

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
DECEMBER 2, 2020
REGULAR SESSION

Members Present: Justin Sullivan, Chris Zorra, David Viera,
David Andrade, Adam Petronio

Town Administrator: Shawn E. Cadime

Asst. Town Administrator:/
Human Services Director: Carol Ann Days

Chairman Sullivan opened the meeting at 7 p.m.

He announced that, per Governor Baker's Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 20, the public will not be allowed to physically access this Board of Selectmen meeting. Public comments and questions could have been submitted to the Board in advance of the meeting by completing the Google Form by Tuesday, December 1 at 4:30 p.m. The meeting is broadcast live on TV9 and Facebook. Any person recording the meeting must notify the Chairman.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE OPENINGS

Mr. Viera announced that volunteers are needed on the Board of Assessors (1 Board of Selectmen appointment), Capital Improvement Committee (2 BOS), Commission on Disability (5-13 BOS), Conservation Commission (1 BOS), Economic Development Committee (5 BOS), Energy Committee (1 BOS), Historical Commission (3 BOS), Parks & Recreation (1 BOS), Recycling Committee (3 BOS); Zoning Board of Appeals (2 Alternates).

LICENSE HEARING

Consider the Request for a Change of Manager for Not Your Average Joe's located at 1125 Fall River Avenue to Sarah Tedeschi

Mr. Cadime advised all information required was submitted. There are no issues.

A motion was made by Mr. Petronio, seconded by Mr. Andrade, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the request for a change of manager for Not Your Average Joe's located at 1125 Fall River Avenue to Sarah Tedeschi.

The vote: Mr. Petronio – Aye; Mr. Viera – Aye; Mr. Zorra – Aye; Mr. Andrade – Aye; Chairman Sullivan – Aye.

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Consider the Request for a New Class II Motor Vehicle License for Girard El Massih, G Squared, Inc., d/b/a Steven's Service and Car Sales to be located at 1045 Fall River Avenue

Mr. Cadime advised this is a transfer of license for new ownership. A letter from the property owner and the site plan were included. Stipulation for the last owner was no more than five unregistered vehicles on the lot at a time.

Board members wanted to be sure Mr. Massih understood that he could only have five unregistered cars on the lot and that he would follow the parking plan. It is also a repair shop.

Mr. Massih assured the Board that he understood.

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

VOTED: To approve the new Class II motor vehicle license for Girard El Massih, G Squared, Inc., d/b/a Steven's Service and Car Sales located at 1045 Fall River Avenue with the stipulation that only five unregistered cars are allowed on the lot and he will follow the parking plan.

The vote: Mr. Petronio – Aye; Mr. Viera – Aye; Mr. Zorra – Aye; Mr. Andrade – Aye; Chairman Sullivan- Aye.

2021 LICENSE RENEWAL HEARING – (Attached List)

Mr. Cadime advised all businesses listed are in full compliance.

Alcohol

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

VOTED: To approve All Alcohol Club, All Alcohol Inn Holders, All Alcohol, Wine & Malt, Veteran's Club, All Alcoholic Package Store, and Wine & Malt Package Store 2021 licenses.

The vote: Mr. Petronio – Aye; Mr. Viera – Aye; Mr. Zorra – Aye; Mr. Andrade – Aye; Chairman Sullivan – Aye.

Class I, II, III Motor Vehicles

With regard to Class II Motor Vehicle #39 – The Car Palace, Mr. Andrade asked if the Building Inspector had done an inspection since there were issues in the past.

Mr. Cadime said the Building Inspector and Fire Department conducted inspections and all are in compliance.

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

VOTED: To approve 2021 Class I Motor Vehicle, Class II Motor Vehicle, and Class III Motor Vehicle licenses.

The vote: Mr. Petronio – Aye; Mr. Viera – Aye; Mr. Zorra – Aye; Mr. Andrade – Aye; Chairman Sullivan – Aye.

Entertainment

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

VOTED: To approve 2021 Entertainment licenses.

The vote: Mr. Petronio – Aye; Mr. Viera – Aye; Mr. Zorra – Aye; Mr. Andrade – Aye; Chairman Sullivan – Aye.

Amusement Facilities

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

VOTED: To approve 2021 Amusement Facilities licenses.

The vote: Mr. Petronio – Aye; Mr. Viera – Aye; Mr. Zorra – Aye; Mr. Andrade – Aye; Chairman Sullivan – Aye.

Go-Kart

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

VOTED: To approve 2021 Go-Kart license.

The vote: Mr. Petronio – Aye; Mr. Viera – Aye; Mr. Zorra – Aye; Mr. Andrade – Aye; Chairman Sullivan – Aye.

Miniature Golf

A motion was made by Mr. Andrade, seconded by Mr. Petronio, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve 2021 Miniature Golf licenses.

