

Board of Selectmen  
**Meeting Minutes**  
January 15, 2019  
Chenery Meeting Room

**Present:** Selectmen Marcucci, Murby, Peterson; Town Administrator Sullivan; Town Administrator Trierweiler; Town Counsel Cerel; Administrative Assistant Clarke

Chairman Marcucci called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and disclosed this meeting is being recorded. He asked for a moment of appreciation for our Troops serving in the Middle East and around the world

Chairman Marcucci announced the funeral arrangements for former Police Chief William H. Mann. Visiting hours this Friday January 18, 4-8PM at the Roberts-Mitchell-Caruso Funeral Home. Funeral Service will be held Saturday January 19 at 11 AM, United Church of Christ

Chairman Marcucci remarked that after 44 years of service to Medfield, tonight is our last meeting with Michael Sullivan before his retirement. This is both historical and sad. The Board extended their gratitude for taking care of the Town through the years. Mr. Sullivan responded thank you very much. He continued, saying, "I thank the people for putting up with me and my tirades about state and federal government".

**Appointments**

Christian Donner and Michael Taylor / Discuss Medfield Rail Trail and Warrant Article

Mr. Donner opened the discussion saying that he would like to let the Board know about the success they have had in 2018; fundraising efforts, hiring Beals and Thomas as a consultant on the project. He highlighted that some of the work will be done in phases, i.e. removal of rails, erosion control, road crossing. Committee received a \$100,000 grant from DCR and along with private donations for a total of \$120,000. However, they would like some guidance as to what the Town will do, as they need to begin some of the work so they do not lose the grant. Mr. Donner said that he has had a conversation with Mr. Goulet; however, he did not make any commitment about doing the work. Selectman Peterson wanted to know about the company that would remove the railroad ties and if the Town would receive a payment from them. Mr. Donner response is that yes that's true and they have figured that payment into the expenses. Selectman Peterson is hopeful that DPW will help as they have done with other department projects.

Selectman Murby said that if his recollection is correct the Town was informed by the MBTA that we will be required to purchase insurance for a figure of about \$125,000 to which Mr. Donner agreed and said or a figure close to that amount. Selectman Murby feels that if DPW will do some of the work that's fine, however he will not support telling DPW they must. Selectman Marcucci said that if DPW can they should. He also stated that should a Town Meeting Warrant Article be voted in support for the project that would be fine, however, if it is

tax dollars paying for this project then he would not be in support because he thinks there are more pressing town needs that should be funded out of the tax levy. The Board thanked Mr. Donner for his update.

**Robb Gregg, Chair of Medfield's Peak House Heritage Center**

Mr. Gregg reported to the Board that the Peak House Heritage Center is requesting the Selectmen sign a letter of endorsement to correct the Tercentenary Sign that is in front of the Peak House as it contains several errors. Mr. Gregg said that the only remediation required is to correct them with accurate names and date. The sign names Seth Clark as the owner when actually it's Benjamin Clark, his father who built the house and the correct date being 1711. MassDOT is the owner of the sign and the group would like to ask them to grind out the mistakes and replace with recast letters and date or paint new letters and a number. The Board of Directors of the recently formed Heritage Center supports this initiative.

*Motion:* On a motion made by Selectman Murby, seconded by Selectman Peterson it was voted unanimously to sign a letter of endorsement addressed to MassDOT to make corrections to the Tercentenary Sign as presented to the BOS.

Mr. Gregg advised the Selectmen that the Directors request a member of the Town's Administration to serve as a stakeholder for the Heritage Center. We are looking for key people who have knowledge, wisdom and insight to enhance the history of our Town. Chairman Marcucci offered that we will take the request under advisement. The Board thanked Mr. Gregg for being here this evening.

