

## **MINUTES – SELECTMEN’S MEETING**

**Monday, August 23, 2021**

**Selectmen’s Hearing Room**

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

Mr. Rohland moved, seconded by Mr. Darcy, to open the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The vote was unanimous. Christopher Rohland announced that the meeting is being recorded by MCTV.

Town Administrator Report – Michael Maresco provided the Board with his brief as follows. Week of August 9, 2021:

- Breakfast meeting with Chairman Rohland
- Attended meeting on Harbor Park parking lot issue
- Weekly meeting with PMA regarding the Police Station and DPW projects
- Took several days of vacation time

Week of August 16, 2021:

- Meeting with Christine McCarthy, Town Accountant
- Weekly meeting with PMA regarding the Police Station and DPW projects
- Meeting with Patrick Dello Russo on warrant articles
- Meeting on FY23 Capital Budget requests from Police, Fire and Schools
- Attended bi-weekly Police Building Committee meeting
- Monthly Department Head Meeting
- Weekly Police Project OAC meeting regarding roof material and floor pouring
- Attended Jim Folkard’s retirement part at Haddads
- Attended PPI Committee meeting on Town Meeting articles and flood insurance
- Meeting with DPW and Patrick Dello Russo to review their FY23 Capital requests
- Weekly meeting with Fred Russell for update on ongoing projects
- Participated in CZM Beach Nourishment Zoom meeting with Greg Guimond, Woods Hole Group and Duxbury Town Planner
- Attended first in person MMA meeting in North Andover
- Meeting with Danielle Kerrigan and Board of Health
- Meeting with Patrick Dello Russo regarding FY23 budget
- Meeting with Patrick Dello Russo on COVID-19 Booster Clinic planning

Michael Maresco gave an update on the Vaccination Clinic at Town Hall and said that they have given out 80 shots so far. Mr. Maresco said that he spoke to the State about reopening the drive-thru clinic at the Fairgrounds to give out booster shots and gave some details on the plans.

Health Circle Update – Mike Westort and Paul Jacobson appeared before the Board and gave some details on the delays in opening their marijuana facility. Mr. Westort said that the current occupant of the building has had delays in building his new location due to COVID but is hoping to be out by the end of this year. Mr. Westort said that they have already applied for building permits and will be ready to begin work as soon as the current tenant is out. Christopher Rohland said that it is important that the project move forward in a timely way and noted that other entities have expressed an interest in this license. Mike Westort said that they definitely plan to go forward, they are just waiting for the building to be available. Mr. Jacobson said that he estimates the construction would take 3 to 3½ months and they hope to be open by the second quarter of 2022. Mr. Rohland asked Mike Westort to stay in touch with the Town Administrator to keep him updated on the progress. James Kilcoyne asked if they have a backup plan. Mike Westort said that there are not many properties that meet the requirements for this license, the only fall back would be to find another location for the current tenant. Mr. Kilcoyne suggested that they give an update in 90 days. Mr. Westort said that he will keep Mr. Maresco apprised of the progress and would be happy to come back with an update if necessary.

Station Eight – Application for Amendment of Officers and Directors and Change of Ownership Interest – Christopher Rohland read into the record the public notice regarding this hearing. Michael McDonough and John Mahoney appeared before the Board and gave some details on the reason for this request. After a brief discussion, Christopher Rohland moved, seconded by Stephen Darcy, to approve the change of officers and directors and

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change of ownership interest in M&M Southshore Hospitality LLC dba Station Eight, located at 1899 Ocean Street in Marshfield. The vote was unanimous.

Placement of Flags on Town Green and Lighting of Town Hall for Opioid Awareness – Christopher Rohland gave some details on this request for permission to place flags on the Town Green and also mentioned that there will be a sunrise service on Saturday August 28, 2021. Christopher Rohland moved, seconded by Stephen Darcy, to support the placement of 2104 flags on the Town Green from August 23, 2021 through September 5, 2021 and lighting Town Hall in purple on August 31, 2021 from 8:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m. in support of National Opioid Awareness Day. The vote was unanimous.

Placement of Flags on Town Green for Childhood Cancer Awareness – Christopher Rohland read through the request from Meghan Niland to place yellow flags on the Town Green during the month of September. Michael Maresco said that this is the first time Ms. Niland is doing this and she is still working out the details regarding number of flags and when they will be placed. After a brief discussion, Christopher Rohland moved, seconded by Stephen Darcy, to support the placement of yellow flags on the Town Green for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, final details to be worked out with the Town Administrator. The vote was unanimous.

