

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MAY 30, 2018
REGULAR SESSION

Members Present: David Andrade, Nelson Almeida, David Viera, Michelle Hines, Chris Zorra

Finance Director Bruce Alexander was in attendance.

Chairman Andrade opened the meeting at 7 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

He announced that, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 20(f), anyone recording the meeting must notify the Chairman. The Board of Selectmen is recording via audio and visual.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE OPENINGS UPDATE

Mr. Viera announced the volunteers are needed on the Charter Study Committee (2 Board of Selectmen appointments), Conservation Commission (2 BOS), Energy Committee (2 BOS), Finance Committee (1 Moderator), Historical Commission (1 BOS), Property Tax Work-Off Committee (3 BOS).

COMMUNITY SPEAKS

Mr. Neal Rapp, 14 Airdrie Ct., expressed concern about the condition of ballfields on Cole Street. He had a handout.

PRIORITY SPEAKS

Consider the Conditional Offer of Employment to Richard Cabeceiras as a Probationary Third Class Firefighter

Fire Chief Michael Healy requested authorization to make the appointment. It was approved by Mr. Cadime.

A motion was made by Ms. Hines, seconded by Mr. Viera, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To extend a conditional offer of employment to Richard Cabeceiras as Probationary Third Class Firefighter.

Consider the Application for a Mobile Food Cart Permit for Kerri Arruda, KB's Poppin' Perfection, to Sell Popcorn at the Seekonk Speedway Flea Market, 1710 Fall River Avenue, Seekonk, MA

Ms. Arruda was in attendance.

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A motion was made by Mr. Almeida, seconded by Mr. Viera, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the mobile food cart permit for Kerry Arruda, KB's Poppin" Perfection, to sell popcorn at the Seekonk Speedway Flea Market and Haunted House event for Halloween.

She has Speedway approval.

Consider the Request for the Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity to use Taunton Avenue for Annual Procession

Secretary Rosemarie Reis of the Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity requested permission to use Taunton Avenue for the annual procession on Sunday, August 19, 2018, beginning at 12 noon for approximately one hour.

A motion was made by Mr. Viera, seconded by Mr. Almeida, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To grant the request of the Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity to use Taunton Avenue for the annual procession on Sunday, August 19, 2018 from 12 noon for approximately one hour.

Committee Update from the Historical Commission

Chairman Michael Markley stated in the past year they only had a quorum for five meetings. They usually meet ten times during the year. There are only five members. Two are up this year so that could put them at three. They continue to do presentations. The meetings are about an hour and a half.

Chairman Andrade urged anybody interested in serving on the Historical Commission to complete a talent bank form

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Consider the Request for a New Annual All Alcohol Liquor License for Mizu Asian Bistro, Inc., to be located at 1165 Fall River Avenue, Seekonk, MA, Bin Zhu, Owner and Manager

A motion was made by Mr. Viera, seconded by Ms. Hines, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To open the public hearing at 7:13 p.m.

Mr. Zhu and Atty. Wei Jia were in attendance.

Atty. Jia explained that the restaurant is under renovations and will not open until after July 1, 2018.

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A motion was made by Mr. Zorra, seconded by Mr. Viera, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To close the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Viera, seconded by Mr. Almeida, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve a new annual all alcohol liquor license for Mizu Asian Bistro, Inc. to be located at 1165 Fall River Avenue, Seekonk, MA, Bin Zhu, Owner and Manager.

Mr. Almeida thanked Mr. Zhu for coming to Seekonk.

Consider the Request to Amend a License for an Underground Storage Tank for Colbea Enterprises, LLC (Shell Station) located at 430 Taunton Avenue

A motion was made by Mr. Viera, seconded by Ms. Hines, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To open the public hearing at 7:19 p.m.

Mr. Paul Silvia from Ayoub Engineering explained there are 30,000 gallons of gasoline stored. That will not change but there will be 6,000 gallons of diesel for car use. The operation of the station will not change. They are installing new tanks.

Fire Chief Michael Healy explained this is the same as the Speedway gas station at Bakers Corner.