The vote: Mr. Petronio – Aye; Mr. Viera – Aye; Mr. Zorra – Aye; Mr. Andrade – Aye; Chairman Sullivan – Aye.

Theater

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

VOTED: To approve 2021 Theater license.

The vote: Mr. Petronio – Aye; Mr. Viera – Aye; Mr. Zorra – Aye; Mr. Andrade – Aye; Chairman Sullivan – Aye.

Palm & Card Reading

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

VOTED: To approve the 2021 Palm & Card Reading license.

The vote: Mr. Petronio – Aye; Mr. Viera – Aye; Mr. Zorra – Aye; Mr. Andrade – Aye; Chairman Sullivan.

Amusement Machines

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

VOTED: To approve the 2021 Amusement Machines licenses.

The vote: Mr. Petronio – Aye; Mr. Viera – Aye; Mr. Zorra – Aye; Mr. Andrade – Aye; Chairman Sullivan – Aye.

Antiques and Second-Hand

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

VOTED: To approve the 2021 Antiques and Second-Hand licenses.

The vote: Mr. Petronio – Aye; Mr. Viera – Aye; Mr. Zorra – Aye; Mr. Andrade – Aye; Chairman Sullivan – Aye.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Consider the Conditional Offer of Employment for David Mahoney to the Position of Patrolman 3rd Class

Chief Dean Isabella explained Mr. Mahoney worked as a Seekonk police officer until he moved to Cape Cod in 2019 and transferred to the Dennis Police Department. Circumstances have changed and he is moving back into the area and would like to return to the Seekonk Police Department. He is available to start immediately. He never had issues as an officer with Seekonk and no issues in Dennis. He left the department on good terms.

Mr. Cadime recommended the offer of employment. He said the background check would be quicker because he was just employed with the town.

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

VOTED: To extend a conditional offer of employment to David Mahoney to the position of Patrolman 3rd Class.

The vote: Mr. Petronio – Aye; Mr. Viera – Aye; Mr. Zorra – Aye; Mr. Andrade – Aye; Chairman Sullivan – Aye.

Prior to the vote, Mr. Viera said he hoped Mr. Mahoney understands this is not a revolving door. He was here, left and wants to come back. That's fine; it is a win/win situation for us. Hopefully, he will stay.

Chief Isabella said he spoke to Mr. Mahoney and conveyed that message. It is very important to have consistency in the department. He will continue to emphasize that point.

Consider the Appointment of Robert Emlen to the Conservation Commission

Mr. Cadime noted that Mr. Emlen was appointed to the Cultural Council. He expressed an interest in the Conservation Commission as well. He attended a meeting and is anxious for the appointment. He will fill a vacant position that expires on June 30, 2022.

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

VOTED: To appoint Robert Emlen to the Conservation Commission for a term to expire on June 30, 2022.

The vote: Mr. Petronio - Aye; Mr. Viera – Aye; Mr. Zorra – Aye; Mr. Andrade – Aye; Chairman Sullivan – Aye.

Discussion of the Comcast Contract

Chairman Sullivan noted the current contract has expired and continues until there is a new contract. The plan is to have the Comcast board on the agenda for January 6, 2021 to talk about the budget.

Mr. Viera said anything the Board increases to Comcast would mean subscriber bills will increase.

Mr. Petronio asked about the library.

Mr. Cadime said the library does not get PEG funding.

Mr. Petronio reminded about a service center location.

Mr. Viera noted TV9 takes care of library requests.

Discussion of the Tax Title Properties and Potential Consideration of Tax Title Auction

The Board reviewed the list of properties that could be auctioned. The two properties the town wants to maintain are RI Ice Land Co. (Burrs Pond) and ROC Realty (Maple Avenue).

Mr. Viera suggested notifying abutters.

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

VOTED: To remove RI Ice Land Co. and ROC Realty from the list for auction.

The vote: Mr. Petronio – Aye; Mr. Viera – Aye; Mr. Zorra – Aye; Mr. Andrade – Aye; Chairman Sullivan – Aye.

Mr. Viera said it is a good time to put that on the agenda while considering taxes, etc.

Consider Accepting a \$100 Anonymous Donation for the Human Services Fuel & Utilities Account

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

VOTED: To accept the \$100 anonymous donation for the Human Services Fuel and Utilities account.

The vote: Mr. Petronio – Aye; Mr. Viera – Aye; Mr. Zorra – Aye; Mr. Andrade – Aye; Chairman Sullivan – Aye.

Consider Accepting the Donation of \$1,222.00 for the Human Services Gift and Donation Account

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

VOTED: To accept the donation of \$1,222.00 for the Human Services Gift and Donation Account.

The vote: Mr. Petronio – Aye; Mr. Viera – Aye; Mr. Zorra – Aye; Mr. Andrade - Aye; Chairman Sullivan – Aye. The Chairman thanked all those who donated.

