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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: 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:

*September 5, 2023 Open Session Meeting Minutes*

*Email from Ed Goddard regarding 350<sup>th</sup> Bell*

*Email from Jessica Loiacono regarding 42<sup>nd</sup> Parallel Rain Dates for 9/30/23 event*

*Special One Day License for 42<sup>nd</sup> Parallel Brewing*

*Hawker/Peddler Policy*

*Email from Barbara Manning re Solicitor Application*

*Email from Matt Fessler re Door to Door Sales*

*Presentation from Public Forum #1 of the Charter Review Committee*

*BOS Goals & Objectives*

Introduction of King Philip Regional School District Superintendent of Schools - Dr. Richard Drolet

Present was Dr. Richard Drolet, Superintendent of King Philip Regional School District

Dr. Drolet introduced himself to the Board. Reviewed his background and resume.

The Board welcomed Dr. Drolet to the community.

**CABLE ADVISORY HEARING**

Mr. Sweet spoke, clarified that the Contract hasn't been finalized and recommended the Board open the hearing and continue to the next meeting.

**Motion** made by Mr. Gallo, seconded by Mr. Anderson the Board voted to open the public hearing for the Comcast Cable Contract Renewal. 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. Gallo, 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.

**Motion** made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Gallo, the Board voted to continue the comcast cable contract public hearing to the Tuesday, October 3, 2023 Board of Selectmen's meeting at 6:35PM. Followed by a roll call vote, Anderson – yes, Botaish – yes, Gallo – yes, Harrington – yes, Rouse – yes. Motion carries, 5-0.

#### Update from Wrentham Elementary School Building Committee

Present was Superintendent of Wrentham Public School, Dr. Allan Cameron and School Committee Chair Philip Jordan

Dr. Cameron spoke, provided an update on the Wrentham Elementary School Building Project. Dr. Cameron reviewed the next steps in the process with the MSBA which will require a request for funding at the upcoming Fall Town Meeting.

A discussion took place amongst the Board, Mr. Sweet, Dr. Cameron, and Mr. Jordan regarding the specific language for the Warrant Article and the funding guidelines for the project.

#### Approval of the Minutes

**Motion** made by Mr. Gallo, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the Board voted to approve the September 5, 2023 open session meeting minutes. Followed by a roll call vote, Anderson – yes, Botaish – yes, Gallo – yes, Harrington – yes, Rouse – yes. Motion carries, 5-0.

#### Gift Acceptance – Bell from Wrentham 350<sup>th</sup> Committee

Mr. Harrington read the following into the record, on behalf of the Wrentham 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, Co-Chair Cindy Thompson and I are delighted to gift the "Wrentham 350 Bell" to the Town of Wrentham. The Wrentham 350 Bell currently sits on Town land adjacent to Town Hall. The 350 Committee hopes to work with the Town to find a suitable, permanent location and for the Committee to fund its installation and any accompanying signage. We hope to have a more formal presentation later this year. Special thanks from the Committee goes to Member Gary Duquette - who found the Wrentham 350 Bell online and coordinated its purchase, delivery and storage for us. Thanks to the Board again for its participation in the Wrentham 350 Grand Parade. Regards, Ed Goddard Chair, Wrentham 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

**Motion** made by Mr. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the Board voted to accept the gift of the Wrentham 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bell, valued at \$1,500, from the Wrentham 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. 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, Wrentham recycling event: Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 1PM at the Senior Center. See the website for a list of acceptable items and their prices. Wrentham Police Alert Program, the Alert Program is being offered in Wrentham to provide families with a degree of security when they have family members or they are caregivers to individuals with Alzheimer's, autism, or any other special medical or physical condition. See Wrentham website for details. Brush Dump schedule change, the Brush dump will be open on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9AM to 1PM.

#### Vote to Approve Rain Dates for 42<sup>nd</sup> Parallel Brewing 9/30/23 Special One Day Licenses

Present was Jonathan Loiacono of 42<sup>nd</sup> Parallel Brewing and Christopher Kantlehner of White Barn Farm. Mr. Loiacono spoke, reviewed the intent of the proposed rain dates.

**Motion** to approve the rain date of October 1, 2023 for the approved One Day Event on September 30, 2023 for 42<sup>nd</sup> Parallel Brewing Co. at White Barn Farm. Followed by a roll call vote, Anderson – yes, Botaish – yes, Gallo – yes, Harrington – yes, Rouse – yes. Motion carries, 5-0.

Mr. Kantlehner spoke, requested that the Board waive requirement of having 2 police details for the event.

Discussion of Hawker/Peddler (Solicitation) Policy

Present was Chief of Police - Bill McGrath

The Board reviewed the current Hawker/Peddler and Solicitation Policies for the Town. A discussion took place amongst the Board, Mr. Sweet and Chief McGrath regarding the current solicitor policy and policies from neighboring communities.

Matt Fessler of 125 Annawon Ave spoke, provided input regarding the timing of solicitors and the frequency of the visits.

Update on Charter Review

Mr. Sweet provided an update on the Charter Review. Reviewed next steps and overall process with the Charter.

Update on Goals and Objectives

The Board reviewed their Goals & Objectives and discussed the status of items.


Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Sweet spoke, thanked Assistant Town Administrator, Greg Enos for stepping in during his absence.

Adjournment

**Motion** made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Rouse, the Board voted to adjourn the open session meeting at 8:10PM. 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