

## **MINUTES – SELECTMEN’S MEETING**

**Monday, August 9, 2021**

**Selectmen’s Hearing Room**

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

Excused: James J. Kilcoyne

Mr. Rohland moved, seconded by Mr. Darcy, to open the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The vote was 2:0.

Christopher Rohland announced that the meeting is being recorded by MCTV. Mr. Rohland also mentioned the recent passing of Marshfield’s Danny Sheehan and spoke briefly about what an inspiration he was to so many people. Mr. Rohland gave details on the “send off” that will be taking place for Danny on Wednesday evening and encouraged residents to line the streets of Marshfield in his honor.

Christopher Rohland said that the Levitate Festival took place this past weekend and he was once again impressed with how smoothly everything went. Mr. Rohland thanked the Marshfield Police and Fire as well as State Police and Plymouth County Sheriff’s Departments for their assistance in making this such a safe and enjoyable event.

Town Administrator Report – Michael Maresco provided the Board with his brief as follows. Week of July 26 2021:

- Meeting with Reprecincting Committee to review the lines based on the 2020 census.
- Covid-19 Task Force meeting - with numbers rising, Marshfield remains in the grey
- Weekly OAC meeting on police station project
- Weekly PMA meeting on issues affecting DPW/Police project
- Senior Center weekly construction meeting – working on inside electrical, plumbing, gas and HVAC
- Weekly DPW construction meeting – bids are out for subs and GCs
- Levitate walk through at the Fairgrounds
- Safety meeting with MIIA, public safety, schools, DPW, and general government
- Attended Finance Team meeting led by Patrick Dello Russo
- Meeting with Conservation and Building Department Heads to discuss ongoing enforcement issues
- Meeting with Supervisory Union on personnel issue
- Reviewed CPC application for Dog Park with Patrick Dello Russo
- Meeting with Patrick Dello Russo to review updated clinic costs, reimbursements and testing

Week of August 2, 2021:

- Weekly meeting with PMA to discuss challenges on police and DPW projects
- Meeting with Carin Paulette, Lisa Potts and Trustees of Veterans Park to discuss plan for park maintenance and hiring process to replace Barney Dowd
- Weekly OAC meeting regarding police station project
- Meeting regarding LobsterFest
- Bi-weekly Police Building Committee meeting
- Participated in State Vaccine Quality Assurance site visit at Town Hall Clinic
- Weekly meeting with Fred Russell for update on ongoing projects
- Follow-up meeting at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital on MIH program, with Chief Simpson, former Chief Hocking, Patrick Dello Russo and Deputy Chief LaSelva
- Meeting in Scituate regarding closure of seasonal Coast Guard station
- Attended opioid vigil planning meeting at Harbormaster’s office
- Meeting with Town Counsel and Danielle Kerrigan regarding personnel issues
- Meeting with Assessor’s Office on new growth
- Meeting with Bill Grafton and Eric Flint on ongoing EverSource issues
- Meeting with Patrick Dello Russo, I/T staff and public safety on cyber security needs
- Levitate Festival final walk through at Fairgrounds

Michael Maresco gave an update on the Vaccination Clinic at Town Hall and said that they have seen an increase in the number of people coming in for vaccines. Mr. Maresco also updated the Board on plans for the Covid-19 testing facility at Town Hall.

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Hiring of Four Full Time Police Officers – Christopher Rohland said that he has read through the bios and feels that the four recommended candidates are all very qualified. Chief Tavares appeared before the Board gave some details on the process leading to these recommendations. Chief Tavares noted that these hires are to fill vacancies and are not new positions. After a brief discussion, Christopher Rohland moved, seconded by Stephen Darcy, to appoint Zachary Coyne and Connor Lemieux as permanent full time officers effective on Friday August 27, 2021. The vote was 2:0 Christopher Rohland moved, seconded by Stephen Darcy, to make conditional offers of employment as permanent full time officers to Richard Perry and Elias DiTullio effective immediately. The vote was 2:0

Permission to Accept Donation – Veterans Agent – Christopher Rohland read the letter from Carin Paulette requesting permission to accept a donation of \$250 to the Veterans Services Account from Laura Woodbury. Christopher Rohland moved, seconded by Stephen Darcy, to accept this generous donation. The vote was 2:0.