Update on Munis Project – Patrick Dello Russo appeared before the Board and gave an update on this software upgrade. James Kilcoyne asked what the biggest challenge will be. Mr. Dello Russo said that the next big challenge will be in February and March when they are getting ready to close out the fiscal year. The Board thanked Mr. Dello Russo for the update.

Erica Ruscio – Library Update – Erica Ruscio appeared before the Board and gave an update on some of the things that are happening at the library. Ms. Ruscio gave details on events and projects and responses from staff and patrons. James Kilcoyne asked Ms. Ruscio to come back in the future with highlights of the long range plan results. Christopher Rohland asked what the Board of Selectmen can do to help. Ms. Ruscio said that the most urgent need is for additional staff as well as new carpeting in the library. The Board thanked Erica Ruscio for the very informative update.

ARPA Funding for Cyber Security – Patrick Dello Russo appeared before the Board with Jon Nash and gave some details on this request to use ARPA funding to increase cyber security for public safety, schools and general government. Jon Nash gave some details on the most immediate needs. Christopher Rohland asked what would happen to the old hardware. Jon Nash said they will receive a \$16,000 credit toward the cost of the upgrade. James Kilcoyne asked about the change in the recommendation to fund loss of revenue. Patrick Dello Russo gave some details on the reasons for this change. After a brief discussion Christopher Rohland moved, seconded by Stephen Darcy, to approve the request for Cyber Security Funding in the amount of \$709,410.41 from ARPA funds for Public Safety Departments, General Government and the School Department. The vote was unanimous.

Harbor Park Parking Lot Misinformation – Christopher Rohland gave some details on false accusations that are being made on social media by an elected official on another Board. Mr. Rohland said that he wanted to set the record straight. Harbormaster Michael DiMeo and Conservation Administrator Bill Grafton appeared before the Board and gave some details on the project to provide additional parking for the Town Pier and Harbor Park. Harbormaster DiMeo said that the Conservation Commission and DEP have no issues and abutters were notified and there were no concerns raised. Harbormaster DiMeo said that this is an underutilized parcel of land being used for dredging spoils. Bill Grafton said the Conservation Commission has vetted this out multiple times and after thorough review has no concerns. Christopher Rohland asked if the current parking lot was built in a similar way. Harbormaster DiMeo said that it was. Mr. Kilcoyne asked how many public meetings were held regarding this project. Harbormaster DiMeo estimated that there were 6 or 7 public hearings. Mr. Kilcoyne asked if the additional parking is necessary, Harbormaster DiMeo said that it is. Mr. Kilcoyne asked if the construction of the parking

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lot will expose toxic dredge spoils, Harbormaster DiMeo said that it will not. Mr. Kilcoyne asked if the area is recognized by the Town as wetlands, Mr. Grafton said that it is not. The Board thanked Harbormaster DiMeo and Mr. Grafton for coming in to clarify the misinformation that has been posted on social media.

End of Year Transfers to Close Out Accounts – Patrick Dello Russo appeared before the Board and gave some details on the reason for this request. Michael Maresco noted that these transfers account for less than 1% of the total budget. Christopher Rohland moved, seconded by Stephen Darcy, to approve the year end transfers to close out various accounts as presented by the Treasurer/Collector/Finance Director. The vote was unanimous.

Best Buddies Challenge – Christopher Rohland read through the request to route the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Best Buddies Challenge through the Town of Marshfield on October 2, 2021. Christopher Rohland moved, seconded by Stephen Darcy, to approve this event contingent on a positive recommendation from the Safety Officer. The vote was unanimous

Return of Mike Myers from Cross Country Fundraising Bike Ride – Christopher Rohland gave some details on this request and said that the exact date for when the bike ride will finish is not available yet as there are a lot of variables. After a brief discussion, Christopher Rohland moved, seconded by Stephen Darcy, to approve the request to celebrate the return of Mike Myers from his cross country bike ride to raise awareness and funds for ALS research at Rexhame Beach on a date to be determined, contingent on approval from Marshfield Police, Fire and Beach Administrator. The vote was unanimous.

One Day Common Victualler Licenses for Lobster Fest – Christopher Rohland read the list of applicants for common victualler licenses for the Lobster Fest on September 12, 2021 as follows:

- Brooke Costa, B’s Ice Cream
- Katherine Keefe, Ellie’s Treats LLC
- Christopher Patrick, CP’s Woodfired Pizza LLC
- Josephine Naples, Fetch BBQ
- Brandon Langieri, JetFuel Studio
- Katherine Ridl, Shine Mobile Coffee

Christopher Rohland moved, seconded by Stephen Darcy, to grant these one day common victualler licenses contingent on approval by the Board of Health. The vote was unanimous.

