

MINUTES – SELECTMEN’S MEETING

May 14, 2018

Town Hall, Selectmen’s Hearing Room

Present: James J. Fitzgerald, Chairman; Joseph E. Kelleher; Michael G. Bradley; Michael A. Maresco, Town Administrator

Jim Fitzgerald opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and announced that the meeting is being recorded.

Town Administrator Report – Michael Maresco provided the Board with his brief as follows:

- May 8th – met with Ned Bangs regarding Recreation Trails Committee and life-long learning programs including kayaking, hiking and pickle ball.
- May 9th – held monthly Fiscal Team meeting.
- May 9th – met with Patrick Dello Russo on 3 year strategic budget plan and capital outlay, which he will present in June.
- May 9th – met with Tom Reynolds regarding outstanding DPW projects including the Willow Street Bridge, seawall on Dyke Road, Beach Street Bridge, beach nourishment, and seawalls.
- May 10th – held weekly meeting with Fred Russell and received updates on library plaza and town hall air conditioning and painting project.
- May 11th – met with the Town Moderator regarding STM on May 21, 2018

Charter Review Committee – Bill Bowers appeared before the Board and gave some details on the discussions the Charter Review Committee has had regarding the Special Town Meeting. Mr. Bowers said that Town Moderator Don Gibson will nominate Jim Robinson as temporary Town Moderator to handle the Charter article. Mr. Bowers said that the plan is to present the main motion for the article and then break it down to ten sub articles, which will be debated on town meeting floor. Mr. Bowers said that it is anticipated that there will be amendments from the floor. There was some discussion about advancing more controversial articles to the start of the meeting. Don Gibson said there is a bylaw requiring a lottery for Town Meeting. Mr. Gibson noted that there are 9 articles in the warrant, and said that when we get to Article 1 regarding charter, he will announce that he has a conflict and nominate Jim Robinson as temporary Town Moderator. Mr. Gibson explained the process of electing a temporary Town Moderator and said that they will most likely have to waive the rule regarding completing an article in one night.

Joe Kelleher asked about the order of the separate charter articles. Bill Bowers said that they may ask the moderator to advance article 4 because that is the most substantive change that they are recommending. Joe Kelleher asked what happens if an amendment to one article affects other articles in the charter. Bill Bowers said that they would rely on Town Counsel to address that.

Mike Bradley asked about linking articles and about advancing the charter article and suspending the lottery. Don Gibson read from the Town Meeting Times and said that his interpretation is that the temporary moderator may not be able to advance the charter article to the start of the meeting.

Bob Galvin said that it is possible but not recommended to have a vote of town meeting floor to advance an article. Don Gibson said discussions are underway to have an overflow room in case the crowd is too large for the MHS auditorium. Non-registered voters will go to the overflow room in order to free up seats in the auditorium. Jim Fitzgerald thanked the Charter Review Committee for the work they have done.

Vote on Articles for Special Town Meeting –

Article 1: Charter Changes. Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to support this article. The vote was unanimous.

Article 2: Close out completed capital projects. After a brief discussion, Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to support this article. The vote was unanimous.

Article 3: Seawalls. After a brief discussion, Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to support this article. The vote was unanimous.

Articles 4&5: Funding for collective bargaining agreements. Michael Maresco said that these articles will be linked. Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to support these articles. The vote was unanimous.

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Article 6: Transfer of completed project proceeds. Michael Maresco gave an explanation of this article. After a brief discussion, Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to support this article. The vote was unanimous.

Article 7: School security system. After a brief discussion, Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to support this article. The vote was unanimous.

Michael Maresco noted that Articles 8 and 9 were previously approved by the Board of Selectmen prior to the April Town Meeting.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Membership Update – Lynne Fidler and Frank Hubbard appeared before the Board. Ms. Fidler explained that Richard Murphy and Mark Stiles have been associate members of the ZBA since 2015 and 2017 respectively. Ms. Fidler said that there was some confusion on the part of the ZBA about whether Steve Feeney, who was appointed by the Board of Selectmen on March 26, 2018, was appointed as a full member or as an associate member. Ms. Fidler said that typically new members serve as associates and then become full members when there is a vacancy. After a brief discussion, Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to appoint Richard Murphy as a full member of the ZBA and Steve Feeney as an associate member of the ZBA. The vote was unanimous.

