

MINUTES – SELECTMEN’S MEETING

Monday April 6, 2015

Selectmen’s Hearing Room

Present: John E. Hall, Chairman; Matthew J. McDonough; Stephen G. Robbins; Rocco J. Longo, Town Administrator

John Hall opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and announced that the meeting is being recorded by WATD.

Town Administrator Report – Rocco Longo gave his weekly brief on some of the things he has been working on including:

- Mr. Longo introduced Michaela Black, a senior at Marshfield High School who will be interning in Town Hall for the next couple of months.
- Mr. Longo noted that acting Fire Chief Bill Hocking has appointed Bud Cipullo as acting Deputy Fire Chief. Mr. Longo said that the transition is going smoothly.
- Observed the FEMA Scientific Resolution Panel last week, five panelists heard the presentation and they have up to 150 days to return a written decision. Mr. Longo said that he will keep the Board updated on this process.
- Attended a Coastal Advisory Committee meeting with a presentation from Leslie Fields of the Woods Hole Group. Greg Guimond, Jay Wennemer and Cindy Castro were also in attendance and will be taking the lead on this project. The Coastal Advisory Committee is currently seeking new members.
- Mr. Longo updated the Board on the snow & ice deficit spending, and specifically on the cost of roof snow removal.

Update on Skatepark Project – Chris Cunio and Ned Bangs appeared before the Board and gave an update on this project, including details on funding and the RFP process. Mr. Cunio said that they have selected Grindline to design and oversee the project, and provided the Board with renderings of the proposed park. Mr. Bangs said that there were two designs, one that included the existing granite pillars and trellis and one that did not. The Recreation Commission unanimously supports the plan without the pillars as they represent a potential safety hazard and are not in keeping with the scale of the new park. Frank Hayes, Ocean Street, noted that there is no flag on the drawing and asked if there would be a flag and if it would be lit. Mr. Cunio apologized for the oversight on the drawings and said that there will be a flag and it will be lit. Matthew McDonough thanked Mr. Cunio and his group for all of their work and said that he is happy to see that a shade structure has been incorporated in to the design. Steve Robbins asked how the fundraising is going. Mr. Cunio said that they still have to raise about \$15,000 in order to meet their fundraising goal. Barney Dowd, Edward Road, asked if there would be handicap accessibility for the community stage. Mr. Cunio said that there would. John Hall thanked Mr. Cunio and said that he would be interested in helping to organize music events for the community stage.

Green Harbor Lobster Pound – Commercial Parking Permit – Paul and Doris Philpott appeared before the Board to request renewal of their commercial parking permit. Mr. McDonough asked Mr. Philpott to describe the process they use to ensure that they are not parking more than 46 cars in the lot. Mr. Philpott said that they use numbered tickets to track the number of vehicles in the lot. After a brief discussion, Mr. McDonough moved, seconded by Mr. Robbins, to grant this license to park 46 cars in the lot at 131 Beach Street. The vote was unanimous.

R. Christian Haufler – Trailer Permit – Mr. Haufler appeared before the Board and explained the reason for this request to place a trailer on his property on Littles Lane during construction. After a brief discussion, Matthew McDonough moved, seconded by Steve Robbins, to grant this permit for a six month period contingent on approval from the Board of Health. The vote was unanimous.

Review of Town Meeting Articles – Brian Wall, Chairman of the Community Preservation Committee, gave an overview of the CPC article, which includes nine items.

Item #2 – Harbor Park Boardwalk – Harbormaster Mike DiMeo appeared before the Board and explained this request for \$896,211 to build a boardwalk that will connect the Town Pier and Harbor Park with the Brant Rock Esplanade and the Peter Igo Park.

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Item #3 – Playground at Daniel Webster School – Kim Sullivan appeared before the Board and explained this request for \$80,000 to restore the playground at the Daniel Webster Elementary School. Ms. Sullivan noted that the PTO has raised an additional \$15,000 and the DPW is providing \$35,000 for a total of \$130,000 and described the scope of the project, which includes two play structures.

Item #6 – Pratt Property Trails – Karen O’Donnell appeared before the Board and explained this request for \$148,640 to create trails, a parking area, and kayak launch at the Pratt Property to open up public access to the South River.

Item #8 – Winslow School House – Tim Davidson appeared before the Board and explained this request for \$42,196 to restore the Winslow School House under the direction of the Marshfield Historical Society and Historical Commission. Mr. Davidson gave some details on the history of the building and the plans for restoration.

