

MINUTES – SELECTMEN’S MEETING

Monday, February 8, 2021

Remote Meeting

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

Mr. Bradley moved, seconded by Mr. Rohland, to open the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The vote was 2:0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland - aye.

Executive Session – At 6:33 p.m. Mr. Bradley moved, seconded by Mr. Rohland, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy regarding potential land acquisition that if discussed in open session could have a negative impact on the negotiating position of the Town, returning to open session. The vote was 2:0. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland –aye.

Mr. Darcy joined the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Mr. Bradley moved, seconded by Mr. Rohland, to close the executive session at 7:00 p.m. and return to open session. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland –aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

Appointment of One Permanent Full Time Police Officer – Police Chief Phil Tavares appeared remotely before the Board and gave some details on the civil service process to fill this vacancy, which was created through a retirement. Chief Tavares said that the top ranked candidate is Kristine Murphy and gave some details on her background and resume. Chief Tavares requested that the Board of Selectmen, as the appointing authority, give Kristine Murphy a conditional offer of appointment. After a brief discussion, Mike Bradley moved, seconded by Christopher Rohland to give Kristine Murphy a conditional offer of employment as a permanent full time police officer. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland –aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

Increase to Beach Parking Fees – Cindy Castro, Beach Administrator, appeared remotely before the Board and gave some details on the reason for this request to increase the cost of annual resident parking permits as well as day passes for Rexhame Beach. Mike Bradley asked where the Town’s fees fall compared to surrounding Towns. Ms. Castro said that Marshfield is in the middle. Christopher Rohland asked how long it has been since the last increase. Cindy Castro said that it has been two years. Michael Maresco gave some details on how the beach revolving fund works and said that all fees collected are used to support the beaches, and these increases are related to the increase in minimum wage. Cindy Castro gave some details on the proposed increases as follows: the resident beach sticker will be increased by \$5.00, from \$40 to \$45 for advanced purchase, and from \$45 to \$50 for stickers purchased after April 15. Rexhame Beach day passes would increase from \$15 during the week and \$20 on weekends, to \$20 Monday through Thursday, \$25 on Friday and Saturday and \$30 on Sunday. After a brief discussion, Mike Bradley moved, seconded by Christopher Rohland, to approve these increased fees. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland –aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

Permission to Accept Donation from the Edwin Phillips Foundation – Michael Maresco disclosed for the record that his wife is a member of the Edwin Phillips Foundation Trust. Mike Bradley read the letter from Chief Tavares requesting permission to accept a donation of \$5,000 to support the Lojack/Safety Net Program. Mike Bradley moved, seconded by Christopher Rohland, to accept this donation. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland –aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

Town Administrator Report – Michael Maresco provided the Board with his brief as follows. Week of January 25, 2021:

- Participated in Plymouth County Summit hosted by Mayor Sullivan regarding COVID-19 issues and challenges
- Weekly COVID-19 Task Force meeting
- Meeting with Danielle Kerrigan regarding position upgrades
- Zoom meeting with Lt. Governor Polito and MMA on COVID-19 issues.
- Attended ZBA meeting regarding police station project and photovoltaic panels
- Met with Chief Corbo regarding Fire Department issues
- Met with Danielle Kerrigan and Board of Health regarding hiring additional nurses

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- Meeting with Recreation Department regarding new programming
- Attended ground breaking for senior center project

Week of February 1, 2021:

- Meeting with Patrick Dello Russo regarding Munis software
- Met with Tracy Mayo regarding Medical Reserve Corps
- Discussion with Boston University regarding improvements in Brant Rock area
- Operation Shot meeting regarding vaccination clinic
- Participated in interviews for Assistant Conservation Agent
- Attended ADA Committee zoom meeting
- Weekly COVID-19 Task Force meeting
- Meeting with Town Moderator, Town Counsel, and Town Clerk regarding Town Meeting location (Town Meeting will be held at MHS gymnasium)
- Participated in Munis software demonstration – 3-1-1 number to report problems
- Collective bargaining with DPW
- Weekly meeting with Fred Russell for update on ongoing projects
- Meeting at Fairgrounds in preparation for opening of vaccination center
- Monthly meeting with Tom Reynolds and Patrick Dello Russo regarding DPW budget
- Continued interviews for Assistant Conservation Administrator

Mike Bradley left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Recreation Commission Update – Michael Maresco gave some details on the effects of Covid-19 on the Recreation Department’s programming and said that Craig Jameson has been taking initiatives to move away from licensed child care programs to more traditional recreational programming. Craig Jameson, Recreation Director, appeared remotely before the Board and gave some details on their plans to get away from licensed child care and said that he is working with the Boys & Girls Club to fill the need for after school child care programs and noted that this will leave the Recreation Department the time to organize other programs, including as many outdoor activities as possible. Mr. Jameson said that he wants to implement more sports leagues for people of all ages, reviewed his plans and objectives for 2021 and reviewed proposed facility usage rates. Christopher Rohland asked how these rates compare to other towns. Craig Jameson said that they fall in the middle to lower range compared to surrounding towns.

