

Meeting Minutes  
February 9, 2021  
Remote Participation  
7:00PM

Present: Selectmen Peterson, Marcucci, Murby; Town Administrator Trierweiler; Assistant Town Administrator Milano; 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 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, and all votes, subject to remote participation will be roll call votes” and further disclosed that the meeting is being recorded and streamed on Medfield TV.

Chairman Peterson remarked that we have a new item to announce. If you have a comment, please type your name and address in the chat box so that you can speak; you will then be recognized. You will not be on the video, just your voice and then it becomes part of the recorded meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Thank you

Chairman Peterson asked for a moment of appreciation for our Troops serving around the globe in defense of our country.

### **Appointments**

#### **Melissa Coughlin to discuss Floral Heart Project / National Day of Mourning for COVID-19 and request Use of Town Property**

Selectman Peterson said that Ms. Coughlin is a member of the Board of Health.

Ms. Coughlin explained that she was given the opportunity to bring an initiative to Medfield called the Floral Heart Project. March 1 will be the first day of recognition, for COVID-19 tragedies. On that day a floral display in the shape of a heart, is being donated by 1-800 Flowers and will be unveiled nationwide as a powerful reminder of what we all have been through. We have selected a group of freshman boys who are part of a service group called Medfield Strong to help us with this endeavor. We would like to display the floral heart either at the front lawn of Town Hall or at Baxter Park and have it remain in place for about one week.

Mr. Murby remarked that if your plan is to keep the display for about a week, I think it would get better visibility in front of Town Hall.

Mr. Marcucci said that I think this is a great idea and many more people will probably see it in front of Town Hall.

Mr. Peterson said that I agree with my fellow Selectmen that it is a wonderful idea and that Town Hall is the better of the two choices. He called for a vote

**Vote:** Selectman Marcucci made a motion to approve the use of the front lawn at Town Hall for the Floral Heart display recognizing the National Day of Mourning for COVID-19 from March 1 through March 8, second by Selectman Murby. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Peterson, yes; Mr. Murby, yes; Mr. Marcucci, yes

### **Todd Trehubenko, Medfield State Hospital Development Committee to discuss the Medfield State Hospital Request for Proposals**

Todd said that back in September we engaged a very experienced consultant, Beverly Gallo of the Peregrine Urban Initiative to assist us. Our goal is to create a commercially reasonable RFP to attract desirable redevelopment proposals to resolve the property. Since engaging the consultant as a committee, we met five or six times to discuss and develop the draft RFP that culminated in an initial draft released on December 17, 2020.

Todd stated they received specific comments from Mark Cerel and many comments from the public. Committee has spent the last three weeks going through all the valuable, thoughtful and important input and now have draft version two that we feel is ready for review by the Selectmen. The committee would appreciate if the Selectmen would send us comments prior to your next meeting. The draft will be sent to both MASS Historic and the Medfield Historical Commission for their review. They have 14 days to respond to this RFP. With the first draft, MASS Historic came back quickly with comments and said that we could add more developers to our list.

Mr. Marcucci said he has not read it so will reserve comments until then. Todd said that people have certain interests around the hospital so their maybe opposing comments; however, committee tried to incorporate everything that was relevant without creating a cumbersome document that a developer may feel too difficult to respond to. He continued with kudos to Beverly for reading through and trying to reconcile everything in one voice.

Board discussed a placeholder for discussion on Feb 23 meeting. Mr. Marcucci requested that the BOS resolve any issues with the RFP on the 23<sup>rd</sup>: members should send significant comments to Todd ahead of time. Mr. Peterson looks forward to reviewing a second draft of the RFP and the discussion at our February 23 meeting. He thanked Todd for coming tonight and all the committee's for their work for the Town.

### **COVID-19 Status Update and Cares Funding Update; FY2022 Operating and Capital Budgets; 2021 Annual Town Meeting and Warrant Articles**

Ms. Trierweiler she did not have a specific budget update as nothing has changed from last week; there are currently 47 Warrant Articles. Ms. Trierweiler is in discussions with the Town Moderator. He will attend our next meeting for discussion on a date for ATM. Last June we made the decision to do just financial articles, however this year we have not placed a restriction on the warrant articles. So we need to start planning on a longer time frame. We have about a month before we need to make decisions that will be printed in the warrant.

Town Counsel was recognized and mentioned that there are remnants of blue laws still on the books about Saturday and Sunday meetings so we need to keep that in mind. Mr. Peterson said thanks Mark, good point.

### **Action Items**

#### **Accept the resignation of Eileen DeSorgher from the Board of Registrars and Vote to Close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant on February 16 at 5:00 PM**

Mr. Marcucci queried as we have lost our republican and democratic registrars over the last couple of weeks when will we have successors. Jim Mullen thought he would have names in time for tonight's meeting but it did not work out but they should be on the February 23 Agenda.

**Vote:** Selectman Marcucci made a motion to accept with reluctance but bowing to the law Eileen DeSorgher's resignation from the Board of Registrars, second by Selectman Murby. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Peterson, yes; Mr. Murby, yes; Mr. Marcucci, yes

**Vote:** Selectman Marcucci made a motion to close the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant on Tuesday February 16, 2021 at 5:00 PM sharp, second by Selectman Murby. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Peterson, yes; Mr. Murby, yes; Mr. Marcucci, yes

Selectman Marcucci announced that any of our Town boards, committees and other people who may be holding on to their articles, you need to submit to Town Administrator by 5PM on February 16.

### **Selectmen Reports**

Mr. Murby said that today he attended the burial ceremony for Lou Fellini. I am sorry that he will no longer be around.

Mr. Marcucci said we anticipate scheduling an executive session in the next couple of weeks to discuss the fire contract.

Mr. Peterson also attended the wake for Lou Fellini; The Medfield Foundation met last night and are moving forward with separating from the Foundation for Metro West. The Medfield legacy fund will be an in-house effort going forward. Mick Foley has agreed to be the point person for the volunteer awards going forward. It probably not happen until March of 2022

Mr. Peterson noted that Mark Cerel now has a computer, so life is good.

**Adjournment**

On a motion made by Selectman Marcucci to adjourn at 7:35PM, second by Selectman Murby.  
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Peterson, yes; Mr. Murby, yes; Mr. Marcucci, yes

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Clarke

**Documents Reviewed:**

1. Memo for Floral Heart Project
2. MSH RFP
3. Eileen DeSorgher Resignation from Board of Registrars
4. Draft Warrant Articles
5. Budget Summary dated 2/8/2021