

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
January 19, 2021  
Remote Participation (Zoom)  
7:00 PM

**Present:** Selectman Peterson, Selectman Marcucci, Selectman 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 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 taken as roll call votes. He disclosed that the meeting is being recorded and live streamed on Medfield TV. The Board had a moment of silence in appreciation for our Troops serving around the globe.

### **Appointments**

#### **Medfield High School Class of 2022 request permission to hold a can and bottle collection at the Transfer Station in January/February**

Emma Bannister was recognized. Class Officer Emma Bannister requested to hold a bottle and can fundraiser at the Transfer Station for the Class of 2022. The students would setup a collection spot at the SWAP area.

The students were looking to run the fundraiser on January 27, 29 and 30. Ms. Bannister noted that they would bring the bottles and cans to a collection center in Walpole on Route 1A.

The students would have a sign posted by the swap area and they would be collecting the donations every few hours throughout the day so that they would not pile up.

Ms. Trierweiler noted that she would work with the students and the DPW director to figure out any remaining logistics. Chairman Peterson called for a vote.

**Vote:** Selectman Marcucci made a motion to authorize the Medfield High School Class of 2022 to utilize the Transfer Station for their Can and Bottle Drive on the dates requested, subject to the agreement of the DPW Director on non-sticker holders to enter the Transfer Station for the purpose of dropping off cans and bottles and that the Town Administrator will find a designated alternative location for non-sticker holders to drop off their collection of cans and bottles, if necessary, seconded by Selectman Murby. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Peterson: YES; Mr. Murby: YES; Mr. Marcucci, YES. Motion carried 3-0.

### **Fire Chief Carrico to discuss Fire Department Personnel and the On-Call Firefighters Program**

Fire Chief Carrico was recognized. Chief Carrico opened the discussion by discussing his staff, which consists of 13 full-time members and 11 on-call firefighters. The full-time staff has eight paramedics and six EMT's. The on-call staff has three active EMT's and eight first responders. However, two of the EMT's on the on-call staff do not participate in ambulance operations. Chief Carrico pointed out that he needed to have at least 20 firefighters, per a state requirement. His concern is that there are not enough qualified candidates locally to meet the needs of the department. There are two candidates in the fire cadet program, a high school senior and a tenth grader. The Chief stated that he was able to get a trained full-time member from a surrounding Town who was officially hired on November 23, 2020.

Chief Carrico noted that it takes funding to bring people on board. The cost is approximately \$8,286 to train one person to be a firefighter. He also stated that he would be applying for a grant through the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response which, if received it would help with some of the funding.

Mr. Murby asked about the cadet program, if the Chief was looking inside only Medfield or other possibilities outside of Medfield. Chief Carrico said that it is aimed at high school students within the community.

Mr. Marcucci asked if someone (older) for example: a resident over the age of 30, who was interested in becoming an EMT and/or a firefighter, would that person be a possibility. Chief Carrico responded positively but that those interested should know that there is a large commitment involved. The on-call firefighter program is close to a 200 hour commitment and the EMT program is about 180 hours.

Mr. Marcucci stated that this is an important issue for the Town because if we cannot recruit sufficient on-call firefighters we would have to go to a 100% fulltime model. Chief Carrico mentioned that he has been tracking the grant application process and it will be available in the beginning of March.

Mr. Ben Taylor had a question but stated that he would reach out to the Fire Chief directly for more information and he might know of people that would be interested.

### **COVID-19 Status Update and CARES Funding Update**

Ms. Trierweiler noted that Medfield will not be providing the residents with the vaccine, but they should be aware of vaccination sites such as Gillette Stadium, CVS and Walgreens.

### **Action Items**

Vote to open the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Chairman Peterson called for a vote.

**Vote:** Selectman Marcucci made a motion to open the Warrant for the 2021 Annual Town Meeting, second by Selectman Murby. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Peterson: YES; Mr. Murby: YES; Mr. Marcucci: YES. Motion carried 3-0.

Announcement: Warrant will close on February 16, 2021.

