

MINUTES – SELECTMEN’S MEETING

Monday, November 9, 2020

Remote Meeting

Participants: Michael G. Bradley, Chairman; Christopher R. Rohland; Stephen R. Darcy; Michael A. Maresco, Town Administrator

Mr. Bradley moved, seconded by Mr. Rohland, to open the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy - aye.

Mr. Bradley asked retiring Veterans Agent Bill Dodge to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Administrator Report – Michael Maresco provided the Board with his brief as follows. Week of October 26, 2020:

- Call with John Hoey and Karen Lane-Newel of EverSource regarding their takeover of Columbia Gas
- Met with Bill Grafton on workflow and conservation issues
- Met with Labor Counsel and Danielle Kerrigan on personnel issue and DPW collective bargaining
- Weekly conference call on COVID-19, Marshfield is in Red Zone
- Met with Recreation Department on After School programs, park and playground cleanings
- Weekly meeting with Collins Construction on Town Hall elevator project
- Follow-up meeting with Bill Grafton and Jim Kilcoyne, Conservation Commission
- Met with Steve Rusteika from PMA for review of cost estimate for DPW project
- Met with Steve Rusteika regarding Solar PV at police station
- Weekly meeting with Fred Russell for update on ongoing projects
- Kick off meeting for collective bargaining negotiations with DPW union representatives, Danielle Kerrigan and Labor Counsel
- Interviewed three candidates for Assistant Planner, committee recommended Karen Horne for the Planning Board to interview
- Breakfast meeting with Steve Darcy on local issues
- Meeting with Bill Grafton and Rod Procaccino on Couch Cemetery expansion project
- Zoom meeting with Department of Public Utilities regarding the adoption of aggregate electricity for Marshfield

Week of November 2, 2020:

- Met with Town Clerk and Police regarding potential traffic issues on election day
- Budget meeting with Patrick Dello Russo and Board of Health
- Zoom meeting with Jacob Viola on CEIT (Covid Enforcement and Intervention Team) for Red Zone assistance
- Watched Governor’s press conference on new Executive Orders
- Met with Capital Building Project Committee for update on three building projects
- Weekly COVID-19 Task Force Meeting
- Met with Labor Counsel and Danielle Kerrigan on DPW negotiations
- Weekly meeting with Chief Corbo and Bill Hocking on Fire Department issues and priorities
- Met with Karen O’Donnell on potential land purchase
- Weekly meeting with Collins Construction for update on elevator project
- Met with Patrick Dello Russo on Capital Budget for FY22
- Weekly meeting with Fred Russell for update on ongoing projects
- Met with Labor Counsel and Danielle Kerrigan on personnel issues
- Briefing with Lt. Governor Polito on COVID-19 and the new Executive Order
- Met with Fred Russell to review and select on-call architects to interview
- Met with Patrick Dello Russo on FY22 Capital Budget books
- Met with Dirk Roderick on Housing Authority issues

Update on Veterans Day Activities – Bill Dodge and Carin Paulette appeared before the Board remotely to give an update on plans for Veterans Day in light of COVID-19 restrictions. Mr. Dodge said that they will be broadcasting a virtual ceremony on MCTV on Wednesday November 11 at 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Michael Maresco said that they will put this information on the Town’s website and will also light up the steeple on Town Hall in whatever color the Veterans Office feels is appropriate. The Board thanked Mr. Dodge for his years of service and wished him well in his retirement.