**Discuss safety oversight of the Westwood Gun Club  
Residents Kimberly Gargano and Denise DePiero**

Ms. Gargano opened the conversation saying that her property on Woodend Lane abuts the gun club; she is concerned about the club and wants assurances made that when her children are outside they are safe. She learned that the club had pulled a building permit, however, it was difficult to find out the reason. Ms. Gargano said that she went on to the club's website to hopefully find a contact number for the club, but it was not listed.

Selectman Murby remarked that this morning he met with Ms. Gargano, Ms. DePiero and Sean Kay; and actually took a drive to see the gun club's location. He also learned that the reason the club applied for a building permit so that they can erect a roof over the 200 yard firing range. This is an improvement, not an expansion. He continued saying that he feels the focus of this situation is actually miscommunication. He did not feel anyone is trying to hide anything. Selectman Murby also talked with a past member of the club who lives in Medfield and it appears to him that the club has a history of being safe and well run.

Interim Police Chief John Wilhelmi said that he researched and discovered that there is no state agency that oversees gun clubs. This rests with city/town ordinances and bylaws. Town Counsel interjected that there are no bylaws in Medfield that he is aware of that would be

applicable to this situation. Chief Wilhelmi continued saying that his department records indicate that in five years there have been eight complaints; four of them about guns fired at night. When police went to inspect, there were no shots being fired. There has been some confusion as to which police department should be called if an issue arises as the club has property in both Medfield and Walpole. He discussed the matter with his officers and they will respond to all noise calls related to the club.

Mr. Ed George, attorney for the club said that the club was incorporated in 1942 and acquired land in both Medfield and Walpole in the 1950's. The firing range has been there for decades and recently applied for a roof over the firing range. Please understand the shooting ranges shoot away from any houses. The members are required to take extensive safety courses to apply for their gun license.

Ms. DePiero wanted to know as abutters to the club should they receive notice from the Town if permits were being issued. Mr. Cerel said that notices would be sent only if the club filed with the Zoning Board of Appeals; under their rules notice would be sent to abutters.

Selectman Peterson commented that to improve lines of communication with the neighbors, he suggested contact information be posted on the website. Perhaps the club and neighbors should meet to discuss ways the gun club may lessen the noise levels. Mr. George said he would be happy to do that and also provide the neighbors with his contact information. Chairman Marcucci offered the option for both groups to meet at the town hall for further discussion.

#### **David Temple and Dan Bibel, Historical Commission Co-Chairmen**

David Temple stated that they were here tonight to honor one of our long standing members Ancelin Wolfe. She and her husband Jack are moving to Medway. The Historic Commission wants to present the Historical Commission 2019 Preservation Award to Ancelin for her 20 years of good work with the Commission and for the Town.

#### **Senior Housing Survey Results**

##### **Committee members Barbara Gips, Jack Wolfe, Richard Scullary**

Selectman Murby said that before we get started he wanted everyone to know that although he was part of the Senior Housing Study team Barbara and Dick did the majority of the work to put together the results. Ms. Gips said that 2,204 Medfield seniors received the survey and about 32 percent or 695 returned, which is a terrific response. The favored locations for seniors is close to downtown or the state hospital site. Preferred type of housing is single family homes, 87% want a first floor master bedroom with a master bath; some preference indicated for two bedrooms; small number would like three; large percentage of seniors prefer buying at a maximum of \$450K. Knowing these results the committee proposes that the Town should plan for approximately 400 units of senior housing. Selectman Murby agrees that all things considered the BOS now have a good understanding of what the seniors presently desire for senior housing in Medfield.

Resident Tony Centore queried what are the next steps. He stated that they have been talking about this for a long time; it is a senior problem and most people feel they will not see this happen in Medfield in our lifetime. Chairman Marcucci said that although a senior housing project was rejected at the last Town Meeting he feels the Town would likely raise the subject again to perhaps consider building on the Hinkley property. Mr. Sullivan remarked that the state wants over 430,000 housing units built in eastern Massachusetts by 2040. He feels the Town needs to think about how we want to live; on small lots squeezed together like in Brooklyn, NY or do we need space around us.