Mike Bradley rejoined the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Michael Maresco and Christopher Rohland disclosed for the record that they are members of the Boys & Girls Club Board of Directors. Christopher Rohland moved, seconded by Mike Bradley, to approve Craig Jameson’s plan to move away from EEC licensed child care programs and focus on more traditional recreation programs. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy – aye. Christopher Rohland moved, seconded by Mike Bradley, to adopt the facility usage fee schedule as described by Mr. Jameson. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

FEMA Flood Map Update – The Board decided to table this discussion to a future meeting when the Town Planner can be present.

Update on Fire at New Veterans Housing Project – Rob Corley and Tim Doherty from NeighborWorks, appeared remotely before the Board and gave some details on the fire that took place on February 3rd. Mr. Corley said that the project was about a month away from completion at the time of the fire, but thanks to the work of the Marshfield Fire Department the building was not a total loss. Mr. Corley said that there was significant smoke and heat damage to the entire building and noted that it appears to have been an electrical fire that started in the newer rear portion of the building. Mr. Corley said that the opening of the building will be delayed by 4-6 months, Mr. Corley thanked the Board of Selectmen and the entire Town for their support of this project. Carin Paulette, Veterans Agent, said that she is grateful that the fire happened when the building was unoccupied and said that she will work with Veterans who were planning to move into the building to find other housing options.

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Transfer of Annual All Alcohol Restaurant License, Common Victualler License and Entertainment License from EJKD LLC dba Green Harbor Bar and Grill to Never Punch Out LLC dba One 3 Nine Kitchen & Bar, John W. Bruno Manager – John Bruno appeared before the Board and gave some details on his background and plans for the new restaurant. Mr. Bruno said that he hopes to open in mid-March and noted that all staff will be TIPs trained. After a brief discussion, Mike Bradley moved, seconded by Christopher Rohland, to transfer the All Alcohol, Common Victualler and Entertainment licenses from EJKD LLC dba Green Harbor Bar and Grill to Never Punch Out LLC dba One 3 Nine Kitchen & Bar. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

New Appointment to Historical Commission – Mike Bradley said that Jack Arouca seems like a qualified candidate and noted that the Historical Commission supports this appointment. Mike Bradley moved, seconded by Christopher Rohland, to appoint Jack Arouca to the Historical Commission for the remainder of a three year term expiring on June 30, 2022. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

Street Acceptance Policy – Michael Maresco gave some details on the reason for this policy and how it would work. Dave Carriere appeared remotely before the Board and gave some details on Chapter 90 funding and said that he is concerned about whether or not the language in this policy meets DOT requirements. Mike Bradley told Mr. Carriere to coordinate with Michael Maresco and Bob Galvin to ensure that the required language is included in the policy. Mike Bradley moved, seconded by Christopher Rohland, to adopt the policy as drafted by Town Counsel. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

Acceptance of Minutes – Mike Bradley moved, seconded by Christopher Rohland, to accept the minutes of January 25, 2021 as written. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

Update on Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic – Michael Maresco gave an update on the drive-thru vaccination center at the Marshfield Fairgrounds. Mr. Maresco said that today was the first day and things went very well. Mr. Maresco gave some details on the process for scheduling an appointment and for receiving a vaccine and said that people were very grateful to be receiving the vaccine. Mr. Maresco said that the State has asked that the site be opened to all of Plymouth County. Mr. Maresco said that 125 people were vaccinated today in addition to volunteers working at the clinic, and they hope to increase that number tomorrow with the goal of giving 94,000 vaccines by June 30th. Mike Bradley thanked Mr. Maresco for all of his hard work to coordinate this huge undertaking. Christopher Rohland said that he is very proud of the Town of Marshfield and thanked Michael Maresco and Patrick Dello Russo for their initiative in purchasing the freezers and completing all of the steps necessary to get his drive thru clinic up and running. Steve Darcy said that today was the start of something really special and thanked everyone who worked so hard to make it happen. Mike Bradley asked about home bound seniors. Michael Maresco said that Carol Hamilton is putting a list together and they are looking into hiring a company such as Brewster Ambulance to deliver vaccines to them at home following all of the proper protocols. After a brief discussion, Mike Bradley moved, seconded by Christopher Rohland, to expand the vaccination program to include all of Plymouth County. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

Mr. Bradley moved, seconded by Mr. Rohland, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Burke

The following documents and exhibits were presented at the meeting: information from Craig Jameson on recreation programs and fees; application and backup information regarding transfer of all alcohol, common victualler, and entertainment licenses from EJKD LLC dba Green Harbor Bar & Grill to Never Punch Out LLC dba One 3 Nine Kitchen & Bar; letter from Chief Tavares regarding Beach parking fees; letter from Chief Tavares recommending appointment of Full Time Police Officer and backup information; letter from Chief Tavares requesting permission to accept a donation; application for appointment to Historical Commission from Jack Arouca and recommendation from Historical Commission; Roadway Acceptance Policy and Procedures.