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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Memorial Town Hall

4/22/19

6:00PM-Executive Session~2nd floor meeting room, Town Hall

7:00PM-General Meeting~3rd floor meeting room, Town Hall

Selectmen Present: Joseph Bonavita, Chairman; Douglas W. Dawes, Clerk; Gary C. Fowler, Steven Sadler, and Charles Durney

Others Present: Police Chief Donald Cudmore, Interim Town Administrator; Janet Pantano, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Michael Farrell, Town Administrator

6:00 PM-EXECUTIVE SESSION

Anticipated executive session in accordance with G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(3), to discuss strategy with respect to litigation (AFSCME Council 93 v. Town of Georgetown, Department of Labor Relations Case No. MUP-18-6920)

7:00PM Call to order

Invocation-Douglas W. Dawes

Pledge of Allegiance

Boston Polo Club Request for One-Day Liquor Licenses

Mark Tashjian, owner to be present

Mr. Tashjian explained that they hold 6 matches over the summer and have food trucks and thought would like to sell alcohol. Mr. Bonavita asked if they have sold alcohol before. Mr. Tashjian stated no. He stated has had the business for 5 years and started in Hamilton and this is his 3rd year in Georgetown.

Mr. Durney stated that he has been to events and asked how the alcohol would be handled.

Mr. Tashjian explained that they are looking at options, one is to have a company come in or to hire out the bar.

Mr. Dawes stated that they project to have 100-300 people attending. He stated that do they have security of their own. Chief Cudmore stated that they have not had any issues at these events.

Mr. Dawes asked if he would limit how many drinks are served. Mr. Tashjian stated that he would leave this to the TIPS certified bartender and would limit if needed. Mr. Dawes stated that as owner he would have control. He stated that at the park they limit the number of drinks per person. Mr. Tashjian stated if he had a large crowd or any problems, he would reach out to the police department. Mr. Bonavita stated that 4 hours is a long time to serve alcohol. Mr. Tashjian stated that three quarters through they stop selling food and would also stop selling alcohol.

Mr. Sadler stated that he has attended many events and Mr. Tashjian is a very responsible business owner. He stated that it would be up to the owner and bartenders keep a watch. Mr. Fowler asked who they intend to sell the alcohol. Mr. Tashjian stated that he is looking for a company first to see how that will work out. Mr. Fowler stated 6 events and he is concerned for the neighbors. Mr. Cudmore stated is an equestrian area and set up for a business. He stated that he tries not to force a police detail unless it is needed. Mr. Bonavita stated as this is their first license, they have to make sure and do their due diligence.

Mr. Dawes moved to approve the One-Day Liquor Licenses/Wine and Malt Beverages for the Boston Polo Club, LLC-Mark Tashjian on May 4, 18; June 1, 8; July 6, 27, 2019 from 3-7PM. Mr. Sadler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote. To hold license until we receive liability insurance

Summer Concert Series-One Day Liquor Licenses

Jill Benas, and Tamara Schofield, present

Ms. Benas stated that they have seven events scheduled with a rain date. She stated Ipswich brewery will have a tent with cans and not the beer wagon this year. She stated that they will have food trucks but not sure who yet. She stated a classic car event one evening. Ms. Schofield stated that they may have a wine vendor or cider at an event.

Mr. Fowler asked the Police chief if any issues in the past. Chief Cudmore stated that this has been a great event and meeting tomorrow to work on signage with the committee. He stated that he provides the police officer for the event and has only been a positive event. He stated alcohol has had zero concern.

Mr. Sadler asked how the one-way and parking worked last year. Ms. Benas stated worked well.

Mr. Dawes stated that he has usually voted no as this are family events and does not see need for alcohol, and still feels that way but there have been no problems and will vote yes.

Ms. Benos stated that there was an issue with trash after the July 4th event. She stated that should be resolved this year.

Mr. Bonavita asked about the cans and will there be recycle bins. Ms. Schofield stated that she will look into this.

Mr. Dawes moved to approve the One-Day Liquor Licenses/Wine and Malt Beverages for the Committee for the Summer Concert Series-Jill Benas on Sundays July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4, 11, 18 and rain date August 25, 2019 from 4-8PM. Mr. Sadler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Dawes stated that they have the 100-year American Legion anniversary this year. He wanted to thank the committee for allowing them to set up a table with information.

OLD BUSINESS

ATM & STM Warrant May 6, 2019-Discussion on motions

Mr. Bonavita asked Chief Cudmore to discuss the Article 16-Acceptance of MGL c90, §17C Reducing Speed Limit to 25MPH in Thickly Settled of Business Districts.

Chief Cudmore explained that this is under the Modernization Act with the speed now on unposted streets it is 30mph, under the new regulation the speed would will be 25mph in thickly settled areas. He stated that this is to assist in balancing speeds in thickly settled areas. He stated that this does not affect Andover St, North Street, Central St, East and West Main St, but the tributaries. He stated that signs would be posted entering town that all thickly settled areas are at 25MPH. He explained that this balances the speeds. He stated if we were to only do certain areas, we will have other residents coming in for a change on their street.

Mr. Dawes stated that what precipitated this was the Lakeshore area residents. He stated that there is a daycare center on Lakeshore and could a special zone be added for this area. Chief Cudmore stated that would have to go through a permitting process with traffic studies and must have specific cause.