### **Fire Education Grant**

The Department of Fire Services sent notice to Fire Chief Carrico that Medfield's Student Awareness of Fire Education grant has been approved. The amount of the grant is \$4,154.00. This fire safety program was created to teach fire safety in schools and has expanded to educate senior citizens about fire safety in their homes. Chief Carrico requests the Selectmen vote to authorize Chairman Marcucci to sign the standard contract form and also request the Board to vote to designate Town Administrator Trierweiler as the authorized signatory name to sign contracts **and it was so voted.**

### **Committee Appointment**

*Vote:* On a motion made and seconded it was voted unanimously to appoint Jared Gustafson as Associate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals and as recommended by the ZBA

### **Discuss draft copy of ATM Articles**

Chairman Marcucci remarked that he didn't think the Board needed to talk about the articles tonight. Please hold for next meeting.

### **Pending**

Appoint Town Wide Master Planning Committee

Chairman Marcucci said that they currently have 11 names and three additional names from residents who submitted resumes to be considered for citizen at large seats on the Committee. This leaves four slots still open. Residents, who may be interested, please send resume to Evelyn Clarkes here at Town Hall. He asked for a motion to appoint.

*Vote:* On a motion made by Selectman Murby, seconded by Selectman Peterson it was voted unanimously to appoint Teresa James, Jessica Reilly, Mary McCarthy, Tom Erb, Roberta Lynch, Kevin Ryder, William Harvey, Michael Pastore and as Citizens at Large; Jay Duncan, Jerry Potts, Philip Stashenko as members of the Town Wide Master Planning Committee.

### **Historical Society Water Bill**

Selectman Murby advised to move discussion to next meeting as he has not heard from Water and Sewer Chairman Bill Harvey.

## **Licenses and Permits (consent agenda)**

*Vote:* On a motion made and seconded it was voted unanimously to grant the Council on Aging one day wine and malt beverage permits for: Supper Club on January 16; St Patty's Dinner on March 13; April 10 Supper Club. All events are at the CENTER 4-7 PM

## **Town Administrator Update**

Mr. Sullivan had no report

## **Review Board of Selectmen Action List**

Selectman Murby remarked that as our list is awfully long, he suggested they begin with DPW items as there are many. He then addressed Kristine saying she should review the items we have listed for each department and perhaps pare it down. Please email new list when it is ready.

## **Selectmen Report**

Selectman Peterson said that the Medfield Foundation met and discussed the success of the Angel Run that was held in December. Despite the rain there was a good turnout and proceeds will be distributed to families in need here in Medfield. Also nominations for Volunteer of the Year awards close at the end of January; reception to be held March 31, 3-5PM at the CENTER.

Selectman Murby was contacted by Bonnie Wren-Burgess who invited a number of people to review and coach seniors on their college essays. It was a fun event.

Selectman Marcucci reported that at the next Affordable Housing Trust meeting, Mayrock will make a presentation on their proposed LIP project. Developer will also attend the Selectmen's meeting to present the project. Next Selectmen's meeting is January 29 and suggests the Board discuss Kristine's half-year goals and budgets as they need to be reviewed and voted. Note that the school budget will be discussed with the Warrant Committee on Monday, January 28.

Selectman Marcucci noted that a Selectman should be appointed to the Town Wide Master Planning Committee; Selectman Peterson said he would do it. Also designate a member to call the first meeting.

*Vote:* On a motion made and seconded it was voted unanimously to appoint Osler Peterson to represent the Board of Selectmen and designate Committee member Jay Duncan to call the first meeting of the Town Wide Master Planning Committee

Resident Jerry Kazanjian was recognized and he has a suggestion regarding the microphones used by the Selectmen. It is a problem listening to a meeting at home as each Selectman does not speak directly into the mics. Perhaps it should be a budget item to upgrade the mics.

Resident Jack Wolfe called for a standing round of applause for Michael's last meeting before he retires; the audience obliged.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM