



Board of Selectmen

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, January 20th, 2021
Time: 8:00 AM – 8:44 AM
Members Present: Chair Jamie Underwood; Selectmen Matt Mecum and Seth Ridinger;
April Steward, Town Administrator; Stephen Madaus, Town Counsel, and
Alison Mack, Administrative Assistant to the Board
Other Attendees: Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Joe McGrath

The meeting commenced at 8:00 AM.

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Confirming Member Access:

April Steward, Town Administrator recited the following:

Members, when I call your name, please respond in the affirmative.

- Seth Ridinger: Yes
- Jamie Underwood: Yes
- Matthew Mecum: Yes

Staff, when I call your name, please respond in the affirmative.

- Stephen Madaus: Yes
- Alison Mack: Yes

Introduction:

April Steward started off the meeting by stating the following: Good evening everyone. This Open Meeting of the Board of Selectmen is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of the "COVID-19 Virus."

In order to mitigate the transmission of the COVID-19 Virus, we have been advised and directed by the Commonwealth to suspend public gatherings, and as such, the Governor's Order suspends the requirement of the Open Meeting Law to have all meetings in a publicly accessible *physical* location. Further, all members of public bodies are allowed and encouraged to participate remotely. The Order, which you can find posted with agenda materials for this meeting allows public bodies to meet entirely remotely so long as reasonable public access is afforded so that the public can follow along with the deliberations of the meeting. Ensuring public access does not ensure public participation unless such participation is required by law. This meeting will feature public comment.

For this meeting, the Board of Selectmen is convening by video conference via Zoom App as posted on the Town's Website identifying how the public may join. Please note that this meeting is being recorded, and that some attendees are participating by video conference. Accordingly, please be aware that other folks may be able to see you, and that take care not to "screen share" your computer. Anything that you broadcast may be captured by the recording.

Meeting Materials

All supporting materials that have been provided members of this body are available on the Town's website unless otherwise noted. The public is encouraged to follow along using the posted agenda unless The Chair notes otherwise.

Meeting Business Ground Rules (Jamie Underwood)

We are now turning to the first item on the agenda. Before we do so, permit me to cover some ground rules for effective and clear conduct of our business and to ensure accurate meeting minutes.

- I will introduce each speaker on the agenda. After they conclude their remarks, the Chair will go down the line of Members, inviting each by name to provide any comment, questions, or motions. Please hold until your name is called. Further,
 - Please remember to mute your phone or computer when you are not speaking.
 - Please remember to speak clearly and in a way that helps generate accurate minutes
- For any response, please wait until the Chair yields the floor to you and state your name before speaking.
- If members wish to engage in colloquy with other members, please do so through the Chair, taking care to identify yourself.

For Items with Public Comment:

After members have spoken, the Chair will afford public comment as follows:

- The Chair will first ask members of the public who wish to speak to identify their names and addresses only.
- Once the Chair has a list of all public commentators, I will call on each by name and afford 3 minutes for any comments.
- Finally, each vote taken in this meeting will be conducted by roll call vote.

Discuss/Approve the Marble film request to film on Rte. 140:

Hyo Park thanked everyone for putting this together and allowing him to speak on behalf of Possible Productions Inc, subsidiary of CBS Viacom. He is working on a ten-part limited series called Marble. They are looking to potentially film on Route 140; between Maple Street and Route 70. They are looking to conduct a traffic diversion between this area to allow them to film a car crash scene.

Mr. Park has been in discussion with a few people in town and was notified that this road diversion has occurred before for different races, so he is happy that this is something the Town has dealt with previously. The dates they are looking to film are February 24th and March 1st but asked that we do not hold him to these specific dates. The plan is to film the pre-crash scene on Feb 24th and the crash scene on March 1st. He has also been working with the DCR and the Conservation Commission Chair, Joe McGrath. He noted that all professionally drivers and actors would be conducting the scene; one or two takes at most. The vehicle used would be safety fitted, with minimum fuel since the sole purpose would be to crash. The filming would take place in a vehicle with a "Russian Arm"; high performance vehicle with a crane attached to film different angles. He has a general plan for the route and mentioned that if the Boylston Board of Selectmen approve this plan, they would have a technical scout on this upcoming Monday. They would need police assistance from Boylston and West Boylston to make sure they can safely conduct the technical scout on the side of Route 140. They have received a temporary access permit from the DCR to conduct work and received approval from Joe McGrath. He stated he has been in discussion with both the Police and Fire Chief to review details and keep them informed. Without having a definitive location, he cannot bring his creative team in to take the next steps but will have more information if needed after the technical scout on Monday.

Regarding COVID, the industry itself has a very robust protocol. The actors are tested every day, and the crews are tested three times a week; it may get ramped up depending on the numbers. Due to the location of the site, they will not be able to drive 35 vehicles to the site but are looking to drive to one location and take a bus. They are following all the leads of the CDC, municipalities, Police and Fire to make sure they are doing it safely. They have message boards that they will put out to provide notification to any travelers or commuters; looking to put those out two weeks in advance to try to make sure they do not miss anyone.

Jamie mentioned that he thinks it is a great idea and will benefit the town. He asked for the input of the other members on the call. The Police Chief, mentioned that this will not be a problem for them as they have rerouted this road previously for races, train stoppage, and also road work. He would just like to make sure the message boards and emergency signage are out there in advance to give residents and commuters enough notice. Bob Thomas is the point person for the Police Department and has already been in touch with Mr. Park. The Fire Chief mentioned that this shouldn't be a problem for them as well and has been in discussion with Mr. Park previously. The Fire Department is unfortunately used to working in that area due to car accidents so they will be prepared to give assistance if needed.

Matt brought up that the Fire Chief and the BOH are working diligently to get a vaccine clinic set up for the seniors and his only concern would be that if the clinic is on the same day of the filming that the clinic takes precedence. Mr. Park asked when the town would know about having this clinic as their potential shooting dates are Feb 24th and March 1st; they are looking to make sure they are able to film around similar days since the weather needs to be the same. The Fire Chief mentioned that it doesn't look like they will have something available until the end of

February and does not see the filming dates as an issue. The second round of rollouts for the vaccine will not be prior to that, unfortunately. If they were to get the vaccine clinic going, it would take place 1-2 days a week for several weeks. Mr. Park stated that he will let his team know, but as of right now Feb 24th and March 1st look good.

Seth asked about additional expenses being incurred by the town and Mr. Park responded that they would pay all additional expenses regarding details. He also asked how long Possible Productions Inc has been around and Mr. Park stated that he is unsure but has worked with them for a few years. Seth asked if he had reviewed the document for Town Counsel and Mr. Park mentioned that is normally out of his role, but he will send it off to his counsel for review.

Attorney Stephen Madaus mentioned that the BOS controls the management of town ways, so they would have to issue a road closure permit. Hearing from the Police and Fire Chiefs, Stephen asked if we would like to include those details in the contract to be paid upfront for all assigned personnel. Police Chief Sahagian stated that it is after the fact, there has never been a problem with it prior. Fire Chief Flanagan agreed. Stephen stated that they can put the rates into the agreement. Stephen stated that he took a shot at the different insurance coverages but believes that their insurance probably covers everything, but they can figure out those details when reviewing the contract. Mr. Park stated that he would be more than happy to send over his standard Certificate of Liability Insurance and if that is not sufficient, he can reach out to their insurance company to get better coverage. Stephen asked about what occurs if there is a weather event and what Mr. Parks team does if this event occurs. Mr. Park stated that with weather, they would want two similar days for continuity in filming; he would work with his team to make sure they reach out in advance to April and the Fire and Police department to make sure everyone is on the same page. Stephen thanked Mr. Park for appreciating the sensitivity of this since it would affect the Police and Fire departments. Mr. Park stated that he does have a messaging board and will work with both the Police and Fire department regarding what is posted on the signs. Police Chief Sahagian mentioned that there is a minimum time to postpone or there is a fee and will make sure that Mr. Park is aware. Mr. Park stated that if they were to cancel, he would work with his team to make sure all message boards are updated immediately.

Joe McGrath mentioned that they reviewed Mr. Parks proposal and also the permit with the DCR and given the fact that the DCR approves it and it is in their area and won't impact their drainage mechanisms, as long as the Police Chief is okay with it, they are okay with it. Jamie stated that it looks as though everyone is on board for Mr. Parks proposal. Mr. Park thanked everyone who attended the meeting and mentioned that he looks forward to a very successful film shoot and working with everyone in town.

At 8:44 AM, Seth Ridinger made a motion to authorize Possible Productions, Inc to film their scene on Route 140 in Boylston and close all roads and redirect traffic as necessary according to the dates that will be later specified and this agreement is subject to approval by both parties involved on the legal agreement that will be issued by Town Counsel, Jamie Underwood seconded. Voted all in favor. Seth: Yes, and Jamie: Yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Mack, Assistant to the Board of Selectmen

Meeting Materials

Agenda

On File in The Board of Selectmen's Office

Marble Productions Detail of work

On File in The Board of Selectmen's Office

Marble Map Layout

On File in The Board of Selectmen's Office

Boylston Location and Road Closure Agreement

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