

Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
Open Session Meeting Minutes  
Meeting Conducted Remotely via Zoom

Members Present: Joseph Botaish, James Anderson, Christopher Gallo, William Harrington,  
Michelle Rouse

Members Absent:

Also present: Kevin Sweet, Town Administrator; Amanda Vasapollo, Executive Assistant;  
Gregory Enos, Assistant Town Administrator/Human Resources Director

Called to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Mr. Botaish. Followed by a roll  
call for attendance, all members and staff present.

Documentation:

*Application for Amendment of License for Storage of Flammable & Combustible Liquids Flammable Gases  
and Solids from Wrentham Service Center, Inc. located at 185 South Street*

*February 20, 2024 Open Session Meeting Minutes*

*February 27, 2024 Open Session Meeting Minutes*

*Seán Adam Application to Open Space Committee*

*Email from Alan Selling, Chair of Open Space Committee, re Seán Adam appointment to Open Space  
Common Victualler Application for Copper City Espresso located 48 South Street*

*Presentation from Good Energy re Municipal Aggregation*

Approval of the Minutes

**Motion** made by Mr. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Gallo, the Board voted to approve the February 20,  
2024 Open Session Meeting Minutes. Followed by a roll call vote, Anderson – yes, Botaish – yes, Gallo –  
yes, Harrington – yes, Rouse – yes. Motion carries, 5-0.

**Motion** made by Mr. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Gallo, the Board voted to approve the February 27,  
2024 Open Session Meeting Minutes. Followed by a roll call vote, Anderson – yes, Botaish – yes, Gallo –  
yes, Harrington – yes, Rouse – yes. Motion carries, 5-0.

Announcements

Mr. Harrington read the following, The Warrant for the June 3, 2024 Town Meeting opened March 1,  
2024 and closes April 8, 2024. Excise Tax Bills are due March 25th, pay on-line, in person, or by mail! You  
still have time to vote in the Presidential Primary! Polling is open till 8PM today at Delaney Elementary  
(120 Taunton Street) Save the dates! March 12, 7PM at KPRHS for the Candidates Forum, and March 23,  
11AM for Candidates on the Common. Meet the candidates and discuss issues vital to Wrentham's  
future. Don't miss these important events!

Interview/Appointment of Seán Adam to Open Space Committee

Present was Seán Adam of 385 Creek Street

Mr. Adam reviewed his resume, background and interest in joining the Open Space Committee. The  
Board interviewed Mr. Adam and thanked him for his interest in participating.

**Motion** made by Mr. Harrington, seconded by Ms. Rouse, to appoint Seán Adam to the Open Space Committee for a term effective immediately and expiring June 30, 2024. Followed by a roll call vote, Anderson – yes, Botaish – yes, Gallo – yes, Harrington – yes, Rouse – yes. Motion carries, 5-0.

Common Victualler Application – Copper City Espresso – 48 South Street

Present was Kevin Vacca of Copper City Espresso

Mr. Vacca reviewed the application; provided the Board with information of his business, reviewed his background and provided a review of his current business operations in Canton.

The Board welcomed Mr. Vacca to the community and confirmed with Mr. Sweet the he was in good standing with all applicable departments.

**Motion** made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Harrington, to approve the Common Victualler Application for Copper City Espresso located at 48 South Street and to authorize the use of electronic signatures. Followed by a roll call vote, Anderson – yes, Botaish – yes, Gallo – yes, Harrington – yes, Rouse – yes. Motion carries, 5-0.

6:50PM - PUBLIC HEARING

185 South Street – Application for Amendment of License for Storage of Flammable & Combustible Liquids, Flammable Gases and Solids

**Motion** made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Gallo, the Board voted to open the public hearing for 185 South Street – Application for Amendment of License for Storage of Flammable & Combustible Liquids, Flammable Gases and Solids. Followed by a roll call vote, Anderson – yes, Botaish – yes, Gallo – yes, Harrington – yes, Rouse – yes. Motion carries, 5-0.

