

Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2016

PRESENT: Selectmen Fisher, Peterson, Marcucci; Town Administrator Sullivan; Assistant Town Administrator Trierweiler; Town Counsel Cerel; Administrative Assistant Clarke

Chairman Fisher called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and announced this meeting is being recorded.

We want to take a moment of appreciation for our Troops serving in the Middle East and around the world

Executive Session at the close of meeting to discuss potential land acquisition

7:00 PM Public Hearing – Farmer Series Pouring Permit –Seventh Wave Brewing

Chairman Fisher declared that the public hearing was opened.

Co-owners Owen Hawkins and David Strymish are present. Mr. Hawkins said that he will be the manager and reported that the business location is 120 N. Meadows Road. Beer samples will be limited to four 2 oz samples, however we will not sell beer for consumption on site. At this time we will not provide any food. Eventually we will have on display and sell other brewery merchandise. When queried about the amount of water they will use in their brewery the response is three gallons of water to one gallon of beer. The Zoning Board approved their application and set the business hours at 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM. Mr. Hawkins said that the hope is to open in December or early January. As there were no further questions from the Board, the hearing was declared closed.

VOTE: On a motion made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Marcucci it was voted unanimously to approve Seventh Wave Brewing Inc. application for a Farmer Series Pouring Permit

PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE, JOHN NUNNARI CHAIR

Mr. Nunnari is happy to report that the construction of the building was on schedule and has come under budget by about \$600,000. The official ribbon cutting ceremony was held this past Saturday and we were pleased to have Senator Timilty, Representative Garlick and Representative Dooley attend. The response from the community was terrific. The Police Department will move in tomorrow and the next day the Fire Department. The Selectmen thanked Mr. Nunnari, the Committee and Chief Meaney and Chief Kingsbury on a job well done.

TOWNWIDE MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

Michael Quinlan, Chair reported that the committee was established to research and update the Town's 1997 master plan. There are six committee members, including one from the Warrant Committee and a Planning Board member. We have been working towards producing a guide in areas of zoning, housing programs, open space and recreation, growth and

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development. We have reached out to other towns that have recently developed a master plan. The cost to develop a master plan could be between \$100,000 to 150,000 and take one to three years to complete. Mr. Quinlan remarked that he will return to the Selectmen with updated information from the committee so that the Board may determine if an article for funding to develop a plan should be placed on the 2017 warrant.

7:30 PM FY 2018 BUDGET MEETING / WARRANT COMMITTEE / TOWN DEPARTMENTS

Warrant Committee Chair Martha Festa remarked that she is asking that town departments' level fund their budgets. We have to be thoughtful and respectful to the fact that right now we are over budget by 1.9 M. We really do not want to have an override but this is where the departments come in. We are asking that at this time please do not consider the hiring of additional personnel. We would like to see if there are any departments that may share resources and/or consolidate. Ms. Festa went on to say that the Warrant Committee would like to know those departmental proposed increased budgets by December 15th. If the Warrant Committee does not hear from a department by January 17 we will assume the budget is level funded.

RAIL TRAIL STUDY COMMITTEE, CHRISTIAN DONNER MEMBER

Mr. Donner reported that Needham completed their work and opened their part of the trail in May and Newton just opened a few weeks ago. The Town of Dover passed a rail trail article at their town meeting; however they are working on logistics. The committee is working on a phased approach for Medfield as a trail is feasible and also most desirable for the Town. A design study will provide a good cost estimate to construct the trail. At the moment a local volunteer group is coming together and will continue the work of the Study Committee and hope to present a design study to the town in March 2017. They will prepare to advocate for the trail at Town Meeting.

NEW POLICE OFFICER

Chief Meaney introduced candidate Michael Saulnier, remarking that Michael's father is a retired police officer having worked in Wrentham. He said that he is a graduate of King Philip Regional High School and Anna Maria College where he majored in criminal justice. Chief added that Michael has worked as a dispatcher in Medfield for about a year and a half. I recommend that the Selectmen appoint Michael Saulnier as an officer with my department and in doing so he will be eligible to enter the academy in January.

VOTE: Selectman Peterson made a motion, seconded by Selectman Marcucci to appoint Michael Saulnier as a Medfield Police Officer and as recommended by Police Chief Meaney. Vote was unanimous

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MEDFIELD STATE HOSPITAL

John Thompson stated that he is seeking the Selectmen's approval to obtain a quote to conduct an indoor air quality test at the Chapel. He would like to hire a contractor to help get a good idea as to what can be done specifically with the chapel as it is earmarked for preservation. John feels that for personal protection we should first know about any levels of mold/asbestos.

VOTED unanimously to support a plan to hire a contractor to conduct an Indoor Air Quality Assessment in Building 24, The Chapel

Mr. Thompson continued by explaining that there continues to be trespassers who are breaking into the buildings. He is concerned because DPW cannot do the repair work immediately leaving the building exposed to others. Mr. Sullivan's thought is to try and catch these trespassers and arrest them as an example to deter this activity.

MEETING MINUTES

VOTED unanimously to accept the meeting minutes of September 26 and October 4 and the minutes of October 12, 2016 as amended

HEALTH INSURANCE RATES

VOTED unanimously to authorize Town Administrator sign Acceptance Form for Retiree Health insurance rates for January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN

VOTED unanimously to sign a comment letter to Open Space and Recreation Planning Committee in support of their diligent and hard work that went into their final document

SENIOR HOUSING STUDY COMMITTEE

VOTED unanimously to appoint Tyler Brawner to the Senior Housing Study Committee and as recommended by Selectman Peterson

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Selectmen engaged in a lengthy discussion about the Town's options to reach safe harbor. Expanding Tilden Village is one significant option, the construction of one or more group homes and developing an affordable housing trust is another. The time frame is the hurdle the Town faces, 21 units per year to help keep away unfriendly housing developments. The Town has submitted its Housing Production Plan to Department of Housing and Community Development

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for their approval. Ms. Trierweiler will follow up with gathering group home details and the possibility of hiring a housing specialist.

LICENSES AND PERMITS

VOTED unanimously to grant the Medfield Garden Club permission to post signs advertising their annual Greens Sale to be held Saturday December 3, 2016

VOTED unanimously to grant permission for signs to be posted advertising the Lowell Mason concert that will be held December 3, 2016

VOTED unanimously to grant the Friends of the Dwight-Derby House permission to post signs promoting their Holiday Shoppe and Free Photos with Santa, both events are part of the Holiday Stroll on December 2, 2016

INFORMATIONAL

The Selectmen received an email regarding Advanced Life Support (ALS) services. The Town was covered by a private ambulance service, however they went out of business and the second provider Brewster Ambulance Service notified Chief Kingsbury that they will not provide the service after all. Chief Kingsbury indicated at a previous meeting that his staff does not have an interest to go through the process of becoming paramedics; it's a lengthy program and very costly. Medfield is only one among many other towns trying to figure this out.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Selectmen will be going into executive session for the purpose of discussing potential land acquisition with the expressed intent not to return to open session. By positive roll call vote the Selectmen went into executive session at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Clarke