

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Remote Participation (Zoom)
February 2, 2021

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 Baker’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.” All votes subject to remote participation will be taken as roll call votes, and the meeting is being recorded.

Chairman Peterson asked for a moment silence in appreciation for our Troops serving around the world. He also extended condolences to the families of Lou Fellini and Albert Maganello who died this week.

Appointments:

Todd Trehubenko, Medfield State Hospital Development Committee to Request Approval of: Memorandum of Understanding with Mass Development for \$50,000 in technical assistance funding & the Contract amendment with Peregrine Urban Initiative for Consultant Services

Todd Trehubenko was recognized. The submission for the technical assistance funding of (up to) \$50,000 was approved by Mass Development to support the redevelopment at the Medfield State Hospital. The contract was included in the packet for the Board’s review and approval. The contract provides funds for the Peregrine Group to include finishing the RFP and other tasks. Chairman Peterson called for a vote.

Vote: Selectman Marcucci made a motion to approve and authorize Chairman Peterson to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with Mass Development for \$50,000 in technical assistance funding and the contract amendment with Peregrine Urban Initiative for consultant services, seconded by Selectman Murby. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Peterson: YES; Mr. Murby: YES; Mr. Marcucci: YES. Motion carried 3-0.

Jean Mineo and Jerry Potts, Cultural Alliance of Medfield, to Provide Update on Prior Request to Use Medfield State Hospital for the Summer Concert Series

Jerry Potts was recognized. Mr. Potts stated that with the original request was to use the Hospital property for a large musical. However with cost issues and COVID the new plan is to have smaller series of events. The Cultural Alliance would like to use the open space at the Chapel. Tentatively, they are looking at the dates of May 15-16, June 12-13 and July 17-18 to

use the property. Mr. Potts and Ms. Mineo will be back to make a formal request when the plans are finalized. The Selectmen thanked Mr. Potts and Ms. Mineo for the update.

Mark Anastasio, Coolidge Corner Theater, Request Use of the Medfield State Hospital for a Drive-In Movie Theater

Mark Anastasio from Coolidge Corner was recognized. Mr. Anastasio requested the use of the State Hospital property for movies during the late spring through the summer, a couple of weekends per month. He discussed the possibility of eliminating the inflatable screen that was used in the past for a semi-permanent structure at the field. Boston Light and Sound, the contracted lighting engineer, has constructed a screen surface by stacking shipping containers three feet high that are rigged securely and covered by a 40-foot screen. There would also be a fourth locked container to house the projection system. Designs and drawings were not yet available.

The Selectmen expressed concern over leaving the screen up all summer long, the aesthetics and coexisting with other activities. The Board commented that the drive-in movie nights were well received by the residents and hopefully details can be worked out to make the drive-in happen. The Selectmen thanked Mr. Anastasio for attending.

Jeff Marble, Medfield Food Cupboard to Discuss Potential Lease of Town Property

Chairman Peterson noted that Food Cupboard currently operates out of the basement in the United Church of Christ. Mr. Marble was recognized. Mr. Marble reported that the Food Cupboard has a “working” space problem. They are trying to find a building to own. He further stated that their hope was to build a privately funded food pantry building. The Food Cupboard serves 88 clients (228 people). The clients are up 27% from January 2020 to January 2021. They currently collect and distribute 12,000 - 15,000 pounds of food per month.

Mr. Marble commented that they met with Roberta Lynch, COA director to discuss possibly utilizing part of the Council on Aging’s land to build a Butler style building. The Food Cupboard is looking to build a 2,000-3,000 square foot, one story, simple style building. A discussion and exchange of ideas followed about the feasibility of using the land near the COA building. COA Director Roberta Lynch was recognized and she commented that she would discuss the issue with the Council on Aging.

The pros and cons of other possible sites were discussed. These sites included the Pfaff Center, trailer at the Hospital and the Dwight Derby House. Selectman Marcucci remarked that contemplating using some of the Town’s buildings would involve significant discussions. Mr. Marble noted that for now that the Food Cupboard is very dependent on the Bank of America parking lot. It would be very problematic if that allowed use was lost.

Chairman Peterson recognized Abby Marble who remarked and ruled out the use of the other properties discussed for various reasons. Town Counsel commented that with the disposition of Town property there is a process to follow (Town Meeting vote).

Mrs. Marble remarked that the Food Cupboard was trying to reach out to people who are unaware that the Food Cupboard existed. She noted that they were placing lawn signs out to promote awareness. She then requested permission to place signs at Baxter Park, in front of the Library and at Meetinghouse Pond.

The Selectmen commented that if these signs are on Town property there will be many other requests for yard signs to go up for different purposes. The Town has a sign bylaw and four locations where signs may be placed. They suggested reaching out to private land owners to place the signs. The Selectmen thanked the Marbles for their attendance and discussion.

Discussion Items

COVID-19 Status Update and CARES Funding Update

Ms. Trierweiler reported that Roberta Lynch, COA director and Bridget Sweet, Board of Health Agent, have been working with the Town of Needham Board of Health, pharmacies and ambulance companies to try to get the vaccinations for residents. She thanked Roberta Lynch for all the work she has been doing with the seniors in trying to get everyone registered on the complicated State website.

Ms. Lynch responded that there is the potential for CVS to get the vaccine next week and Gillette Stadium is also another alternative. The Selectmen thanked Roberta Lynch her hard work.

FY2022 Operating and Capital Budgets

Ms. Trierweiler and Mr. Milano discussed the updated budget sheet (level-funded), cherry sheet projections, the reserve fund analysis and the savings from the vocational school (\$86,000).

2021 Annual Town Meeting and Warrant Articles

Ms. Trierweiler remarked that there are currently have 44 articles. Since some of the committees still need to come in for discussion regarding specific articles, an appointment schedule is being created. The Food Cupboard requested a placeholder to transfer a piece of town property, however there are still a lot of logistics to work out and therefore this was not recommended at this time.

Committee Appointment

Chairman Peterson called for a vote.

Vote: Selectman Marcucci made a motion to appoint Christopher Carlin to the Transfer Station and Recycling Committee, seconded by Selectman Murby. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Peterson: YES; Mr. Murby: YES; Mr. Marcucci: YES. Motion carried 3-0.

Committee Resignations

Chairman Peterson called for a vote.

Vote: Selectman Marcucci made a motion to accept the resignations of Christine Kaldy from the Medfield Wildlife Committee, Nathan Bazinet from the Board of Registrars and Thomas Powers from the Medfield Wireless Committee, seconded by Selectman Murby. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Peterson: YES; Mr. Murby: YES; Mr. Marcucci: YES. Motion carried 3-0.

Selectmen Report

The Selectmen reported on the wakes/funerals for Albert Maganello and Lou Fellini. The ceremonies and attendance showed that these gentlemen were two major contributors to the Town and they will be missed by many. It was very sad to lose both of these men.

Mr. Peterson commented that he attended the school building traffic forum and Representative Garlick's annual report to the community on zoom.

Adjournment

Chairman Peterson called for a vote.

Selectman Marcucci made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 PM, seconded 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. Mass Development Contract
2. Peregrine Contract
3. Draft Warrant Articles
4. TSARC Member
5. Chris Kaldy Resignation Letter
6. Nathan Bazinet Resignation Letter
7. Tom Powers Resignation Letter
8. Comcast Informational