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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: Gregory Enos, Assistant Town Administrator/Human Resources Director; Amanda Vasapollo, Executive Assistant

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:

July 11, 2023 Open Session Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2023 Open Session Meeting Minutes
One Day License Application(s) – 42nd Parallel Brewing Co.
Informal Presentation for 40, 43, & 55 Kendrick Street
List of Election Workers provided by the Town Clerk
Email from Finance Director, Mike King re Perpetual Care Funds
Quote from Tree Specialists for Infected Tree Spraying

Announcements:

Mr. Harrington read the following announcements; Wrentham Recreation is offering free summer fitness programs at Sweatt Park! Pound, Yoga and Dance Aerobics – visit Recreation website for details and registration. Wrentham Recreation presented 2023 Concerts on the Common – Sunday, August 13th at 6PM is Tom Abbott.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Gallo, the Board voted to approve the July 11, 2023 Open Session Meeting Minutes. Followed by a roll call vote, Anderson – abstain, Botaish – yes, Gallo – yes, Harrington – yes, Rouse – yes. Motion carries, 4-1.

Motion made by Mr. Harrington, seconded by Ms. Rouse, the Board voted to approve the July 13, 2023 Open Session Meeting Minutes. Followed by a roll call vote, Anderson – abstain, Botaish – yes, Gallo – yes, Harrington – yes, Rouse – yes. Motion carries, 4-1.

One Day License Application(s) – 42nd Parallel Brewing Co.

Present was Jonathan and Jessica Loiacono of 42nd Parallel Brewing Co.; Chris Kantlehner of White Barn Farm; John Naff, Building Commissioner; Antonio Marino, Fire Chief; and Bill McGrath, Police Chief. Chief Marino and Chief McGrath spoke, provided comment on the Public Safety concerns from the last event, which significantly disrupted the flow of traffic on Route 1A.

Commissioner Naff spoke, noted previous concerns with some architecture and permitting.

Mr. Kantlehner and Mr. Loiacono provided an updated parking and pedestrian traffic plan. The Board, Mr. Naff, Chief McGrath, and Chief Marino provided recommendations for smoother and safer traffic/parking plan.

Motion made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Gallo, the Board voted to approve the Special One Day License for 42nd Parallel Brewing Co. on August 24, 2023 with conditions that the parking plan entrance and exit be reconfigured on the northbound side of Route 1A, include no left turn signs, and contract 2 police details. 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 approve the Special One Day License for 42nd Parallel Brewing Co. on September 30, 2023 with conditions that the parking plan entrance and exit be reconfigured on the northbound side of Route 1A, include no left turn signs, and contract 2 police details. Followed by a roll call vote, Anderson – yes, Botaish – yes, Gallo – yes, Harrington – yes, Rouse – yes. Motion carries, 5-0.

Staff Introductions: Kim Shipala, Fiske Library Director & Chris Cassidy, Assistant Director of Public Works

Present was Kim Shipala, Fiske Library Director and Chris Cassidy, Assistant Director of Public Works.

Ms. Shipala & Mr. Cassidy introduced themselves to the Board, provided a brief synopsis of their background and noted some ongoing projects.

The Board welcomed both Mr. Cassidy and Ms. Shipala to the Wrentham and expressed their excitement to have them apart of the team.

Informal Presentation of 40, 43, & 55 Kendrick Street Development Draft

Present was Rachel Benson, Director of Planning & Economic Development; Jack Englert of Criterion; Kirk Pickell; Patrick Doherty of Midpoint Engineering; and Andy Kushner of Spinnaker Group

Mr. Englert spoke, provided a history of the work done towards the project and presented an overview of the proposed plans for the Kendrick Street area development.

The Board asked questions regarding affordable housing requirements, MBTA community requirements, and the future commercial businesses that may be going into the area.

Mr. Englert provided a brief synopsis of next steps.

Ms. Benson spoke, noted the uniqueness of the 50 vacant acres in the downtown of the community and the importance of communicating the intention of the project with the community.

Mr. Pickell invited the Board for a tour a few of the other area properties they have developed.

Joint Meeting with Economic Development Commission

Present was Beth Bryson, Chair of the Economic Development Commission

Ms. Bryson spoke, reviewed the roll of the Commission in the community and requested the Boards input for future activities/projects.

The Board provided feedback to Ms. Bryson and possible avenues for collaboration within the community.

Vote to Appoint Election Workers

Motion made by Mr. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Gallo, the Board voted to appoint the list of election workers provided by the Town Clerk for a term effective immediately and expiring August 31, 2024.

Followed by a roll call vote, Anderson – yes, Botaish – yes, Gallo – yes, Harrington – yes, Rouse – yes. Motion carries, 5-0.

Vote to Approve the Expenditure of Funds from Perpetual Care Account

Motion made by Mr. Gallo, seconded by Mr. Harrington, the Board voted to approve the expenditure for infected tree spraying, not to exceed \$400, from the perpetual care account. Followed by a roll call vote, Anderson – yes, Botaish – yes, Gallo – yes, Harrington – yes, Rouse – yes. Motion carries, 5-0.

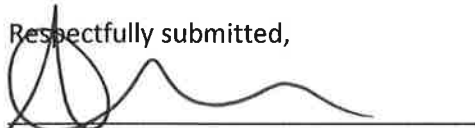
Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Enos spoke, thanked everyone for the participation and assistance with the Zip Trip. Provided the Board with a brief update on the status of the Center Lot Project.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Harrington, the Board voted to adjourn the open session meeting at 8:46PM. Followed by a roll call vote, Anderson – yes, Botaish – yes, Gallo – yes, Harrington – yes, Rouse – yes. Motion carries, 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda Vasapallo, Executive Assistant