

## **MINUTES – SELECTMEN’S MEETING**

**Monday, March 20, 2017**

**Selectmen’s Hearing Room**

Present: Stephen G. Robbins, Chairman; James J. Fitzgerald; and Rocco J. Longo, Town Administrator

Excused: Michael G. Bradley

Steve Robbins opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and announced that the meeting is being recorded by MCTV.

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

- Mr. Longo reminded the audience that the joint hearing between the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Board to discuss the town meeting warrants will be held on Tuesday, March 28 at the Furnace Brook Middle School at 7:00 p.m. and the Special and Annual Town Meetings will begin on Monday, April 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Marshfield High School auditorium.
- He hopes to have warrants finalized and available on March 24, 2017, waiting for numbers from Advisory Board and Capital Budget who are meeting this week.
- Mr. Longo and Patrick Dello Russo filmed a show on MCTV with Sean Leary regarding the budget.
- Craig Jameson has done an excellent job with the field use permits, there are still some questions regarding maintenance but he is working to resolve this.
- Department Head meeting tomorrow, will review the warrant and budget.
- Final numbers from Mayflower Municipal Health Group should be available at their meeting on Thursday.

Board of Public Works – Permission to Deficit Spend Snow & Ice Budget – Steve Robbins read through the letter from Tom Reynolds requesting permission to deficit spend up to \$200,000, bringing the total budget to \$600,000. After a brief discussion, Steve Robbins moved, seconded by Jim Fitzgerald, to approve this request. The vote was 2:0.

Green Harbor Lobster Pound – Renewal of Commercial Parking Permit – Steve Robbins noted that this is an annual license to park 46 vehicles on their property at 131 Beach Street. Steve Robbins moved, seconded by Jim Fitzgerald, to renew this license for the period from April 15, 2017 through September 15, 2017. The vote was 2:0.

Nomination of Inspector of Animals – Steve Robbins noted that the State requires that the Board nominate an Inspector of Animals each year. Steve Robbins moved, seconded by Jim Fitzgerald, to nominate Norma Haskins as the Inspector of Animals for a one year term expiring on April 30, 2018. The vote was 2:0.

North River Arts Society – One Day Wine & Malt License – Steve Robbins read through the application for a wine & malt license for the Focus on Figures preview party on April 22, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at the GAR Hall, and noted that the applicant has provided a copy of liquor liability insurance naming the Town as additional insured. Steve Robbins moved, seconded by Jim Fitzgerald, to grant this license. The vote was 2:0.

Acceptance of Minutes – Steve Robbins moved, seconded by Jim Fitzgerald, to accept the minutes of March 13, 2017 as written. The vote was 2:0.

Patrick Dello Russo, Treasurer/Collector – Town Debt Overview – Patrick Dello Russo appeared before the Board and gave a PowerPoint presentation on the status of Marshfield’s debt. The Board agreed that managing debt is a very important undertaking and thanked Mr. Dello Russo for his work. Steve Robbins asked if there are plans for any borrowing this year. Mr. Dello Russo said they will carefully consider any borrowing recommendations and keep it under \$500,000. Steve Robbins asked who decides the terms on borrowing. Mr. Dello Russo said that he makes the decision and added that he understands the impact of long term borrowing and will keep terms as low as possible. Jim Fitzgerald asked if Article 5 in the STM warrant will lower the percentage of debt. Mr. Dello Russo said that it will not lower the percentage of current debt, but it does reduce the overall debt. The Board thanked Mr. Dello Russo for the information.

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Review of Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrants – Steve Robbins noted that last week they tabled votes on several articles on the Special Town Meeting warrant as follows:

STM Article 3: Mr. Longo said that the language regarding debt exclusion has been added, and also said that the Board needs to vote to accept a ballot question related to this article. Steve Robbins moved, seconded by Jim Fitzgerald, to authorize this revised article. The vote was 2:0. Steve Robbins, moved seconded by Jim Fitzgerald, to authorize the ballot question related to Article 3. The vote was 2:0.

STM Article 6: Mr. Longo noted that the dollar amounts have been added to this article. Steve Robbins moved, seconded by Jim Fitzgerald, to authorize this revised article. The vote was 2:0.