Item #5 – Town Clerk Records – Narice Casper, Assistant Town Clerk, appeared before the Board and explained this request for \$150,000 to restore and digitize early record books for the Town dating back to 1640.

Item #4 – Restoration of Historic Photos – Brian Wall explained this request for \$2000 to restore early photographs of Marshfield that were donated to the Marshfield Historical Society. Mr. Wall said there are a total of 345 photos dating back to the 1800’s.

Item #1 – Marshfield Hills Cemetery – Tom Whalen appeared before the Board and explained this request for \$481,176 to restore graves and tombstones at the Marshfield Hills Cemetery. Mr. Whalen said there are 604 headstones and memorials in the historic section of the cemetery that are in need of restoration.

Item #9 – Affordable Housing – Brian Wall explained this request to reappropriate \$81,982 to be used to fully fund the position of Affordable Housing Coordinator. Steve Robbins noted that this is being done on the recommendation of Town Counsel.

Appointment of Planning Board Liaison to Community Preservation Committee – John Hall noted that the Planning Board has recommended that Michael Baird be appointed to represent them on the Community Preservation Committee. Matthew McDonough moved, seconded by Steve Robbins, to appoint Michael Baird to the Community Preservation Committee for a term that expires on June 30, 2016. The vote was unanimous.

Appointment of Planning Board Liaison to Open Space Committee – John Hall noted that the Planning Board has recommended that Michael Biviano be appointed to represent them on the Open Space Committee. Matthew McDonough moved, seconded by Steve Robbins, to appoint Michael Biviano to the Open Space Committee for a term that expires on June 30, 2016. The vote was unanimous.

Permission for WATD to Broadcast from Town Hall Parking Lot – After a brief discussion, Matthew McDonough moved, seconded by Steve Robbins, to grant permission for this remote broadcast to take place at Town Hall on July 31, 2015. The vote was unanimous.

New Appointment to Open Space Committee – John Hall noted that the Open Space Committee is recommending the appointment of Vicki McPherson. Matthew McDonough said that he supports this recommendation. Matthew McDonough moved, seconded by Steve Robbins, to appoint Vicki McPherson to the Open Space Committee for a three year term expiring on June 30, 2017. The vote was unanimous.

North River Arts Society – Festival of the Arts – John Hall read the letter from Julie Uhler requesting the closing of Old Main Street from Pleasant to Prospect for the duration of the Festival, from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Friday May 22 and from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday May 23 and 24. Matthew McDonough moved, seconded by Steve Robbins, to approve this request. The vote was unanimous.

Renegade Playground Challenge – Entertainment License – John Hall recused himself from this discussion and vote as he has a financial interest in the Marshfield Fairgrounds. Matthew McDonough read through the application for an entertainment license for this event which is scheduled to take place at the fairgrounds on June 20, 2015. After a brief discussion, Matthew McDonough moved seconded by Steve Robbins, to table this vote to a future agenda when the applicant can be present to answer any questions. The vote was 2:0 with one recusal.

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North Star Pro Rodeo – Entertainment License – John Hall recused himself from this discussion and vote as he has a financial interest in the Marshfield Fairgrounds. Matthew McDonough read through the application for an entertainment license for this event which is scheduled to take place at the fairgrounds on June 27 & 28, 2015. After a brief discussion, Matthew McDonough moved seconded by Steve Robbins, to table this vote to a future agenda when the applicant can be present to answer any questions. The vote was 2:0 with one recusal.

Acceptance of Minutes – Matthew McDonough moved, seconded by Steve Robbins, to accept the minutes of February 27, 2015; March 2, 2015; and March 30, 2015 as written. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m. There was no executive session held.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Burke

The following documents and exhibits were presented at the meeting: artistic rendering of skatepark design; letter from Recreation Commission supporting skatepark design; application for commercial parking permit from Green Harbor Lobster Pound; letters from Planning Board recommending that Michael Baird be appointed to represent them on the Community Preservation Committee and Michael Biviano be appointed to represent them on the Open Space Committee; letter from R. Christian Haufler requesting permission to place a temporary trailer on his property; letter from WATD requesting permission to broadcast from the Town Hall parking lot on July 31, 2015; application for appointment to Open Space Committee from Vicki McPherson and letter from Open Space Committee recommending this appointment; letter from North River Arts Society requesting permission to close Old Main Street for the annual Festival of the Arts; list of 2015 events/road races; application for entertainment license for Renegade Playground Challenge; application for entertainment license for North Star Pro Rodeo; backup information and funding details for CPC article.