Historical Commission – Winslow Collection – Michelle Campion, Norma Haskins and Cindy Castro appeared before the Board to explain their request to donate a collection of historical artifacts to the Plimouth Plantation. Michelle Campion said that the material was excavated from the Eames Way site, which is now private property, in the 1940’s. Ms. Campion said that a large part of the collection is archeological material which has been on loan to the Plimouth Plantation since at least 1997, and has been available for reference and study. Ms. Campion explained that the Plimouth Plantation is now applying for a grant to fund improvements in storage and display of the artifacts, but they need to take ownership of the collection before they can apply. Jim Fitzgerald asked if we have the ability to properly store them in Marshfield. Michelle Campion said that the Town does not have a facility to store or display these artifacts.

Joe Kelleher asked if the Town of Marshfield would have right of first refusal if Plimouth Plantation ever tries to sell the artifacts. Michelle Campion said that she will make sure this is written into the contract.

Mike Bradley asked if the Town of Marshfield will get recognition for the donation. Ms. Campion said that we will.

After a brief discussion, Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to approve the donation of the artifacts to the Plimouth Plantation, with the condition that if they want to divest themselves of the artifacts in the future, they would return to the possession of the Town of Marshfield. The vote was unanimous.

New Appointment to Conservation Commission – Jim Fitzgerald read through the application for appointment to the Conservation Commission and resume submitted by Rick Carberry, and noted that the Conservation Commission has recommended this appointment. Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to appoint Rick Carberry to the Conservation Commission for the remainder of a three year term that expires on June 30, 2020. The vote was unanimous.

Rebecca Kertzman – One Day All Alcohol License – Jim Fitzgerald read through the application for a one day license to sell alcoholic beverages at a wedding at the Winslow House on June 23, 2018. Mr. Fitzgerald noted that Ms. Kertzman has included a copy of liquor liability insurance. After a brief discussion, Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to grant this license as requested. The vote was unanimous.

Robert Edgerly – One Day Entertainment License – Jim Fitzgerald read through the application for a one day entertainment license for a neighborhood 4th of July party on Saturday July 7, 2018 on Leon Street. Mr. Fitzgerald noted that the Board has received

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positive recommendations from the Police and Fire departments. Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to grant this license as requested. The vote was unanimous.

Approval of Credit Card Use Policy – Patrick Dello Russo appeared before the Board and gave an explanation of this policy. After a brief discussion, Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to adopt this policy as written. The vote was unanimous.

Board/Committee Appointment Policy – Michael Maresco gave some details on this policy. After a brief discussion, Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher, to adopt this policy as written. The vote was unanimous.

National Natural Landmark Designation for the North and South Rivers – William Finn appeared before the Board and spoke about the process to have the North and South Rivers designated at National Natural Landmarks which was completed in 1977. Mr. Finn noted that the Town never received a plaque at that time, but the National Park Service is now ready to send a plaque once they receive a letter from the Town stating that they are willing to accept and display it. Mr. Finn gave some details on the location for the plaque and the reason it was chosen. After a brief discussion, Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Joe Kelleher to accept the designation and the plaque, and to send a letter confirming this vote to the National Park Service. The vote was unanimous.

Executive Session – At 8:05 p.m. Mr. Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Mr. Kelleher, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition 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 unanimous. Roll call vote: Mr. Kelleher – aye; Mr. Fitzgerald – aye; Mr. Bradley – aye.

Mr. Bradley moved, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald, to close the executive session at 9:00 p.m. and adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous. Roll call vote: Mr. Fitzgerald – aye; Mr. Kelleher – aye; Mr. Bradley – aye. There were no votes taken in executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Burke

The following documents and exhibits were presented at the meeting: Zoning Board of Appeals Rules & Regulations; email from Historical Commission requesting permission to donate artifacts to Plimouth Plantation; application for appointment to Conservation Commission from Rick Carberry and recommendation from Conservation Commission; application for one day liquor license from Rebecca Kertzman and copy of liquor liability insurance; application for one day entertainment license from Robert Edgerly and positive recommendations from police and fire; copy of credit card use policy; copy of board/committee appointment policy; information from William Finn regarding designation of North and South Rivers as National Natural Landmarks.