

MINUTES – SELECTMEN’S MEETING

Monday, November 14, 2016

Selectmen’s Hearing Room

Present: Stephen G. Robbins; James J. Fitzgerald; and Rocco J. Longo, Town Administrator

Excused: Michael G. Bradley

Steve Robbins opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. and announced that the meeting is being recorded by MCTV and WATD. Mr. Robbins noted that Mr. Bradley will not be in attendance tonight.

Town Administrator Report – Rocco Longo turned the first part of his weekly brief over to Police Chief Phil Tavares. Chief Tavares thanked the Board for having him in on such short notice to provide a public safety alert. Chief Tavares said that the Marshfield Police patrol division recently discovered that a level three sex offender has been living in Marshfield unregistered. This is his second offense as he failed to register when living in Duxbury in 2006. He is currently living at 7 Old Plain Street, Apartment 10, his name is Thomas J. Chantre, he is a 6 foot tall black male who Chief Tavares believes poses a significant danger to the public. Chief Tavares added that he is required to notify the public that a Level 3 sex offender is living in Town and said that he has placed signs around Town, notified schools and day care centers, Boys & Girls Club etc. Chief Tavares noted that Marshfield was recently named the 36th safest community in the country by NeighborhoodScout, a national organization used by realtors, so people do not need to be afraid but should be aware.

Mr. Longo provided the Board with his weekly brief:

- Started working on comparing Permanent Building Committee policies in surrounding towns, will work with Brian Adams on this and report back to the Board.
- Monthly department head meeting scheduled for tomorrow morning.
- Working to finalize the details of the meeting with the Insurance Advisory Committee next Monday.
- Will be at UMass Amherst on Thursday and Friday for MMA training.
- Nuclear drill will take place on Wednesday at the EOC.

Vote on Energy Reduction Plan for Green Communities – Patrick Roche from the MAPC and Seth Pickering from DOER, Green Communities Division, appeared before the Board to talk about this plan. Seth Pickering said that he has been working with Rocco Longo and Brian Adams toward getting the Town designated as a Green Community, adopting this Energy Reduction Plan (ERP) is the fifth and final step in this process. Patrick Roche gave an overview of what is involved in the ERP and the goals of the plan. Mr. Pickering gave the Board some details on how the Green Communities program works and the grant opportunities that are available to designated communities. After a brief discussion, Steve Robbins moved, seconded by Jim Fitzgerald, to adopt the Energy Reduction Plan as presented. The vote was 2:0.

Jim Cantwell – Town Meeting Resolution – Rep. Cantwell appeared before the Board and gave some details on the reason for this resolution and the work that has been done in this regard to date. Steve Robbins read the resolution into the record as follows: Be it resolved that the Town of Marshfield shall work in concert with State/Federal officials to further revise the current flood maps and to report back to Town Meeting. Rep. Cantwell said that his goal was to make sure that people at Town Meeting understood that the Town is continuing to work toward further revisions on the flood maps. The Board thanked Representative Cantwell for bringing this forward and assured him that they will continue to make this a priority.

Jim Robinson – Town Meeting Resolution – Town Moderator Jim Robinson appeared before the Board to discuss his resolution which supports the formation of a Town Meeting Electronic Voting Device and Review Committee. Mr. Robinson gave the Board some details on why he brought this resolution forward. His goal is to get more people to come to Town Meeting and he feels it would be a good idea to explore hand held electronic voting devices to see if it is feasible or cost prohibitive. Steve Robbins asked if any other

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Towns are using electronic voting at Town Meeting. Mr. Robinson said that Norwell is currently researching this option and that Wayland is the only Town with Open Town Meeting that is currently using them. Jim Fitzgerald said that he also looked at this when he was Moderator, and the biggest obstacle is that you never know how many people are going to show up at Town Meeting, there have been meetings with 2200 people so we would need that many devices. Steve Robbins asked if this is something that the Town Moderator could change or if it would require a bylaw change. Mr. Robinson said that the Town Moderator could make this change but the Town would have to approve the funding. After some discussion, Steve Robbins moved, seconded by Jim Fitzgerald, to authorize the Town Moderator and the Town Clerk to form a committee to further investigate this and report back to the Board of Selectmen. The vote was 2:0.

North River Arts Society – One Day Wine & Malt License – Steve Robbins read through the application for a one day wine & malt license for the Holiday Art Sale Preview Event on December 1, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the GAR Hall. Mr. Robbins noted that the North River Arts Society has provided proof of liquor liability insurance. Steve Robbins moved, seconded by Jim Fitzgerald, to grant this license as requested. The vote was 2:0.

Executive Session – at 7:50 p.m. Mr. Robbins moved, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald, to go into Executive Session to consider the purchase of real estate, that if discussed in open session may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Town, not to return to open session. The vote was 2:0. Roll call vote: Mr. Fitzgerald – aye; Mr. Robbins – aye.

Mr. Robbins moved, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald, to close the executive session at 8:25 p.m. and adjourn the meeting. The vote was 2:0. Roll call vote: Mr. Fitzgerald – aye; Mr. Robbins – aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Burke

The following documents and exhibits were presented at the meeting: Energy Reduction Plan; list of Town Meeting resolutions; application for one day wine & malt license and liquor liability from North River Arts Society.