**Motion** made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Harrington, the Board voted to waive the reading of the public hearing notice. Followed by a roll call vote, Anderson – yes, Botaish – yes, Gallo – yes, Harrington – yes, Rouse – yes. Motion carries, 5-0.

Present was Richard DeSilva of Northgate Contractors, LLC representing the property owner, Hillcrest Realty and Alexander Spier Trustee. Mr. DeSilva reviewed the amendment to their current license, seeking approval for alteration to one of the storage components which is changing one tank from gasoline to diesel.

**Motion** made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Harrington, the Board voted to close the public hearing for 185 South Street – Application for Amendment of License for Storage of Flammable & Combustible Liquids, Flammable Gases and Solids

**Motion** made by Mr. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the Board voted to approve/deny the 185 South Street – Application for Amendment of License for Storage of Flammable & Combustible Liquids, Flammable Gases and Solids and to authorize the use of electronic signatures.

Update on MBTA Communities Multi-Family Overlay District Bylaw

Mr. Sweet spoke, noted that the correspondence sent to Governor Healey, Senator Rausch, and Representative Vaughn have been received and we're awaiting responses. Mr. Sweet has connected with Chris Kluchman, Director of Community Services Division at the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities who will attend an upcoming meeting as a resource to discuss 3A requirements. The Board clarified some misconceptions regarding their stance on compliance with 3A, indicated they are willing to work with the State on the matter in a way that suits Wrentham. Mr. Botaish cited the Master Plan as a resource for what the community wants. The Board spoke in favor of continuing to

have public conversations about the topic, investigating enforceability, collaborating with other communities, identifying additional locations for zoning, gathering information and seeing how current litigation plays out. The Board spoke in favor of holding a public meeting and inviting members from the school committee or department, public works, and public safety to get their input on how 3A may impact their respective departments.

#### Presentation of Concept Plan for Sweatt Park Improvements

Present was Eric Bednarek of Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.

Mr. Bednarek spoke, provided the Board with a review of the concept plans for Sweatt park, including repairs, updates, and landscaping.

A discussion took place amongst Mr. Sweet, Mr. Bednarek, and the Board regarding specific aspects of the project such as the direction of the tennis and pickleball courts and the drainage specifications.

#### Update on Community (Municipal) Electricity Aggregation

Mr. Sweet spoke, provided the Board with an overview of the Municipal Electricity Aggregation process and a status update on where the Town stands in that process.

Mr. Sweet and Mr. Enos provided a synopsis of meetings had with Good Energy, Inc. who will be assisting that Town with this process.

The Board clarified certain aspects of the aggregation and reviewed the resident opt-in/opt-out procedure.

#### FY25 Budget Updates

Mr. Sweet spoke, provided the Board with an update on the FY25 budget process, provides specifics on factors such as health insurance and education costs.

A discussion took place amongst the Board and Mr. Sweet regarding public safety staffing and past grants received aimed at assisting with staffing levels in those departments.

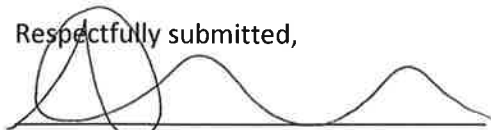
#### EXECUTIVE SESSION: MGL Chap. 30A, §21A (3)

**Motion** made by Ms. Rouse, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the Board voted to enter into executive session under Massachusetts General Law Chap. 30A §21A (3), to discuss strategy with respect to litigation and enter back into open session only for the purpose of adjournment. Followed by a roll call vote, Anderson – yes, Botaish – yes, Gallo – yes, Harrington – yes, Rouse – yes. Motion carries, 5-0.

#### Adjournment

**Motion** made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Rouse, the Board voted to adjourn the open session meeting at 8:39PM. Followed by a roll call vote, Anderson – yes, Botaish – yes, Gallo – yes, Harrington – yes, Rouse – yes. Motion carries, 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda Vasapollo, Executive Assistant