

MINUTES – SELECTMEN’S MEETING

Monday, February 1, 2016

Selectmen’s Hearing Room

Present: Matthew J. McDonough, Chairman; Stephen G. Robbins; Michael G. Bradley; Rocco J. Longo, Town Administrator

Matthew McDonough opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and announced that the meeting is being recorded by MCTV and WATD.

Town Administrator Report – Rocco Longo provided the Board with his weekly brief:

- Tax bills were due today; the Treasurer/Collector’s office is still short staffed. Mr. Longo said that the Treasurer/Collector would like to close the office to the public this Thursday so that the staff can get caught up with posting payments. The Board agreed that this makes sense, as long as there is someone at the window to take messages and explain the situation to customers looking for service.
- In the process of refiling legislation authorizing the Town to withdraw from MAPC.
- The Energy Manger is resigning due another job commitment; Rocco Longo said that he will work with Brian Adams during the transition.

Oceanview Grille at the Fairview Inn – Application for Innholders Annual All Alcohol Restaurant Liquor License, Common Victualler License and Entertainment License – Mr. McDonough opened the hearing at 7:45 p.m. and noted that the Board received a letter from the applicant requesting that this hearing be continued to a future date. Attorney De Lisi appeared before the Board and explained that he received a large packet of information from the abutters late last week and is requesting additional time to review this information so that he can give an adequate response to their concerns. After a brief discussion, Steve Robbins moved, seconded by Mike Bradley, to continue this hearing until Monday, February 22, 2106. The vote was unanimous.

Discussion and Approval of Town Response to Application for Site Approval – Bridal Path Village – Mathew McDonough read into the record a portion of the letter from MassHousing requesting comments from the Town on this application for site approval submitted by Peter Armstrong. Mr. McDonough noted that a public hearing was held last week to give the public an opportunity to learn more about this proposed 40B project. Mr. McDonough outlined some of the concerns that have been raised including a lack of landscaping, availability of public transportation, wetlands in the area, two Town wells within ½ mile of the development, and proposed earth removal that would take three years at 60 trucks per day. Mr. McDonough said that the Marshfield Housing Partnership has also voiced concerns about the fact that there is only one bathroom in the multi-bedroom units, the square footage of the one bedroom units, and the lack of an outdoor play space for children. Mike Bradley said that he attended the public hearing and abutters present were concerned about quality of life and noise from the trucks during the earth removal process. Mr. McDonough said that his main concern is preserving water quality and noted that he has the same concerns that he had 5½ years ago when Mr. Armstrong applied for an earth removal permit. Mr. McDonough asked Mr. Longo to check with the Department of Public Works to see if they have any comments regarding water protection that they would like to include in the Town’s response. After further discussion, Mr. Robbins moved, seconded by Mr. Bradley, to have Town Counsel draft a response to MassHousing including the comments from the Housing Partnership and Planning Department, as well as any comments submitted by the Department of Public Works. The vote was unanimous.

Vote on Request to Change Date of the Local Election from April 30 to May 10, 2016 – Matthew McDonough gave some details on the reason for this request. Steve Robbins asked if there was anything in the Town Charter or Bylaws that requires the local election to be held on the Saturday after Town Meeting. Mr. Longo said that he would have Bob Galvin check into this. Mr. Robbins also said that he would not want the deadlines for pulling and submitting election papers to change if the date of the election is changed, as this would cause unnecessary confusion. After a brief discussion, Steve Robbins moved, seconded by Mike Bradley, to approve this change contingent on review by Town Counsel to ensure that this is legal according to the Town Charter and Bylaws. The vote was unanimous.

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South Shore Race Management – Marshfield Girls Lacrosse Wrong Way 5K – Matthew McDonough read the letter from Ann Marie Winchester of South Shore Race Management requesting permission to hold this 2nd annual race on Saturday, June 18, 2016. Steve Robbins moved, seconded by Mike Bradley, to approve this request contingent on a positive recommendation from the Safety Officer. The vote was unanimous.

The Jetty – Request for Extension of Licensed Premise and Entertainment License – Richard Vaughan appeared before the Board to answer any questions regarding this request. Matthew McDonough said that he spoke to the Police Chief and he has no issues with this request. After a brief discussion, Steve Robbins moved, seconded by Mike Bradley, to approve this request for an extension of licensed premise on Saturday, March 19, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. The vote was unanimous. Steve Robbins moved, seconded by Mike Bradley, to approve an entertainment license for the same date and times. The vote was unanimous.

Discuss and Appoint Board Liaison to Charter Review Committee – Mike Bradley said that he feels that Steve Robbins should serve as the liaison since he was the one who brought the resolution to Town Meeting. Mr. Robbins said that he would be willing to serve in this role. Matthew McDonough moved, seconded by Mike Bradley, to appoint Steve Robbins as liaison for the Charter Review Committee. The vote was unanimous.

Town of Marshfield Drug Task Force – Matthew McDonough talked briefly about this issue and the work that has been done so far to raise awareness about this growing epidemic. Mr. McDonough took a moment to thank some people who have been instrumental in bringing this issue to the forefront, including Mark McDonald of the Board of Health, Billy Pfaff and Melissa O’Hearn. Mr. McDonough said that he feels that it is important that the Board formalize their efforts into a committee and said that there will be a Drug Task Force meeting this Wednesday at 4:00 PM in the Selectmen’s Hearing Room. Mr. McDonough said that he hopes to bring a proposal for a formal committee and mission statement to a Selectmen’s meeting in the near future.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. There was no executive session held.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Burke

The following documents and exhibits were presented at the meeting: Application for a new Innholders Annual All Alcohol Restaurant Liquor License, Common Victualler License and Entertainment License from Marsh Restaurant Group LLC and accompanying documentation; Letter from abutters to Fairview Inn voicing opposition to granting of these licenses; letter from the attorney representing Marsh Restaurant Group LLC requesting that the hearing be continued to a future date; letter from MassHousing requesting comment on the application for Site Approval submitted by Peter Armstrong; comments on the application for Site Approval from the Town Planner, the Housing Partnership, the Building Commissioner and several residents; email from Assistant Town Clerk requesting that the local election be moved to May 10, 2016; letter from South Shore Race Management requesting permission to hold the Marshfield Girls Lacrosse Wrong Way 5K on June 18, 2016; letter from the Jetty requesting a one day extension of licensed premise on March 19, 2016 and accompanying information; application for one day entertainment license from the Jetty; emails from Police and Fire Departments recommending approval of this request.