### **Appoint Peter Diamond as Wiring Inspector**

Building Inspector Gary Pelletier, Assistant Wiring Inspector Peter Diamond and Wiring Inspector Jim Leonard were recognized. Gary Pelletier said that they were here to request that the Selectmen vote to appoint Peter Diamond as the Wiring Inspector for the Town of Medfield. He noted that Jim Leonard was retiring. Jim Leonard has been with the Town since 1987 and became wiring Inspector in 1998. Peter Diamond has been the assistant wiring inspector since 2005.

Gary Pelletier personally thanked Jim Leonard for his years of exemplary service to the Town, and asked him to speak. Jim Leonard said that he enjoyed living and working in Medfield. A few years ago, he moved to Norfolk and has decided to retire. He recommended Peter Diamond for the position and stated they had a good working relationship. He also stated Gary Pelletier was a good leader in the Building Department. Gary Pelletier thanked Jim for his kind words.

Gary Pelletier continued by reiterating what Jim Leonard said with regards to Peter Diamond. Peter has been the acting wiring inspector since the onset of the pandemic last March and has done a great job and he appreciated his hard work. He agreed with Jim Leonard to recommend Peter Diamond for the wiring inspector's position.

The Board members each thanked Jim Leonard for his 34 years of service to Medfield. They also thanked Peter Diamond for his 15 years of service and his continued service. Chairman Peterson called for a vote.

**Vote:** Selectman Marcucci made a motion to appoint Peter Diamond as the Wiring Inspector for the Town of Medfield, second by Selectman Murby. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Peterson: YES; Mr. Murby: YES; Mr. Marcucci: YES. Motion carried 3-0.

### **Contract with Pare Corporation for Evaluations and Conceptual Design for the Repairs to Danielson Pond Dam**

DPW Director Maurice Goulet was recognized. He stated that he had four contracts to review on tonight's agenda. The first contract is in regard to the Conservation Commission and the Danielson Pond Dam. He explained that this contract is the next phase in which they needed to have Pare Corporation do some conceptual designs to determine what could be done by both the DPW and the contractors

Mr. Peterson questioned the potential cost. Mr. Marcucci stated that he was in favor of the contract but he wanted to know why it was originally built, what purpose did it serve and is it necessary now before we spend the money. Mr. Murby remarked that if the dam was there for a reason that mattered a century ago and now it becomes a significant expense from an environmental standpoint should they be pulling out these small dams in order to restore an old waterway/wetland. Ms. Trierweiler stated that the neighbors that abut the pond felt very

strongly of keeping the pond and dam. Mr. Marcucci stated he wanted to understand the benefit of spending the money and understanding the alternatives, but supported the contract. Chairman Peterson called for a vote.

**Vote:** Selectman Marcucci made a motion to approve the contract with Pare Corporation located in Foxboro, MA for a conceptual design for Danielson Pond Dam Repair / Reconstruction, in the amount of \$38,895.00 and to authorize Chairman Peterson to execute the contract, second by Selectman Murby. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Peterson: YES; Mr. Murby: YES; Mr. Marcucci, YES. Motion carried 3-0.

**Contract with EH Wachs Co. for a new VMT Single Turner Valve Maintenance Trailer, previously approved capital item**

Mr. Goulet discussed a preventive maintenance program for the water valves to ensure they are working properly. The requested trailer will be for valve maintenance and debris clearing when there are main breaks. Mr. Goulet wanted to purchase the trailer as soon as possible. Chairman Peterson called for a vote.

**Vote:** Selectman Marcucci made a motion to approve the contract with EH Wachs Co., located in Lincolnshire, IL for the purchase of a VMT Single Valve Maintenance Trailer and associated equipment and in the amount of \$73,781.54, second by Selectman Murby. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Peterson: YES; Mr. Murby: YES; Mr. Marcucci: YES. Motion carried 3-0.

**Vote to Approve the Southeastern Regional Services Group (SERSG) award for Drug and Alcohol Testing and Vote to Authorize Maurice Goulet to sign the contracts**

Mr. Goulet explained that this contract covered all of the on-duty personnel testing. As a part of a 29-town consortium, Medfield received a discount. Chairman Peterson called for a vote.