David Twiss, 19 Lakeshore Drive stated that there is a home with a daycare and thanked him for bringing this up. He stated that from Bailey Lane up Lakeshore there are 8 bus stops. He stated that they never attended for the whole town to be 25mph but in these neighborhoods it is not safe as is now.

Chief Cudmore stated that in the Modernization Act it is to balance the street speed and not to confuse residents with different speeds.

Mr. Bonavita asked how we communicate what we want to do to the public.

Mr. Sadler stated can we leave the street signs and add the 25MPH to areas of concern.

Chief Cudmore stated that it could be contradicting.

Mr. Fowler asked what can we do, have the Chief explain at town meeting, and he is still not sold. He stated when the Chief is gone the town goes to all 25mph. He stated this is a generation of all about me and does not feel it will slow down traffic.

Mr. Dawes stated that Rt.97, Rt.133, North St, and Central St. areas will not be changed.

Chief Cudmore stated that is correct. He stated that the motoring public drive to fast.

Mr. Durney stated that all residents want their neighborhood safe. He asked if the Chief could put together a list of the streets that will not be 25mph.

Chief Cudmore stated that he has that information and will give the board a list of streets with set speed limits.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing to be continued to April 22, 2019-SQF, LLC/Tilson Request to place a new utility pole for an AT&T Small Wireless Facility in the public right-of-way

Mr. Fowler moved to Open the Public Hearing for SQF, LLC/Tilson request to place a new utility pole for AT&T Small Wireless Facility in the town public right of way. Mr. Sadler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Fowler asked if any updates. Ms. Pantano stated the Light Department has come up with some standards and are talking to Tilson. She stated that Tilson wanted to wait and see what the Light Department had and if they could work together.

Mr. Dawes moved to Continue the Public Hearing to May 20, 2019 for SQF, LLC/Tilson request to place a new utility pole for AT&T Small Wireless Facility in the

town public right of way. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Dawes moved to Close the Public Hearing for SQF, LLC/Tilson request to place a new utility pole for AT&T Small Wireless Facility in the town public right of way. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING

WARRANT and MINUTES

Minutes of March 25, 2019 and April 8, 2019

Mr. Dawes moved to approve the minutes of April 8, 2019. Mr. Durney seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Dawes moved to approve the minutes of March 25, 2019. Mr. Sadler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a 4-0-1 vote. Mr. Sadler abstained

CORRESPONDENCE

Community Preservation Coalition Request for support

Discussion on the process and where the fees came from. Board wants more information before they support the request.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony Committee Charge

Mr. Bonavita stated he would like to set a committee to start this event early.

Mr. Durney stated a great idea and the event was a lot of fun. He stated would like to have a committee to be in charge of more events like we had Georgetown Days, etc. Mr. Bonavita stated that it may be hard to get a committee if they have to plan other events. Mr. Fowler stated would change name to a holiday event. He stated start here and expand if events take off.

Mr. Sadler stated that a Holiday Event Committee would be a better name.

Mr. Sadler moved to create a *Holiday Events Committee* of 5 members reporting to the Board of Selectmen with 1-year terms and charged with organizing a Town sponsored event by coordinating volunteers and financial sponsors to create a public event for the residents of Georgetown each year between November and December. Mr. Durney seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a 4-0 vote. Mr. Dawes abstained.

ATM & STM Warrant May 6, 2019-Discussion on motions

Discussion

STM Warrant Articles 3 & 4 Tax Stabilization and Capital Stabilization Funds

Mr. Fowler moved to put 50% of adult use marijuana excise tax into each of the Tax Stabilization and Capital Stabilization Funds. Mr. Dawes seconded the motion.

Mr. Bonavita stated he is not in favor as this number cannot be changed for 3 years.

Mr. Sadler stated that he is okay with 50% into each.

Mr. Durney stated that he would like to keep at 35%.

Mr. Dawes stated the more the better he agrees with the 50%.

Mr. Sadler that we can discuss with FinCom.

The motion was approved by a vote 3-2.

Annual Town Meeting Article 5 Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund

Mr. Fowler moved to put in the motion to transfer from Free Cash \$50,000 to Article 5 Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for May 6, 2019. Mr. Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved by 5-0 vote.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Chief Cudmore stated Mr. Durkee asked that the board remind the public that Saturday, April 27th is Earth Clean Day and groups will meet at the Park & Ride at 8AM.

Chief Cudmore stated that he had the list of roads that the speed limit will not change on and gave copies to the board.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Mr. Bonavita and the board members thanked Mr. Sadler for his time on the board and appreciated his research.

Mr. Fowler stated that April 29th he would have to remote into the workshop meeting.

Discussion

Mr. Bonavita stated that he would not be able to attend. The board agreed to revisit the workshop to May 20th and to cancel the April 29th meeting.

Mr. Bonavita stated that there has been some concern on the Moulton Street remediation. He stated that this is private land and the owner is continuing to do the remediation even though he is not required to do so. He stated this project is headed by Mass DEP. He stated that they will develop a sign on the project and the sign will state what the plan is for the site. He stated that the company will be posting the sign later this week or early next week. He stated that their counsel will send a letter of what is happening and the letter will go to DEP and our website if allowed by our town counsel.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, May 6, 2019 at 6:00PM-Annual Town Meeting - M/H School

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dawes moved to adjourn. Mr. Durney seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

BoS Minutes
April 22, 2019

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM.

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.

Minutes approved May 20, 2019.

Documents used in this meeting:

- Minutes of March 25, 2019 and April 8, 2019
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