A motion was made by Mr. Viera, seconded by Ms. Hines, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To close the public hearing at 7:23 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Viera, seconded by Mr. Almeida, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To amend the license for an underground storage tank for Colbea Enterprises, LLC (Shell station) located at 430 Taunton Avenue.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider the “Restriction of Carry-in Alcohol Policy”

Chairman Andrade noted the Board had denied the request for a BYOB. Legal counsel suggested the Board might want to implement this policy.

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Board members felt policies should be numbered.

Mr. Alexander said he thought the Board was moving away from that.

A motion was made by Mr. Almeida, seconded by Mr. Viera, and it was

VOTED: 3 Ayes; 2 Nays: To approve the Restriction of Carry-in Alcohol Policy and number it.

The vote: Mr. Almeida – Aye; Mr. Viera – Aye; Chairman Andrade – Aye; Ms. Hines – Nay; Mr. Zorra – Nay.

In discussion prior to the vote, Mr. Almeida felt a BYOB restaurant is competition to those who are paying for full liquor licenses.

Ms. Hines said she hasn't seen any problems with BYOB restaurants. She noted the request was denied because the restaurant is too small and unable to store liquor.

Chairman Andrade sees it as a way to circumvent the licensing process.

In response to Mr. Zorra's question, approval would disallow any establishment from coming before the Board for a BYOB.

Consider the Ballot Question for the Accelerated Repair Project at Mildred J. Aitken School for Special Election

A motion was made by Mr. Almeida, seconded by Mr. Viera, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To authorize town counsel to prepare a ballot question for a special election on July 16, 2018 for the Accelerated Repair Project at Mildred J. Aitken School.

Mr. Viera suggested including any other items, if any, on the ballot.

Consider the Approval of Minutes of May 2, 2018

A motion was made by Ms. Hines, seconded by Mr. Almeida, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To table the minutes of May 2, 2018.

Consider the Approval of Quad Board Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2018

A motion was made by Ms. Hines, seconded by Mr. Almeida, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To table the minutes of the April 11, 2019 Quad Board Meeting.

Ms. Hines did not receive minutes in the drop box.

COMMUNITY SPEAKS – None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Discuss Other Topics not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chairman 48 Hours before the Meeting – None.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – None.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Veterans Memorial Committee Liaison Report

Mr. Viera advised all bricks are in place. Bricks that have to be replaced or repaired will be done by Veterans Day.

The Memorial Day Parade was a huge success. He was impressed with the amount of spectators. He thanked the Police Department, high school, and senior center for advertising the parade on their signs.

He thanked the Board for the plaque commemorating 40 years as Chairman of the Memorial Day Parade. He said it is with a heavy heart that he steps down but it is time for some new ideas.

Mr. Zorra also said the Memorial Day Parade was a great success. He thanked Police, Fire, and DPW. It was a great family day.

He said the Martin School is looking for volunteers to help with the Spring Fling on June 9. It is a good opportunity for high school students to do community service.

He said a lot of people are happy with the new town website.

Ms. Hines questioned a letter from Health Agent Jessica Horsman.

Chairman Andrade said it is a result of the vote taken on Kathleen Court a few meetings ago. The Health Department would like all new construction to adhere to water connections when available. It is under moratorium.

Ms. Hines felt the department head should have come before the Board.

Mr. Almeida felt the developer should have looked into it. This situation is not an emergency.

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Chairman Andrade said they received a letter about an accident at Rte. 44 and Lincoln Street. He asked that Mr. Cabral discuss that intersection with Mass. Highway.

He asked that the notice from Columbia Gas about a rate hike be posted.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Viera, seconded by Ms. Hines, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn at 7:48 p.m.

The vote: Mr. Viera – Aye; Ms. Hines – Aye; Mr. Almeida – Aye; Mr. Zorra – Aye; Chairman Andrade – Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

David Viera, Clerk

Prepared by:

Patricia Gamer, Secretary

Items Distributed at the May 30, 2018 Board of Selectmen Meeting

Documents for Mobile Food Cart Permit – Kerri Arruda, KB's Poppin Perfection

Documents for All Alcohol Liquor License for Mizu Asian Bistro, Inc.

Documents to amend license for an underground storage tank for Colbea Enterprises (Shell Gas Station)

Restriction of Carry-in Alcohol Policy

Ballot Question for Accelerated Repair at Mildred H. Aitken School