Consider Accepting Various Donations Totaling \$375 to the Human Services Gift and Donation Account in Memory of Joe Mello

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

VOTED: To accept the \$375 donation to the Human Services Gift and Donation Account in Memory of Joe Mello.

The vote: Mr. Petronio – Aye; Mr. Viera – Aye; Mr. Zorra – Aye; Mr. Andrade – Aye; Chairman Sullivan – Aye.

Consider Accepting the Regular Session Minutes of October 14, 2020

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

VOTED: To accept the Regular Session minutes of October 15, 2020.

The vote: Mr. Petronio – Aye; Mr. Viera – Aye; Mr. Zorra – Aye; Mr. Andrade – Aye; Chairman Sullivan – Aye.

COMMUNITY SPEAKS

Chairman Sullivan advised under Zoom a person can call in. It goes to attendee's area and residents will be called to speak. It gives more access.

OTHER BUSINESS – None.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – None.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Bristol County Advisory Board

Chairman Sullivan advised the annual meeting was held on November 19, 2020.

The County has been authorized to issue a county tax in the amount of \$6.8M. Bristol Aggie High School budget for FY2020-21 is approved for \$10,011,650 and the County budget for FY2020-21 is \$23,998,661. Other items included union contracts and accepting receipts. They also battled with technology issues for most of the meeting. Most towns were in attendance and held on through those issues. A couple of towns dropped off but there was a quorum.

Mr. Petronio inquired about the town's share.

Mr. Cadime said it is based on student population. He will get the percentage to Mr. Petronio.

Chairman Sullivan noted the school is in a major building project. The total project is \$103M. The MBSA grant is \$51M. The bond that will go out is for \$52.5M and the debt payment share will be based on the number of students.

Mr. Zorra said the cost will go up for Tri-County as well based on renovations..

Aitken School Expansion Building Committee Report

Mr. Zorra said he toured the school today. As reported at the last meeting, they are moving along. They will probably start putting the floors down by Christmas.

540 Arcade Avenue Building Committee Report

Mr. Viera advised they will be meeting with the architect. He will have a follow-up for the Board at the next meeting.

Veterans' Council – None.

Mr. Zorra asked Mr. Cadime to reach out to DPW to replace cones at Commerce Way in order to reduce back-up traffic.

Mr. Petronio commented this Zoom meeting is the best he has seen so far. He commended TV9 staff and everybody involved.

Chairman Sullivan said he appreciates the increased access.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:55 p.m., Mr. Viera motioned, seconded by Mr. Petronio, to go into Executive Session

- A. To discuss strategy with respect to litigation (Augustine Perrille et al v. Town of Seekonk, et al. C.A. No.:1:19-cv-11128) pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) as having the discussion in open session would be detrimental to the litigation or bargaining position of the town.
- B. To discuss strategy with respect to litigation (Butterworth v. Seekonk, MCAD No. 19BEM03023) pursuant to M. G. L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) as having the discussion in open session would be detrimental to the litigation or bargaining position of the town;
- C. To conduct strategy sessions with respect to negotiations with the United Steelworkers of America Clerical Unit Local 9517-10 per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) as having the discussion in open session would be detrimental to the litigation or bargaining position of the town;
- D. To conduct strategy sessions with respect to negotiations with the Steelworkers Supervisors Unit Local 9517-09 per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) as having the discussion in open session would be detrimental to the litigation or bargaining position of the town;
- E. To consider the approval of Executive Sessions minutes of August 19, 2020;
- F. To consider the approval of Executive Session minutes of September 23, 2020;
- G. To consider the approval of Executive Session minutes of October 28, 2020;
- H. To consider the approval of Executive Session minutes of October 14, 2020; not to return to open session.

The vote: Mr. Petronio – Aye; Mr. Viera – Aye; Mr. Zorra – Aye; Mr. Andrade – Aye; Chairman Sullivan – Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

David Viera, Clerk

Prepared by:

Patricia Gamer, Secretary

Items Distributed at the December 2, 2020 Board of Selectmen Meeting

Documents for Change of Manager for Not Your Average Joe's. 1125 Fall River Avenue

Documents for Class II Motor Vehicle license for Girard El Massih, G. Squared, Inc., d/b/a Steven's Service and Car Sales

Documents for 2021 License Renewals – Alcohol, Class I, II, III Motor Vehicles, Entertainment, Amusement Facilities, Go-Kart, Mini Golf, Theater, Palm & Card Reading, Amusement Machines, Antiques and Second Hand

Request from Police Chief Dean Isabella to rehire David Mahoney as Patrolman 3rd class

Talent Bank form for Robert Emlen to Conservation Commission

List of Tax Title Properties

\$100 anonymous donation to Human Services Fuel & Utilities Account

\$1,222.00 donations for Human Services Gift and Donation Account

\$375 donations to Human Services Gift and Donation Account