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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Memorial Town Hall

7/13/2020

6:00PM-EXECUTIVE SESSION

6:30PM-General Meeting ~ Broadcast on Georgetown Cable TV via BlueJeans

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Selectmen Present: David J. Twiss, Chairman; Douglas W. Dawes, Clerk; Charles Durney; Gary C. Fowler, and Peter J. Kershaw

Others Present: Michael Farrell, Town Administrator; Thomas McEnaney, KP Law (Executive Session); Janet Pantano, Administrative Assistant; Donald Cudmore, Police Chief; Deb Rogers, Health Agent; Jill Mann, Mann & Mann, PC; Selena Spinney; Carl Shreder, ConCom Chair, Steven Przyjemski, ConCom Agent, Rebecca Bancroft and Elisabeth Clark, ConCom members; E. Gesualdi, Logan Umberger

Absent:

6:00PM-EXECUTIVE SESSION

KP Law Update

6:30PM Call to order

Invocation-Douglas W. Dawes

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Twiss read the statement listed here:

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Town of Georgetown Board of Selectmen will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on the Georgetown website, at www.georgetownma.gov. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to watch the meeting may do so in the following manner: Channel 42 Verizon or Channel 9 Comcast, or on the town website at <http://gctv.georgetownma.gov/>. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that meeting the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the Georgetown website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the.

6:30PM-PUBLIC HEARING

Georgetown Flatbread-change of manager

Mr. Twiss opened the public hearing for Flatbread Pizza, Change of Manager.

Jill Mann, Mann & Mann, P.C. and Selena Spinney were present

Ms. Mann representing Georgetown Flatbread for the change of manager of Flatbread to Selena Spinney. Ms. Spinney gave her background.

Mr. Twiss asked what brought her to Georgetown Flatbread. Ms. Spinney stated that her previous boss works here and contacted her.

Mr. Dawes moved to approve the *Change of Manger to Selena Spinney, Flatbread Pizza Georgetown*. Mr. Durney seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Durney moved to close the public hearing for Flatbread Pizza. Mr. Dawes second the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS

COVID-19 update-Police Chief Cudmore & Deb Rogers BoH Agent

Chief Cudmore stated the BoH is busier than him. He stated he had concern on the 4th of July but only had a few issues. He stated that his office is working on the Covid 19 funds.

Ms. Rogers stated that she checked our numbers and there are 62 cases in Georgetown and she listed the neighboring communities. She stated that she is meeting with the State and working on the School opening regulations. She stated met with Mr. Farrell and staff on the opening of town hall. She stated that the BoH will be meeting Wednesday morning to discuss opening American Legion Park for concerts. Mr. Twiss stated will be challenging opening up schools. He thanked her and the management team on all the work they did. Mr. Fowler stated he would like a motion to open up the American Legion Park.

Mr. Fowler moved to open American Legion Park fully under the Park & Rec with signage to use social distancing, signage to use the park at your own risk, and to restrict parking to residents only. Mr. Dawes seconded the motion.

Mr. Durney asked if parking is for residents only. Chief Cudmore stated he would give a parking violation for a restricted place with the BoS authority. He stated that he will enforce if he is required to. Mr. Durney asked if he could do this. Chief Cudmore stated that it would take seconds to run a plate. Chief Cudmore stated that the Town Administrator is the parking clerk and any appeals will come to Mr. Farrell. Mr. Fowler stated that the Park & Rec is looking into parking stickers, or meters. Mr. Twiss asked if the playground will be cleaned.

Mr. Fowler stated that the playground is use at your own risk. He stated that this is the people's park and people want to use. He stated people have to use common sense. He stated that Mike Anderson has given them some ideas on cleaning.

Ms. Rogers stated that if you do not clean would have to have appropriate signage and social distancing. She stated playground, beach would be different than the concerts. She stated that for the concerts they will need to know who is there, name, and contact information. Chief Cudmore stated that he would only be able deal with parking and usage is not under him.

Mr. Dawes stated that have an opinion from TC to limit parking.

Mr. Fowler stated that the P & R will be hiring Trevor Souther, GYCC Director on the weekends to monitor social distancing. Mr. Kershaw stated agrees with Mr. Fowler use at

your own risk and he thinks we should keep the bathrooms closed as those need to clean properly. He stated right now residents only.

