

MINUTES – SELECTMEN’S MEETING

Monday March 16, 2015

Selectmen’s Hearing Room

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

Excused: Matthew J. McDonough

John Hall opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m. and announced that the meeting is being recorded by WATD.

Steve Robbins announced that “Marshfield Eats Out” is taking place on Tuesday March 17, 2015. The event is a benefit to raise funds for victims of the blizzard of 2015. The 11 participating restaurants will donate 10% of their profits from the evening to the fund. John Hall noted that there is another blizzard benefit event on Sunday March 22 at the Brant Rock Esplanade from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Haddad’s, Venus II, and the Jetty will be participating in this event, which will include music, food and raffles. Steve Robbins said that there is one other noteworthy fundraising event coming up on Thursday March 19 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Marshfield Airport, the event will be to raise much needed funds to Grad Night Live.

Request to Deficit Spend Snow and Ice Budget – John Hall read the letter from Tom Reynolds requesting permission to spend an additional \$800,000 in the Snow & Ice Budget. After a brief discussion, John Hall moved, seconded by Steve Robbins, to approve this request bringing the total to \$1,800,000. The vote was 2:0.

Appointment of Associate Member to Zoning Board of Appeals – Steve Robbins reviewed Richard Murphy’s background and credentials and said that he endorses the recommendation of the ZBA to appoint Mr. Murphy as an associate member. John Hall moved, seconded by Steve Robbins, to appoint Mr. Murphy as an associate member of the ZBA for a three year term expiring on June 30, 2016. The vote was 2:0.

North River Arts Society – One Day Wine & Malt License – Mr. Hall read through the application for a one day wine and malt license for the Focus on Figures opening reception at the GAR Hall on Friday, April 24, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. John Hall moved, seconded by Steve Robbins, to grant this license as requested. The vote was 2:0.

Friends of Peter Igo Park – Block Party Event – Bud Duksta appeared before the Board to give a description of the event they are planning for May 16, 2015 at the Peter Igo Park. It is a block party/open house fundraising event. After a brief discussion, John Hall moved, seconded by Steve Robbins, to approve a one day entertainment license for this event. The vote was 2:0.

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

- Mr. Longo announced that Movoto, a real estate blog, recently named Marshfield as the best Town to live in in Massachusetts.
- Mr. Longo noted that the executive session on tonight’s agenda has been cancelled.
- Mr. Longo updated the Board on the budget and noted that it is the most challenging budget he has worked on in his career. Some of the challenges are related to an increase in fixed costs and a decrease in state aid. Mr. Longo detailed planned layoffs and reduction in hours for some staff, and said that he will give the Board weekly updates. Mr. Longo noted that the joint meeting between the Advisory Board and Board of Selectmen will be held next Tuesday, March 24, 2015 in Hearing Rooms 2&3.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. There was no executive session held.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Burke

The following documents and exhibits were presented at the meeting: application for entertainment license from Friends of Peter Igo Park; request to deficit spend from Snow & Ice budget and accompanying information; email from ZBA recommending appointment of Richard Murphy and Mr. Murphy’s application; application for one day license from NRAS.