

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

2023 OCT 26 PM 12:25

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

Members Absent:

Also present: Kevin Sweet, Town Administrator; Amanda Vasapollo, Administrative 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:

Cable Contract Renewal – Proposed motion, Summary of proposed changes, Wrentham final license agreement; public hearing notice

License Amendments – Tap and Tavern License Amendment Application and Public Hearing Notice

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Application for Cultural Council from Delaney Valente

Email from Evelyn Zepf re appointment

Class II License Application – Gryphon Motorsports

Email from Finance department regarding good standing with treasurer/collector office

Election Warrant for Tri-County Special Election

Specimen Ballot for Tri-County Special Election

Draft Warrant for November 13, 2023 Town Meeting

Supplemental Information for Community Preservation Act Articles

Volunteer of the Year Announcements

Memo to BOS regarding Town Meeting Schedule

Approval of the Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Gallo, seconded by Mr. Anderson the Board voted to approve the September 13, 2023 Joint Meeting with Charter Review Committee. 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. Anderson, the Board voted to approve the September 19, 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.

Announcements:

Mr. Gallo read the following, The Metacomet Public Health Alliance nurses will be offering a Flu Clinics for Wrentham Town Residents older than 18 years on Mondays and Tuesdays. These vaccinations will be conducted at the Public Health Nurses Office located in Town Hall at 79 South Street. Bring your insurance cards and wear short sleeves. Registration can be found on the Town Website. A special

district election for the new Tri-County school building project will be held on Tuesday, October 24th at the Public Safety Building (89 South Street) from 12PM to 8PM. This project is projected to cost approximately \$280+ million. The cost will be spread out over the eleven towns in the Tri-County district, pro-rated on the number of children attending from each community on an annual basis. The Charter Review Committee is hosting a Public Forum on Wednesday, October 4th at Town Hall and via Zoom starting at 7:30PM. The purpose of the forum is to provide the public with the rationale for the proposals and to gain public feedback.

6:35PM – Continued – Public Hearing Cable Contract Renewal

Present was Director of Facilities and Capital Planning, Chad Lovett and Attorney William Solomon. Attorney Solomon spoke, reviewed the process of the Comcast Cable Contract Renewal and provided a summary of the proposed renewal license.

Motion made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Harrington, the Board voted to close the Comcast Cable Television Renewal License Agreement Public Hearing. 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. Anderson, the Board voted to approve Cable Television renewal License to Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC, license renewal term of October 3, 2023 to October 2, 2033 with recognition and acknowledgement of two comcast side letters, placement of Wrentham PEG Channels on Third Party (currently Gracenote) PEG interactive program guide and additional high definition (“HD”) PEG access channel(s); and senior discount. Followed by a roll call vote, Anderson – yes, Botaish – yes, Gallo – yes, Harrington – yes, Rouse – yes. Motion carries, 5-0.

6:35PM – Public Hearing – License Amendments

Present was Dan Fawcett from Tap and Tavern of 40 Commerce Blvd

Motion made by Mr. Gallo, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the Board voted to open the public hearing for Tap and Tavern of Wrentham, LLC d/b/a Tap and Tavern for Transfer of License (from Thirsty Beaver), Change of Officers/Directors/LLC Managers, Change of Corporate Name, and Change of Ownership Interests for the premises located at 40 Commerce Blvd. 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 Ms. Rouse, 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.

Mr. Fawcett spoke, reviewed the submitted application and noted that he is still waiting to receive two documents that are required from the seller, Thirsty Beaver.

Motion to close the public hearing for Tap and Tavern of Wrentham, LLC d/b/a Tap and Tavern for Transfer of License (from Thirsty Beaver), Change of Officers/Directors/LLC Managers, Change of Corporate Name, and Change of Ownership Interests for the premises located at 40 Commerce Blvd and to approve the license amendment application pending the receipt of the Department of Revenue Certificate of Good Standing and the Department of Unemployment Assistance Certificate of Compliance from the Thirsty Beaver 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.

Interview of Delaney Valente for Cultural Council Vacancy

Present was Delaney Valente of 242 South Street and Evelyn Zepf, Chair of the Cultural Council Ms. Valente spoke reviewed her resume and back ground. The Board interviewed Ms. Valente asking her follow up questions about her interest in joining the Council and her background.

Motion made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Gallo, the Board voted to appoint Delaney Valente to the Cultural Council for a term effective immediately and expiring June 30, 2026. Followed by a roll call vote, Anderson – yes, Botaish – yes, Gallo – yes, Harrington – yes, Rouse – yes. Motion carries, 5-0.

Class II License Application – Gryphon Motorsports

Present was Griffin McGrath of 70 Killdeer Drive

Mr. McGrath spoke, reviewed his application for a Class II License, noting that this would be an online brokerage.

Mr. Anderson confirmed that no vehicles would be stored on the property.

Mr. Sweet confirmed that this is in compliance with zoning bylaws.

Motion made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Rouse, the Board voted to approve the Class II License for Gryphon Holdings, LLC d/b/a Gryphon Motorsports 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.

Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical School Building Project Update

Mr. Sweet spoke, provided an update on the Tri-County School Building Project, reviewed the next steps and provided an over of the process. Mr. Sweet discussed funding avenues and each of their processes, and spoke on the impact those scenarios would have on the community.

Discussion of Public Works Building Committee Funding Request

Mr. Sweet spoke, reviewed the make up of the Committee and provided an overview on the process of the project thus far. Mr. Sweet spoke on the Committee's request to have the Board sponsor an article at town meeting funding the design for the project. The Committee anticipates the cost being between \$1.4 million and \$1.6 million and are requesting the \$1.6 million to ensure it's fully funded. Mr. Sweet provided a recommendation that 50% comes from water retained earnings and 50% come from free cash.

Mr. Gallo confirmed that funding should bring the project to shovel readiness.

Mr. Harrington commented on the timing of the request, with multiple other major funding projects also coming up.

Update on Town Meeting Warrant Articles

The Board made the decision to have Michelle Rouse and Jim Anderson to review applications for Volunteer of the Year.

The Board and Mr. Sweet reviewed the Town Meeting Warrant Articles.

Mr. Sweet spoke on feedback provided by residents on the Charter articles.

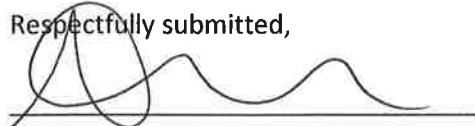
Town Administrators Report

Mr. Sweet spoke, the Town has been awarded \$146,000 through Green Communities for various projects, shout out to Chad Lovett & Rachel Benson for with diligent work with this process. Mr. Sweet continued, updated the Board on the recently implemented Town News portal at wrenthamnews.com.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Rouse, the Board voted to adjourn the open session meeting at 8:14PM. Followed by a roll call vote, Anderson – yes, Botaish – yes, Gallo – yes, Harrington – yes, Rouse – yes. Motion carries, 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'A' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Amanda Vasapollo, Executive Assistant