Application for Annual Peddlers License – After a brief discussion, Christopher Rohland moved, seconded by Stephen Darcy, to approve an annual Peddler’s License for Stephen Coe, Defined Palate dba Lobster Love contingent on a positive recommendation from the Board of Health. The vote was unanimous.

One Day Liquor Licenses for Lobster Fest – Christopher Rohland read the list of applicants for liquor licenses for the Lobster Fest on September 12, 2021 as follows:

- The Family Crest Catering Inc. – All Alcohol
- Stellwagen Beer Company – Wine & Malt
- The Sangria Lady – Wine & Malt

Mr. Rohland noted that these applications have been approved by the Police Department. Christopher Rohland moved, seconded by Stephen Darcy, to grant these one day liquor licenses for service at the LobsterFest which will be contained within Harbor Park with no alcoholic beverages to be consumed outside the park. The vote was unanimous.

One Day Wine & Malt License for Community Rib Cook Off – Christopher Rohland read through the application from Carleton Chandler. Christopher Rohland moved, seconded by Stephen Darcy, to grant a one day liquor license to Carleton Chandler, Marshfield Agricultural and Horticultural Society, for the Rib Cook Off at the Marshfield Fairgrounds on September 11, 2021. The vote was unanimous.

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Request to Waive Sign Permit Fees for Senior Center – Christopher Rohland moved, seconded by Stephen Darcy, to waive the sign permit fee for the Senior Center Project located at 230 Webster Street. The vote was unanimous.

New Appointment to Ventress Library Board of Trustees – After a brief discussion, Christopher Rohland moved, seconded by Stephen Darcy, to appoint Gregory Caille to the Ventress Library Board of Trustees for a three year term that expires on June 30, 2024. The vote was unanimous.

South River School PTO Road Race – Christopher Rohland read through the request from Tamara LoVuolo for permission to hold the South River School PTO road race on October 24, 2021 at the Marshfield Fairgrounds. Christopher Rohland moved, seconded by Stephen Darcy, to approve this request with the conditions set forth by the Safety Officer. The vote was unanimous.

Wood Burning Power Plants – Christopher Rohland gave some details on the article in the Patriot Ledger regarding state subsidized Wood Burning Power Plants which are considered clean energy sources by the State Department of Energy Resources (DOER). Mr. Rohland said that State Senator Patrick O’Connor has sent a letter to the DOER asking them to stop considering wood-burning power plants as clean energy sources, which makes them eligible for state subsidies. After a brief discussion Christopher Rohland moved, seconded by Stephen Darcy to have Michael Maresco draft a letter to the DOER in opposition to these Wood Burning Power Plants. The vote was unanimous.

Acceptance of Minutes – Christopher Rohland moved, seconded by Stephen Darcy, to accept the minutes of August 9, 2021 as written. James Kilcoyne recused himself from this vote as he was not present at that meeting. The vote was 2:0 with one recusal.

Executive Session – At 8:10 p.m. Mr. Rohland moved, seconded by Mr. Darcy, to close the open session and go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation 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 unanimous. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Rohland –aye; Mr. Darcy – aye; Mr. Kilcoyne - aye.

Mr. Rohland moved, seconded by Mr. Darcy, to close the executive session at 8:25 p.m. and adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Rohland –aye; Mr. Darcy – aye; Mr. Kilcoyne – aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Burke

*The following documents and exhibits were presented at the meeting: public notice, application and backup information for Station 8 hearing; information from Erica Ruscia on library update; email from Meghan Niland regarding placing flags on Town Green; Munis Project Report #3; list of appropriate transfers; letter requesting permission to route Best Buddies Challenge through Marshfield and backup information; email regarding Mike Myers ALS bike ride; information regarding ARPA funding for cyber security; applications for one day common victualler licenses for Lobsterfest; application for annual peddlers license from Stephen Coe; applications for one day liquor licenses from Family Crest Catering, Stellwagen Brewery, and the Sangria Lady for Lobsterfest; application nfor one day wine & malt license from Carleton Chandler for Rib Cook Off; email requesting permission to waive sign permit fee; application for appointment to Library Board of Trustees from Gregory Caille and backup information; letter from Tamara LoVuolo requesting permission to hold South River School PTO road race and recommendation from Safety Officer; information on Harbor Park parking lot; Patriot Ledger article on wood burning power plants.*