**Vote:** Selectman Marcucci made a motion to approve the Southeastern Regional Services Group Award for drug and alcohol testing, second by Selectman Murby. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Peterson: YES; Mr. Murby: YES; Mr. Marcucci: YES. Motion carried 3-0.

**Contract with Tighe & Bond, Inc. for Water & Sewer Rate Evaluation**

Mr. Murby questioned why they were going to spend \$26,000 to build a model that was similar to something already available. Mr. Peterson remarked that he had the same concern. Mr. Goulet stated that the current model is very complex, but he would get those answers for the Board to review at a future meeting.

**Approve Emergency Expenditure from Municipal Buildings Stabilization Fund for \$16,880 for Boiler Repair at the Blake Middle School**

Ms. Trierweiler stated that there is an emergency facility repairs line item in the budget of \$175,000 within the Municipal Buildings Stabilization Fund. The Board of Selectmen needed to approve the expenses out of this line item. The Facilities Director requested \$16,880 to repair the boiler at the Middle School.

Chairman Peterson called for a vote.

**Vote:** Selectman Marcucci made a motion to authorize the emergency expenditure from the Municipal Building Stabilization Fund in the amount of \$16,880 for the boiler repair at the Blake Middle School, second by Selectman Murby. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Peterson: YES; Mr. Murby: YES; Mr. Marcucci: Yes. Motion carried 3-0.

### **Authorize Town Administrator Kristine Trierweiler to Sign Letter to DHCD Approving Refinancing for Home in Allendale Subdivision**

Ms. Trierweiler requested authorization to sign the letter, on behalf of the Board of Selectmen to DHCS approving refinancing for a property on Thomas Clewes Road (the Allendale LIP subdivision) Chairman Peterson called for a vote.

**Vote:** Selectman Marcucci made a motion to authorize Town Administrator Kristine Trierweiler to sign a letter addressed to DHCD approving the refinancing a home in the Allendale subdivision, second by Selectman Murby. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Peterson: YES; Mr. Murby: YES; Mr. Marcucci: YES. Motion carried 3-0.

### **Town Administrator Update**

Ms. Trierweiler reminded the Board that Representative Garlick would present her State of the Town address via Zoom on January 28. Registration must take place before the meeting. The Selectmen's meeting on January 26 would be dedicated to the Town Wide Master Plan and a budget presentation.

The MMA annual meeting is this week, it will be held virtually and signups are available.

### **Selectmen Reports**

Mr. Murby said that the State Hospital Development Committee would present the draft RFP to the Board on February 2, 2021. Comments and public feedback have been reviewed.

Mr. Marcucci reported that the Affordable Housing Trust met recently to discuss another proposal for Tilden Village. Sarah Raposa, Town Planner had six different developers tour the Hinkley property, as a part of this alternative. Responses to the RFP will hopefully come in soon.

Mr. Peterson said that he attended the Massachusetts Select Boards' annual meeting on zoom. He also reported on the Medfield Foundation and the Angel Run fundraiser. He also noted that he attended the Medfield Coalition for Suicide Prevention Meeting and the Energy Committee meetings.

### **Adjournment**

Selectman Marcucci made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 PM, second by Selectman Murby. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Peterson: YES; Mr. Murby: YES; Mr. Marcucci: YES. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Clarke

**Documents Reviewed:**

1. Energy Conservation Proposal for DPW, Town Hall, Parks and Recreation, Library,
2. Draft Images of New Street Signs
3. Arrowstreet Feasibility and Schematic Design Proposal
4. Nitsch Engineering Proposal
5. Peer Proposal for Dale Elementary HazMat and Environmentally Sampling
6. Memo from SBC
7. US Census Information Boundary Validation
8. COA Board Membership Letter of Interest-Heidi Groff
9. Proposal for Hunter's Run
10. Request for Harvest Ride
11. MMA Annual Business Meeting Invitation
12. Notice to Appear, Hearing for Judgement Feb 5, 2020
13. Chapter 90 Notification
14. ZBA Notice of Decision
15. Sovereign Consulting Memo Groundwater Sampling 26 Spring Street
16. Memo from Xfinity