Permission to Accept Donation of Picnic Tables – Recreation Department – Christopher Rohland read the note from Shannon Drosopoulos of the Brant Rock Hop offering to donate six picnic tables valued at \$300 each for use at the Coast Guard Hill playground. Christopher Rohland moved, seconded by Stephen Darcy, to accept this generous donation valued at approximately \$1800. The vote was 2:0.

Request to Waive of Permitting Fees – Michael Maresco gave some details on this request to waive fees related to wiring of the COVID-19 testing shed in the Town Hall parking lot. Christopher Rohland moved, seconded by Stephen Darcy, to waive these fees as requested. The vote was 2:0.

Run for the Hills 5K – Christopher Rohland read the letter from Dave Will requesting permission to hold this annual road race on September 6, 2021. Mr. Rohland noted that the Board has received positive recommendations from the Police and Fire Departments. Christopher Rohland moved, seconded by Stephen Darcy, to approve this event with the conditions set forth by the Safety Officer. The vote was 2:0

Proposed Town Meeting Articles Regarding Short Term Rentals – Michael Maresco gave some details on this local 6% excise tax on short term rentals, and said that an article on adoption of this tax could be added to the STM warrant. Patrick Dello Russo said that this tax is very similar to the meals tax. Robert Galvin noted that there is also a 3% Community Impact fee that could be adopted, and noted that this money can be used for affordable housing and/or infrastructure. After a brief discussion, Christopher Rohland moved, seconded by Stephen Darcy, to put on the warrant for the October 18, 2021 Special Town Meeting the following two articles:

A warrant article authorizing the imposition of a local excise tax of not more than 6% on a transfer of occupancy of various types of short-term rentals now authorized by Chapter 337 of the Acts of 2018 effective on July 1, 2019; and a warrant article authorizing the imposition of a local community impact fee of not more than 3% on a transfer of occupancy of various types of short-term rentals including professionally-managed units and short-term rental units in a two-family or three-family dwelling that includes the operator’s primary residence as authorized by Chapter 337 of the Acts of 2018 effective on July 1, 2019. The vote was 2:0

David’s Walk – Christopher Rohland read the letter from Sally Derbes requesting permission to hold a walk in memory of David Moeykens on August 14 beginning at 10AM. Mr. Rohland noted that the Board has received a positive recommendation from the Police Department. Christopher Rohland moved, seconded by Stephen Darcy, to approve this event with the conditions set forth by the Safety Officer and contingent on approval of the Fire Department. The vote was 2:0

Acceptance of Minutes – Christopher Rohland moved, seconded by Stephen Darcy, to accept the minutes of July 26, 2021 as written. The vote was 2:0.

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Executive Session – At 7:12 p.m. Mr. Rohland moved, seconded by Mr. Darcy, to close the open session and go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition that if discussed in open session could have a negative impact on the negotiating position of the Town, not returning to open session. The vote was 2:0. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Rohland –aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

Mr. Rohland moved, seconded by Mr. Darcy, to close the executive session at 7:30 p.m. and adjourn the meeting. The vote was 2:0. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Rohland –aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Burke

*The following documents and exhibits were presented at the meeting: letter from Carin Paulette requesting permission to accept donation; email from Shannon Drosopoulos regarding donation of picnic tables; emails regarding waiving of permitting fees for COVID-19 testing shed; letter from David Will requesting permission to hold Run for the Hills 5K and backup information; letter from Police Chief recommending hiring of 4 permanent full time police officers; information regarding short term rental taxes; letter from Sally Derbes requesting permission to hold David’s Walk and backup information.*