

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2021
Remote Participation (Zoom)
7:00PM

Present: Selectman Peterson, Selectman Marcucci, Selectman Murby, Town Administrator Trierweiler, Assistant Town Administrator Milano and Town Counsel Cerel

Chairman Peterson opened the meeting and stated the following: “Pursuant to Governor Barker’s March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, section 18, and the Governor’s March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Medfield Board of Selectmen is being conducted via remote participation. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided for in the Order. A reminder that persons who would like to listen to or view this meeting while in progress may do so by following the instructions on the agenda and meeting notice.” Chairman Peterson specified that all votes, subject to remote participation would be made by roll call. He disclosed that the meeting is being recorded and streamed live on Medfield TV.

The Board took a moment of silence in appreciation for our Troops serving around the globe.

Appointments

Public Hearing for Eversource for the installation of one new pole to provide electric service for an electric vehicle charging station located at 478 Main Street

Selectman Marcucci read the public hearing notice: In conformity with the requirements of Section 22 of Chapter 166 of the General Laws, the Medfield Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing via zoom on Tuesday January 5, 2021 at 7:00 PM upon petition of NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY and VERIZON. The purpose of the hearing is to obtain a Grant of Location to install one (1) new pole 18/1A. This work is necessary to provide electric service for an electric vehicle charging station located at 478 Main Street. All Town Boards and interested parties would be given an opportunity to speak at this hearing.

Mr. Marcucci then recused himself from the discussion due to his firm doing business with Verizon and turned off his video.

Chairman Peterson declared the hearing open. Mr. Peterson had to move to the next agenda item to give the consultants more time to join the meeting, as they were experiencing technical difficulties.

Fred Davis, to discuss Medfield Energy Committee activities and climate

Mr. David was recognized. Mr. Davis stated that the he wanted to review the work of the Medfield Energy Committee.

He continued by saying that some questions were raised recently about the size of the committee; its purpose and how a large committee works efficiently. Mr. Davis went on to explain that the Energy Committee was established in 2008 with a charter to look at energy and harmful emissions resulting from energy use. Energy is integral to modern lives, however, the direct byproducts of carbon combustion are damaging.

Mr. Davis highlighted a video from Wellesley which discussed the work being done on their town's climate action plan. Mr. Davis went on to talk about the focus that the Medfield Energy Committee has come up with regarding climate concerns.

The next part of his presentation centered around net zero goals and clean energy standards that he suggested be incorporated into the Dale Street School project and Medfield State Hospital construction. Committee member Jim Nail was recognized to give an overview of the committee's involvement with the State Hospital Development Committee and the RFP. He would like the Energy Committee to be responsible for putting together recommendations for language and some concepts for the consultant's review. And for the Energy Committee to be included as much as possible in the RFP process.

Mr. Murby and Mr. Marcucci thanked Mr. Davis and Mr. Nail for the presentation and all of the Energy Committee's work. Mr. Peterson said that through the years, the Energy Committee has saved the Town money and taught them a lot about energy.

COVID-19 Status Update and CARES Funding Update

Ms. Trierweiler said that the Federal government has extended the deadline for spending the CARES money until December 31, 2021. There is about \$200,000 remaining that can be spent out of the fund by the Town and School. She also noted that after the Board of Health's meeting (Thursday), it will give an update on vaccinations for the Medfield first responders.

Aura at Medfield Regulatory Agreement – Local Initiative Program

Ms. Trierweiler said that this is the standard agreement that is received from DHCD for a LIP project. The Aura project is located at the former legion property, on Peter Kristof Way. The Town entered into this LIP with the developer as an agreed upon 40B development. The oversight of this project was discussed as it appeared that the State was more directly involved than in any of the past projects. Chairman Peterson called for a vote.

Vote: Selectman Marcucci made a motion to approve the regulatory agreement between DHCD and the developer of the Aura development and to authorize Medfield Board of Selectmen Chairman Osler Peterson to sign on behalf of the Town, second by Selectman Murby. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Peterson: YES; Mr. Murby: YES; Mr. Marcucci: YES. Motion Carried 3-0.

Return to Eversource Public Hearing

Mr. Marcucci recused himself and turned off the video. Chairman Peterson returned to the public hearing, and recognized Christine Cosby, Eversource representative.

Ms. Cosby stated that Eversource is petitioning to install a new pole 18/1A on Pleasant Street for the purpose of providing underground service for a new vehicle charging station on the Bank of America property located at 478 Main Street. Ms. Cosby answered questions regarding who could use the new charging station and how the station would be powered. Ms. Cosby discussed technical aspects of the project including transformer types, voltage aspects and metering. The charging station is to be separately metered. Chairman Peterson called for a vote.

Vote: Selectman Murby made a motion to close the public hearing, second by Selectman Peterson. Roll Call vote: Mr. Peterson: YES; Mr. Murby: YES; Mr. Marcucci was not present for the vote as he recused himself. Motion carried 2-0.

Vote: Selectman Murby made a motion to grant the petition submitted by NSTAR Electric Company doing business as Eversource Energy and Verizon for the purpose of obtaining a grant of location to install one new pole for the purposes described in the petition documents, second by Selectman Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Peterson: YES; Mr. Murby: YES; Mr. Marcucci was not present for the vote as he recused himself. Motion carried 2-0.

Mr. Marcucci returned to the meeting.

Accept the resignation of Special Police Officer Bryan Syrett

Bryan Syrett submitted his resignation to Police Chief Michele Guerette. Chairman Peterson called for a vote.

Vote: Selectman Marcucci made a motion to accept the resignation of Bryan Syrett as a Special Police Officer, second by Selectman Murby. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Peterson: YES; Mr. Murby: YES; Mr. Marcucci: YES. Motion carried 3-0.

Authorize Chair to Sign Civil Service Notification

Chairman Peterson called for a vote.

Vote: Selectman Marcucci made a motion to authorize Chairman Peterson as the appointing authority to sign the Civil Service Notifications regarding the appointments of the following individuals to the Medfield Police Department: Garrett Ledbetter, William Bento, Michael Downing, Francis Thisse, and Terrence Teehan, second by Selectman Murby. Roll Call vote: Mr. Peterson: YES; Mr. Murby: YES; Mr. Marcucci: YES. Motion carried 3-0.

Selectmen Reports

Mr. Murby discussed dog walking at the Medfield State Hospital. Dogs must be on a leash and signs are being ordered.

Mr. Marcucci extended his thanks to all Town employees who had to on the holidays, particularly police, fire and DPW. He commended DPW for managing the holiday rush at the Transfer Station, as it was very busy. He proposed another meeting on January 26, with the many agenda items coming up for discussion.

Mr. Peterson also thanked the employees working during the Holiday. The Town Wide Master Planning Committee put together their report, which should be before the Board of Selectmen soon for their review. The Medfield Foundation's first ever-annual fund was a great success. There were many donations to the legacy fund which is the endowment that the Foundation is creating for the Town.

Adjournment

Chairman Peterson called for a vote.

Vote: Selectman Marcucci made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM, second by Selectman Murby. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Peterson: YES; Mr. Murby: YES; Mr. Marcucci: YES. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn Clarke

Documents Reviewed:

1. NSTAR Petition for pole location on Pleasant Street
2. Resolution of the MEC regarding MSH Optimal Energy
3. MEC comments on MSH RFP
4. MEA Fall 2020 Survey Results
5. LIP Agreement for Aura
6. Informational-ZBA Decision Clark Tavern
7. Memo from A&F: Covid CARES act extended