

MINUTES – SELECTMEN’S MEETING

Monday, March 8, 2021

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.

Town Administrator Report – Michael Maresco provided the Board with his brief as follows. Week of February 22, 2021:

- Met with Bond Counsel on solar projects for Schools, DPW and General Government
- Follow up meeting with No Fossil Fuel on amendments to PPA and Pilot
- Meeting with Senator Markey’s office, Jim Cantwell and Terry Murray, on issues with Eversource relative to the capped landfill solar array
- Zoom meeting regarding Police Station project with Kevin Weeks of PMA
- Meeting with COA Building Committee for update on project
- Meeting with Harbormaster Dimeo, Chief Tavares and Patrick Dello Russo regarding dredging of Green Harbor
- Attended Capital Budget Committee meeting with Patrick Dello Russo
- Attended COA Building Project public meeting for update on project
- Met with Bev Wiedemann and Patrick Dello Russo to review STM and ATM warrants
- Participated with Chief Tavares in a parade celebrating a veteran’s 100th Birthday
- Zoom meeting with Kevin Weeks for Police Station project update
- Weekly meeting with Facilities Manager for update on ongoing projects
- Attended Finance Committee meeting chaired by Patrick Dello Russo
- Met with South Shore Hospital General Counsel Joe Driscoll, Bill Hocking, Dr. Irons and Deputy Laselva regarding the drive through clinic

Week of March 1, 2021:

- Meeting with DPW and Patrick Dello Russo regarding fleet maintenance
- Meeting with Patrick Dello Russo to review debt and fixed cost assumptions
- Went to RMV to get title for fire truck that was sold at auction
- Weekly zoom meeting with Kevin Weeks for update on Police Station project
- Weekly meeting with Senior Center Building Committee for project update
- Attended Advisory Board meeting with Patrick Dello Russo for final votes on budget
- Attended Capital Budget Committee meeting with Patrick Dello Russo
- Mayflower Municipal Health Group Steering Committee meeting to vote on rate increase for FY22 (2.25%)
- Zoom meeting with Chamber of Commerce, DPW and Steve Darcy
- Meeting with PMA, Patrick Dello Russo and DPW to review Weston and Sampson’s schematic design construction cost estimates

Michael Bradley asked about the status of the Fire Chief search. Michael Maresco said that the initial meeting of the Search Committee will be held next Thursday, applications are due by March 19, 2021 and the goal is to have the new Chief sworn in at the Annual Town Meeting.

Update on Drive Thru Vaccination Clinic – Michael Maresco said that 954 doses were administered on Saturday, which is the largest single day number so far. Mr. Maresco said that the clinic has been running very smoothly and zero vaccines have been wasted since the opening of the clinic.

Christopher Rohland noted that March 8, 2021 is International Women’s Day and said that we have come a long way since the first Women’s Day in 1909, but we still have a long way to go when it comes to equality for women.

FEMA and Vaccine Related Expenses – Patrick Dello Russo gave a brief update on expenses so far and said that he is meeting with FEMA on a bi-weekly basis. Mr. Dello Russo said that as of Friday March 19, \$250,000 has been spent, and we are on target for total expense of \$1.2 million by June 30, 2021.

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Gift from Leader Bank to Support Vaccination Clinic –Patrick Dello Russo said that Leader Bank has been a great partner for the Town for many years and has stepped up again during the pandemic. Marc Romvos from Leader Bank appeared remotely before the Board and announced that the bank is making a donation of \$10,000 to support the vaccine clinic. Mr. Romvos said that Leader Bank has been honored to be a partner with the Town of Marshfield over the years and gave some details on their business. The Board thanked Mr. Romvos and Leader Bank for the very generous donation. 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.

