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mark Binder, Executive Director of the shelter appeared before the Board and gave them some background on what the Carolina Hill Shelter does as well as details of the open house. Mr. Binder said that all community members are invited to attend. After a brief discussion, the Board thanked Mr. Binder for bringing them this information and also for the great work done at the shelter.

Mr. Hall announced that Lt. Ochiltree is retiring from the Marshfield Fire Department after 37 years of service. Mr. Hall congratulated Lt. Ochiltree on behalf of the Board and thanked him for his many years of service.

Town Administrator Report – Rocco Longo said that he was going to keep his report brief tonight to allow time for Attorney Galvin to give an update on the Rexhame Beach decision. Mr. Longo said that he has started to advertise for non-profits seeking funding at Town Meeting, applications will be accepted until February 5, 2015.

Attorney Galvin appeared before the Board and said that there has been a judgment in favor of the Town in the longstanding Rexhame Beach case, but the case is still technically pending. Mr. Galvin gave an overview of the case relative to ownership of and public access to a 1,000 foot stretch of beach in the Old Rexhame area. Mr. Galvin said that there were a lot of people involved in this case and that he cannot take all of the credit for the positive outcome. The Board thanked Mr. Galvin, and everyone else who participated on the Town’s behalf, for their great work on this case.

Recreation Department – Permission to Accept Grant – Ned Bangs appeared before the Board and gave some details on this grant for \$13,100 from the Edwin Phillips Foundation to be used to fund programs for special needs students. Matthew McDonough moved, seconded by Steve Robbins, to accept this grant. The vote was unanimous.

Roht Marine – Request for Approval of Temporary Closure – John Hall read into the record the letter from Erich Roht requesting permission to close his restaurant for 60-90 days while he does some repair work on the property. After a brief discussion, Matthew McDonough moved, seconded by Steve Robbins, to approve this request. The vote was unanimous.

Acceptance of Deeds for Parcel E, Chestnut Hill Estates, LLC and Parcel L09-01-01 on Plymouth Avenue – Rocco Longo explained that these parcels have already been accepted by the Town, the Board simply has to vote to accept and sign the deeds. Matthew McDonough moved, seconded by Steve Robbins, to accept the deeds on these two properties as presented by Attorney Galvin. The vote was unanimous.

Acceptance of Minutes – Matthew McDonough moved, seconded by Steve Robbins, to accept the minutes of December 22, 2014 as written. The vote was unanimous.

Executive Session – At 8:30 p.m. Mr. McDonough moved, seconded by Mr. Robbins, to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations and strategy with regard to potential or threatened litigation, that if held in open session may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining and litigating positions of the Town, not to return to open session. The vote was unanimous. Roll call vote: Mr. Robbins – aye; Mr. Hall – aye; Mr. McDonough – aye.

Mr. McDonough moved, seconded by Mr. Robbins, to close the executive session at 9:45 p.m. and adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous. Roll call vote: Mr. Robbins – aye; Mr. Hall – aye; Mr. McDonough – aye.

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Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Burke

The following documents and exhibits were presented at the meeting: invitation to open house from Carolina Hill Shelter; letter from Ned Bangs requesting permission to accept grant; letter from Roht Marine requesting permission to temporarily close; draft letter of support for extension of Greenbush service.