

MINUTES – SELECTMEN’S MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M.

MARSHFIELD TOWN HALL, SELECTMEN’S HEARING ROOM

Present: James J. Fitzgerald, Chairman; Joseph E. Kelleher, Vice-Chair; Michael G. Bradley, Clerk and Michael A. Maresco, Town Administrator

Mr. Fitzgerald opened the meeting at 7:06 p.m. and with the Pledge of Allegiance and announced that the meeting was being recorded by MCTV.

Town Administrator’s Report – Mr. Maresco gave an oral report on the following:

- January 15- held a department head meeting, discussed deadlines for warrants and other issues going on around town.
  - met with Fred Russell and Patrick Dello Russo regarding infrastructure and expenses
  - met with Treasurer on Capital Budget
  - attended Capital Budget Committee Meeting to go over requests.
- January 16 –met with Treasurer to go over warrant articles
- January 17 – met with Treasurer on preparation of budget books
- met with Fred Russell on Library Plaza regarding light on Library Plaza sign
- January 18 – attended Mass Municipal Conference, open session with Governor and Lt. Governor regarding increases in Chapter 90 funds and local aid, housing choice bill, flexibility to design affordable housing at local level, increase in recording fees at Registry of Deeds, climate resiliency, grants available to communities
- January 19 – attended workshops on respectable workplace, succession plan, health literacy, OSHA prep, public records, OPEB, Building a Friendly Community, attended Mass Municipal Association Meeting, Jim Boudreau of Scituate is new President
- January 22 – held meeting on Debt Presentation, met with H.R. on Town Hall issues, conference call with Labor Counsel on personnel issues, attended meeting with Tri-Home Health, met with Tom Reynolds, Shawn Patterson and Jeff Granatino on school issues, held meeting with Police Chief and Town Counsel regarding election planning and parking issues
  - met with Town Accountant and Treasurer on CPA issues.

Vote on FY20 Budget - Mr. Maresco read through the revised FY20 Budget. Mr. Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Mr. Kelleher to approve the FY20 Budget of \$98,034,997. The vote was unanimous.

Town Counsel – Short Term Rentals - This appointment was canceled as Town Counsel was unable to attend the Selectmen’s meeting this evening.

Daniel Hassett – Application for Seasonal All Alcohol, Common Victualler and Entertainment Licenses – Mr. Fitzgerald opened the hearing. Mr. Mark Stiles, Jenn Hassett and Dan Hassett appeared before the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Stiles gave a brief background on the successfulness of the past concerts and events put on by the Hassett’s in Marshfield at the fairgrounds as well as at their local store in the downtown area. Mr. Stiles explained that the new venture of Levitate Backyard, LLC would be housed in a former building in the downtown consisting of the backyard and would serve breakfast, lunch and dinner with outdoor acoustics as well ticketed events. Mr. Fitzgerald asked the Hassett’s their reasoning behind this venture and Dan said he would like to take over the vacant unit and enhance the downtown area. Mr. Hassett indicated that he would like to provide music on a year-round basis. Mr. Fitzgerald mentioned that the application appeared to be in order and wanted to know how they were going to address the parking issues in the area. Mr. Hassett explained that most days the parking would be in front of the building and that they would have a parking attendant on the days when they have a big event and send them over to the Library. Mr. Hassett mentioned that he has spoken with Vicky from Tumble Fun and that he will not have a big event on the nights that she is open. Mr. Fitzgerald asked what type of business it would be and Mr. Hassett said they would have coffee in the morning and lunch and dinner would be things like tacos. Mr. Fitzgerald asked how many days of the week he would be open and Mr. Hassett said they would be open 7 days per week from 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Mr. Hassett explained a letter would go out when they are having a large event but most of the time, it would just be acoustics. Mr. Bradley indicated that he had already spoken with Chief Tavares and he indicated that so far Mr. Hassett has done a good job with his events. Mr. Fitzgerald asked if anyone in the audience had any issues and Vicky

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McPherson of Tumble Fun spoke and mentioned that Levitate has been a good neighbor so far and that parking is going to be an issue but Dan said he will address it when there is a ticketed event. Ms. McPherson said she felt the culture and music have been wonderful at the past events held at Levitate. Mr. Fitzgerald indicated that the Board can always revisit if there are any issues. Bob McGowan owner of the Century 21 office mentioned that Levitate has been a good neighbor and that he was concerned about the parking. Mr. Hassett said that they can block off an area. Mr. Maresco mentioned that he had spoken to Dan who said he would make sure his schedule will not affect Vicky’s and he will use cones in the parking lot. Mr. Hassett indicated that he will work with everyone and will make sure he uses cones and make sure that everyone goes slowly in the parking lot.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Mr. Kelleher to grant the Seasonal All Alcohol license for Levitate Backyard, LLC. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Mr. Kelleher to grant the annual common victualler license to Levitate Backyard, LLC. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Mr. Kelleher to grant the entertainment licenses to Levitate Backyard, LLC. The vote was unanimous.