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Capital Budget Presentation – Michael Maresco said that the Capital Budget books are ready to be handed over to the Capital Budget Committee and said that books for the Board of Selectmen are on their desks. Patrick Dello Russo stressed how important it is to manage capital finances. Mr. Dello Russo said that they received \$58.7 million in capital requests and the recommendation is to set the limit at \$2.5 million. Mr. Dello Russo reviewed some of the major requests that were brought forward. Chris Rohland said that one thing they always said when he was on the Capital Budget Committee is that they never question the need for any of the requests since they are all important, but they have to prioritize the requests and make a decision on what will be funded within the spending limits. Michael Maresco said they will be meeting with the Capital Budget Committee on Monday evening to turn the Capital Budget books over to them. After some discussion, Mike Bradley moved, seconded by Chris Rohland, to set the maximum spending limit for capital expenses at \$2,500,000. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

Update on North & South River Shellfish Beds – Michael Maresco said that the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) has notified the Towns of Scituate and Marshfield that the FDA has closed the shellfish beds on the North and South Rivers for the season due to a high fecal count, they are unsure what is causing it. Mr. Maresco said that he attended a meeting with the DMF in July, they are requesting that Scituate do a dye test at their treatment plant, Marshfield will probably have to do the same. Mr. Maresco said that until they can isolate the problem, the beds will remain closed.

Mike Bradley asked Mr. Maresco to give an update on State funding for the North River Commission (NRC). Michael Maresco said that the State has previously provided the NRC with \$30,000 in funding, but due to the large deficit that the State is facing the funding was at risk of being cut. Mr. Maresco said that he sent a letter to Governor Baker asking that funding for the NRC and the North and South River Watershed Association (NSRWA) be reinstated. Mr. Maresco gave some details on the importance of the work done by these organizations.

Application for Temporary Wine & Malt License – Stellwagen Beer Co. – Michael Maresco said that this license is for the Wicked Women Makers Market on November 28, 2020. Mr. Maresco said that since Marshfield is in the Red Zone, the organizers have been advised that they can have no more than 50 people at the event at one time. Mike Bradley moved, seconded by Chris Rohland, to grant this license. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

Ethics Disclosure – Karen O’Donnell, Open Space Committee – Michael Maresco said that the Board just needs to accept this disclosure since they are the Appointing Authority. Mike Bradley moved, seconded by Chris Rohland, to accept this disclosure. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

Daniel Webster Estate Lease – Michael Maresco said that the Daniel Webster Preservation Trust has been an excellent steward of this property and gave some details on the work they do to maintain the property. Mr. Maresco added that the 40 year lease allows them to plan for fundraising and to apply for grants and gave some details on the terms of the lease. After a brief discussion, Mike Bradley moved, seconded by Chris Rohland, to approve this 40 year lease. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

Execution of Contract with Page Construction – Mike Bradley said that the Board had a lengthy discussion about this contract for General Contractor for the Senior Center Project at their meeting on October 13, 2020 and voted to award the contract to Page Construction at that meeting. Mike Bradley moved, seconded by Chris Rohland, to execute the contract. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

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New Appointment to Capital Project Building Committee – Christopher Ionta – Michael Maresco gave some background on Mr. Ionta and said that he is a former member of the Board of Public Works. After a brief discussion, Mike Bradley moved, seconded by Chris Rohland, to appoint Christopher Ionta to the Capital Project Building Committee for the remainder of a three year term that expires on June 30, 2023. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy - aye.

Permission to Accept Donation of Face Masks – Michael Maresco said that a large quantity of cloth face masks were donated to the Town by James Marathas, Executive Director of the Housing Authority. Mike Bradley moved, seconded by Chris Rohland, to accept this donation. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy - aye.

Acceptance of Minutes – Mike Bradley moved, seconded by Chris Rohland, to accept the minutes of October 13, 2020 and October 26, 2020 as written. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland –aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

At 7:45 p.m. Mr. Bradley moved, seconded by Mr. Rohland, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy – aye. There was no executive session held.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Burke

The following documents and exhibits were presented at the meeting: cover letter and spreadsheet for FY22 Capital Budget; application for one day wine & malt license and backup information from Michael Snowdale; ethics disclosure form from Karen O'Donnell; copy of lease for Daniel Webster Estate; copy of contract with Page Construction; application for appointment to Capital Project Building Committee and backup information from Christopher Ionta.