STM Article 7: Mr. Longo said that the Town Engineer has advised him that the funding for this article will come from Chapter 90 funds and the amount is \$30,000. Steve Robbins asked Town Counsel if this is an appropriate funding mechanism. Mr. Galvin said that it is. Steve Robbins moved, seconded by Jim Fitzgerald, to authorize this article. The vote was 2:0.

STM Article 8: Mr. Longo said that a dollar amount is still not available for this article. After some discussion, Steve Robbins moved, seconded by Jim Fitzgerald, to authorize this article contingent on receipt of a dollar amount before the end of business on Thursday, March 23, 2017. The vote was 2:0.

STM Article 10: Mr. Galvin gave an explanation of this article and said that the easement will be gifted to the Town. Mr. Fitzgerald said that he would like to strike the words “purchase” and “or by eminent domain taking” from the article to avoid confusion. Mr. Galvin agreed that this would be acceptable language. Mr. Robbins moved, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald, to authorize this article as amended. The vote was 2:0.

Steve Robbins suggested going through the Annual Town Meeting articles individually and then voting on them as a whole after their review is completed.

ATM Articles 1, 2 and 3: no issues with these as they are annual articles.

ATM Articles 4, 5 and 6: Jim Fitzgerald said that these articles are redundant since they are included in the budget article and suggested that they be removed. Mr. Galvin suggested that an appendix that gives the information contained in these articles could be added rather than having separate articles.

ATM Article 7: this article is acceptable as long as numbers are received by the end of business on Thursday, March 23, 2017.

ATM Articles 8 and 9: no issues with these as they are annual articles.

ATM Article 10: Mr. Longo said that there is no funding available for this article. Jim Fitzgerald recommended taking this article off the warrant. Mr. Longo suggested leaving it in with a \$0 amount as a reminder that OPEB needs to be funded, but it will be passed over at Town Meeting. After some discussion the Board decided to leave this article with \$0 funding and expand on the explanation in the warrant.

ATM Article 11: Same as Article 10, there is no funding available but article will remain in the warrant with \$0 funding and be passed over at Town Meeting.

ATM Articles 12, 13, 14, and 15: Rocco Longo explained that these four articles are all relative to codification of the Town’s bylaws and explained what each articles does. There is no money involved with these articles.

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Article 16: The Board agreed that there needs to be more discussion regarding the Permanent Building Committee prior to Town Meeting, but support the inclusion of this article in the warrant.

Article 17: Rocco Longo gave an explanation of this article. The Board had no issues.

Article 18: Rocco Longo gave an explanation of this article. The Board had no issues.

Article 19: Rocco Longo said that there is no funding available to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan as required by FEMA. After some discussion the Board requested that Mr. Longo find a way to fund this article.

Article 20: Rocco Longo gave an explanation of this article. The Board had no issues.

Article 21: No funding at this time, but the article will remain in the warrant with \$0 funding and be passed over at Town Meeting.

Article 22: This is the CPC article. Steve Robbins noted that there is no dollar amount for the Senior Center item. Rocco Longo said that the CPC is not supporting funding this request at this time.

Article 23: This article is funded with Chapter 90 funds. The Board had no issues.

Article 24: No funding available, but the article will remain in the warrant with \$0 funding, unless Chapter 90 funds can be used to fund this article.

Article 25: this article is acceptable as long as numbers are received by the end of business on Thursday, March 23, 2017.

Article 26: Rocco Longo said that this article will be passed over at Town Meeting.

Article 27: Rocco Longo said that he will try to find funds to give each entity \$1000 for a total of \$4000.

After a brief discussion, Steve Robbins moved, seconded by Jim Fitzgerald, to pull articles 4, 5 and 6 from the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. The vote was 2:0. Steve Robbins moved, seconded by Jim Fitzgerald, to support the remaining 24 articles as long as dollar amounts are received by the end of business on Thursday, March 23, 2017. The vote was 2:0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m., there was no executive session held.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Burke

*The following documents and exhibits were presented at the meeting: copy of Debt Management Policy and PowerPoint presentation regarding debt status; request from Tom Reynolds to deficit spend Snow & Ice budget; commercial parking license renewal application from Green Harbor Lobster Pound; letter from MDAR asking for nomination of Animal Inspector; application for one day wine & malt license from NRAS and copy of liquor liability insurance; copy of draft special and annual town meeting warrants.*