Jogi’s Liquor’s Suspension/Revocation Hearing – Mr. Fitzgerald announced that they did not have to hold the hearing this evening as Mr. Sajjan has paid all his taxes with the Town.

Michael Maresco and Patrick Dello Russo – FY20 Debt Presentation – Mr. Maresco and Mr. Dello Russo read through their power point presentation which included the following: Overview, Debt Service Pie Chart, Percent of Debt Retired Annually, FY2020 Debt Obligation, 10 Year Outlook, Short Term Debt Liability, 3.2 M Long Term Debt Added in FY2020 (Included in Budget), What Is Not Going Into FY2020 Debt Budget, FY2020 Town Debt Budget, Debt Service vs. Outside, Major Contributing Factors, Debt to Overall Budget General Fund and Excluded Debt, 30 Million Debt Exclusion, 30 Years at 30 Million, 37 Million for 30 Years, 37 Million Debt Exclusion With Current Excluded Projects 30 YRS, Enterprise Fund Debt To Budget \$ 2,159,843, School Debt, Enterprise Funds Role, Wastewater Debt FY 18 (\$1,096,928), Water Debt FY 20 (\$1,062,914), Interest Rates, Debt Capacity in Relation to Debt Policy, Town of Marshfield internal Debt Policy, Impact on Operating Budget, and Our Team. Mr. Fitzgerald explained that projects need to be developed and maintained that require other means of funding. The Board thanked Mr. Maresco and Mr. Dello Russo and said they thought the budget was explained well.

Board Discussions

Town Assistance to Marshfield – Mr. Fitzgerald indicated that due to the Federal Government shut-down, Mr. Maresco has put together some thoughts such as no tax liens for Federal Government employees until pay is restored, defer bill payment due 2/1/2019, no interest on outstanding tax bills, no interest on excise tax bills and no interest on water, sewer and trash. All members of the Board thought this was a great idea. Mr. Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Mr. Kelleher that with proof of recent pay stub, government ID, Mass License or Mass ID and furloughed letter if issued, the Town of Marshfield will extend to residents the following: no tax lien on property until pay restored; defer payment of tax bill due 2/1/2019 until pay restored; no interest on outstanding tax bills; no interest on water, sewer and trash and that when furlough end that these federal employees will have 45 days to pay outstanding town bills before interest starts to accrue on the 46<sup>th</sup> day. The vote was unanimous.

Acceptance of Minutes – Mr. Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Mr. Kelleher to approve the minutes of January 14, 2019. The vote was unanimous.

Board Discussion on Capital Projects – Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the fact that the DPW Highway Garage is falling apart, the Police Station is not up to code and the senior center is looking to expand. Mr. Fitzgerald also noted that the seawalls are also an ongoing saga. Mr. Maresco mentioned that the Board of Selectmen appointed a great committee with professionals consisting of project managers, architects and builders. Mr. Maresco indicated that the Highway

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garage is undergoing emergency repair with a temporary roof for the next 3 years. Mr. Maresco indicated that this will keep water and the bird infestation out of the building and that the new garage is the number one priority and the new police station is the number two priority for capital projects. Mr. Maresco mentioned that it is possible that the new highway garage could be built next to the chain link fence behind the police station and the police station would have to be built elsewhere because of the flood zone. Mr. Maresco said that the new police station could be built on Proprietor’s Drive. Mr. Maresco commented that the Council on Aging building is in wonderful shape, they just need more space. Mr. Fitzgerald mentioned that the DPW building is deplorable, the police station is not up to code and the senior center isn’t big enough and that this is not a luxury, it is a necessity. Mr. Fitzgerald indicated that everything has to be done at the same time due to costs. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that the role of the Capital Project Building Committee is to advise the Board on what is the best way to proceed and they will look at the costs and debts we are going to have to pay above and beyond our taxes. Mr. Fitzgerald noted that the Town would be voting at Town Meeting on the projects and Mr. Maresco indicated that there could be a special election.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Mr. Kelleher to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. and noted that the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen would be January 28, 2019. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Wiedemann

Documents and exhibits presented at this meeting were the following: copies of documents regarding short term rentals; application for seasonal all alcohol, common victualler and entertainments licenses from Levitate Backyard with all corresponding documents; copy of letter to Jogi’s Liquors with copy of check received; copy of FY20 Debt Presentation; copy of FY20 Budget information for vote; copy of email from Town Administrator regarding assistance to Marshfield residents due to the Government shutdown and copy of January 14, 2019 minutes.