Specialty Pay for Police I/T Position – Chief Tavares appeared remotely before the Board and gave some details on the increase in demand for I/T assistance within the Police Department over the past several years. Chief Tavares said that they only have one officer covering I/T duties and he is basically on call 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Chief Tavares reviewed some of the responsibilities of this position and said that this specialty pay would put him in line with other Departments Heads such as the Harbormaster and Emergency Operations Director. After a brief discussion, Michael Bradley moved, seconded by Christopher Rohland, to include the Police Information Technology Director in the list of positions receiving specialty pay under the Police contract. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy - aye.

Ethics Disclosure – Michael Maresco – Michael Maresco said that he submitted this ethics disclosure due to his role on the Mayflower Municipal Health Group Steering Committee and the related financial impact it would have on he and his wife as employees of the Town of Marshfield. Michael Bradley moved, seconded by Christopher Rohland, to accept this disclosure. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy - aye.

Extension of Outdoor Seating at Restaurants – Michael Maresco gave some details on the latest directive from the Governor’s office which states that licenses with outdoor seating approved under Executive Order 35 may continue their outdoor operations until Order 35 is rescinded by the Governor. After a brief discussion, Mike Bradley moved, seconded by Christopher Rohland, to extend Temporary Outdoor Seating Food and Beverage Permits until Executive Order 35 is rescinded by the Governor, The vote was unanimous. Roll Call vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

Reopening of Special Town Meeting Warrant for Insertion of Article – Michael Maresco said that this proposed article is related to outdoor seating approved under Executive Order 35 and would extend the provision under that order through December 1, 2021. Mr. Maresco said that this would allow restaurants to feel comfortable making a larger investment in furniture and equipment necessary for outdoor seating. After a brief discussion, Michael Bradley moved, seconded by Christopher Rohland, to reopen the Special Town Meeting warrant and insert this article as drafted by Town Counsel. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy – aye. Michael Bradley moved, seconded by Christopher Rohland, to close the Special Town Meeting warrant. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

Seasonal Liquor Licenses – Michael Maresco read through the list of applicants for renewal of seasonal liquor licenses as follows:

- Sajjan Enterprises dba Jogi’s Liquors – Seasonal All Alcohol Package Store
- Jayshama Corporation dba Jackansons – Seasonal All Alcohol Package Store
- Gandhi & Son Corp dba Hubbard’s Cupboard – Seasonal All Alcohol Package Store
- The Point Restaurant – Seasonal all Alcohol Restaurant, Common Victualler and Entertainment
- Rexicana Surf Cantina & Levitate Backyard – Seasonal All Alcohol Restaurant, Common Victualler and Entertainment

Michael Bradley moved, seconded by Christopher Rohland, to renew these licenses contingent on receipt of paperwork and fees and clearance from the Collector’s Office. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

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ALS ONE Polar Plunge – Michael Bradley gave some details on this annual fundraising event which is scheduled to take place at Rexhame Beach on April 3, 2021. After a brief discussion, Michael Bradley moved, seconded by Christopher Rohland, to approve this request. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

New Appointment to Agricultural Commission – Michael Bradley said that the Board has received an application from Caleen Alexanderson and noted that the Agricultural Commission supports this appointment. Michael Bradley moved, seconded by Christopher Rohland, to appointment Caleen Alexanderson to the Agricultural Commission for the remainder of a three year term that expires on June 30, 2022. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland –aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

Acceptance of Minutes – Michael Bradley moved, seconded by Christopher Rohland, to accept the minutes of February 22, 2021 as written. 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 7:40 p.m. 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: letter from Patrick Dello Russo regarding FEMA and vaccine related expenses; letter from Patrick Dello Russo regarding donation from Leader Bank; copy of Ethics Disclosure from Michael Maresco; email and advisory from ABCC regarding extension of temporary outdoor seating permits; draft warrant article regarding temporary outdoor seating permits; list of applicants for renewal of seasonal liquor licenses; letter from Chief Tavares regarding specialty pay for I/T Director; email and backup information regarding Polar Plunge including recommendations from Beach Administrator, Police Chief and Fire Chief; application for appointment to Agricultural Commission from Caleen Alexanderson and recommendation from Agricultural Commission.