

MINUTES – SELECTMEN’S MEETING

Monday, December 21, 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. Mr. McDonough noted that this is the last meeting of the Board of Selectmen in 2015 and took the opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

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

- Mr. Longo said that he was in budget meetings with Department Heads all day and will complete the meetings this week. He is still waiting for budgets from some departments.
- The Town will not become a Green Community this year, will reapply next year.
- Held a Department Head Meeting last week at the Airport.
- FEMA acknowledged receipt of our appeal.

Interviews for Appointment to the Charter Review Committee – Matthew McDonough noted that the Board would be interviewing the final five candidates for appointment to the Charter Review Committee and said that the Board will have a difficult decision selecting seven members and two alternates from the impressive pool of candidates.

Alyssa Reed appeared before the Board and gave some information on her background and qualifications. The Board asked Ms. Reed a series of questions to gain more insight into her reasons for wanting to serve on the Charter Review Committee and her thoughts on changes that could be made. Ms. Reed stated that she feels that the way the budget is presented at Town Meeting is one thing that needs to be looked at, and also said that there doesn’t seem to be an efficient chain of command. Ms. Reed closed by saying that she would be an asset to the committee since she is a problem solver and a team player and will bring the perspective of a young business woman and mother of young children in Town to the Committee

Bob Marzelli appeared before the Board and gave some information on his background and qualifications. The Board asked Mr. Marzelli some questions to gain more insight into his reasons for wanting to serve on the Charter Review Committee and his thoughts on changes that could be made. Mr. Marzelli said that all aspects of the Charter should be reviewed and that it will be important to talk to people who work for the Town to get their perspective on changes that are needed. Mr. Marzelli said that his experience working as Town Counsel for over 30 years in Marshfield and other Towns would be an asset to the Charter Review Committee.

Bill Bowers appeared before the Board and gave some information on his background and qualifications. The Board asked Mr. Bowers a series of questions to gain more insight into his reasons for wanting to serve on the Charter Review Committee and his thoughts on changes that could be made. Mr. Bowers said that he feels the committee should have unfettered access to Town Counsel, town staff, and boards and committees in order to get a clear picture of what is currently working and what is not working.

Barbara Farnsworth appeared before the Board and gave some information on her background and qualifications. The Board asked Ms. Farnsworth a series of questions to gain more insight into her reasons for wanting to serve on the Charter Review Committee and her thoughts on changes that could be made. Ms. Farnsworth said that her experience working with the senior population in Marshfield and Hingham gives her a unique perspective. Ms. Farnsworth said that it might be helpful to do a Townwide survey to see what residents perceive as strengths and weaknesses in the way Town government is currently operating; and also to talk to Town staff, department heads, and Town Counsel to get their input.

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William Frugoli appeared before the Board and gave some information on his background and qualifications. The Board asked Mr. Frugoli a series of questions to gain more insight into his reasons for wanting to serve on the Charter Review Committee and his thoughts on changes that could be made. Mr. Frugoli said that the Town needs a vertical organizational structure with strong leadership at the top. Mr. Frugoli noted that the way the budget is presented at Town Meeting is obsolete and needs to be updated.

After a brief discussion the Board decided that they would deliberate and vote on the mission statement and make-up of the Charter Review Committee at their next meeting on January 4, 2016.

Mike Bradley left the hearing room briefly

Request for Extension of Hours on New Year’s Eve – Matthew McDonough read through the list of restaurants that have requested permission to serve alcohol until 1:45 a.m. on January 1, 2016. Mr. Robbins recused himself from the vote on the Marshfield Yacht Club as he is a member of their Board of Directors. Matthew McDonough moved, seconded by Steve Robbins, to grant an extension of hours on New Year’s eve to all restaurants who submit a request in writing before the end of business on December 31, 2016, excluding Marshfield Yacht Club. The vote was 2:0. When Mike Bradley returned to the hearing room, Matthew McDonough moved, seconded by Mike Bradley, to grant an extension of hours on New Year’s eve to the Marshfield Yacht Club. The vote was 2:0 with one recusal.

Approval of Acceptance of Deed – Jomat Property – Rocco Longo gave some details on the purchase funded through CPC. Mr. Longo noted that the Town did not receive the grant from the EOEa, but that the Town Meeting vote to purchase this property was not contingent on receipt of that grant. After a brief discussion, Steve Robbins moved, seconded by Mike Bradley, to accept and execute the Quitclaim Deed for this parcel of land. The vote was unanimous.

Annual Reappointment of Kevin Dalton as Constable – Mr. McDonough read the letter from Mr. Dalton requesting reappointment as a constable and the letter from Chief Tavares recommending this reappointment contingent on receipt of a physician’s letter confirming that the applicant is fit for duty and on completion of all mandated training. Mr. McDonough noted that Mr. Dalton dropped off a note from his doctor today. After a brief discussion, Steve Robbins moved, seconded by Mike Bradley, to appoint Kevin Dalton as a Constable for a one year term expiring on December 31, 2016, contingent on completion of all mandated training. The vote was unanimous.

Acceptance of Minutes – Steve Robbins moved, seconded by Michael Bradley, to accept the minutes of December 7, 2015 as written. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. There was no executive session held.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Burke

The following documents and exhibits were presented at the meeting: applications for appointment to Charter Review Committee and accompanying information from Alyssa McNamara Reed, Bob Marzelli, Bill Bowers, Barbara Farnsworth, and William Frugoli; list of restaurants requesting an extension of hours on new years eve; request for reappointment as constable from Kevin Dalton and recommendation from Chief Tavares; copy of quitclaim deed for jomat property.