Mr. Twiss stated that he has been using a restroom at a marina and it is cleaned only twice a day. Mr. Fowler stated that they were increasing the cleaning of the bathrooms to afternoon and evening. Mr. Twiss stated that little league will be using the fields soon. Mr. Durney asked when the bathrooms are locked. Mr. Fowler stated dusk. Mr. Dawes asked if parking was included. Mr. Fowler stated yes residents only. Mr. Farrell asked the fine. Chief Cudmore stated a \$50 fine and he asked that proper signage be put up. Mr. Dawes stated if people are not following rules can rescind the vote. He stated that we cannot govern every aspect of peoples life. Mr. Durney asked about the beach. Mr. Rogers stated that tested every Wednesday and is all set and proper signage is used.

Mr. Twiss stated that there was an accident on Pond Street and did it cause any issue at the pond. Chief Cudmore stated that there was no issue with the water.

The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Dawes stated that may be little league games and teams from other towns. Chief Cudmore stated that they will watch usage and if games will be aware and his department will handle.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Affordable Housing Trust Grant Agreement for approval

Mr. Fowler stated that the grant states the trust met with the Board. Mr. Durney stated that this agreement is just to have the funds transferred to the Trust. Mr. Farrell stated that this is just administrative. Mr. Durney stated that this is the same as usual and has to go through this process.

Mr. Durney moved to approve the Affordable Housing Trust Grant Agreement between the Town of Georgetown and the Trust. Mr. Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a roll call 4-1 vote. Mr. Fowler voted not in favor.

Affidavit of K. Morrison to be approved

Mr. Twiss asked for any questions. Mr. Dawes stated that this is for the affordable unit at Parker River Landing. Mr. Farrell stated that this was handled by Town Counsel and to make sure the property stays as affordable housing.

Mr. Dawes moved to approve the affidavit of K. Morrison for Unit 8 at Parker River Landing. Mr. Durney seconded the motion and the motion was approved by at roll call vote 4-1. Mr. Fowler voted not in favor.

Board Business

American Legion Park

Mr. Cudmore clarified that the fine for restricted parking is \$15.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Goals-Preliminary Discussion

Mr. Twiss stated that Mr. Kershaw works in business and has requested that each member have goals to accomplish. He asked members to come to the next meeting with a goal or two to accomplish.

Mr. Kershaw stated that there is always something that comes up and items get pushed aside. He stated that he found that this helps and to think internally.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

National Ave Update

Mr. Farrell stated that at the last meeting they discussed the National Ave Bid and he contacted the one bidder. He stated that they will meet to discuss flaws with site. He stated that his team is available to meet the town this Wednesday to further the discussion. Mr. Twiss asked who would be meeting.

Mr. Farrell stated Staff, Les Godin, John Cashell, Steve Przyjemski, and Doug Dawes. Mr. Dawes stated that since the election he has talked to Mr. Kershaw and he has volunteered to take this seat. Mr. Kershaw stated that he would. Mr. Twiss asked if Mr. Przyjemski had some maps. Mr. Przyjemski stated that he did and sent them to Mr. Farrell.

Re-Open Town Hall update

Mr. Farrell stated had all hands on deck today and talked with staff about the procedures we would be following and what we plan to do when allowing the public back. He stated that the protocols are lengthy. He explained the processes. He asked Ms. Rogers what towns are allowing the public into town halls. She stated she was not sure. Mr. Farrell stated some are appointment only. He stated things have been working well here and the staff have been very accommodating. He stated citizens are used to doing things online or meeting in parking lot. He stated not sure if we need to rush to change and had planned to open next Monday. Mr. Twiss stated that he has heard that things are taking longer. He stated that he would defer to him and Ms. Rogers. Mr. Durney stated that if cannot hold public hearings should they open. Mr. Twiss stated that the ZBA, and ConCom are not holding hearings because of appeals. Discussion on clarification. Mr. Fowler stated that he is electronically challenged and was glad Ipswich was open and we have to plan for future and get back to normal and a new normal.

APPOINTMENTS and APPROVALS

Assessor's office surplus property

Mr. Dawes moved to declare the old safe in the Assessor's office as surplus property.

Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Dawes asked about sanitation stations at town hall. Mr. Farrell stated at the windows a spray and a gel.

Mr. Farrell stated that they have a few employees who are not comfortable with being in town hall and are working remote. He stated he told the department that they must get work done and citizens get serviced.

Concerts at American Legion Park Request for Approval

Mr. Fowler stated he is not sure why this is in front of the board and not the Park & Recreation. Mr. Twiss stated because of the emergency order. Mr. Dawes stated that we opened the park. Mr. Twiss stated that Ms. Rogers stated that the concerts are different. Mr. Dawes explained the process the group was going to follow. Mr. Farrell stated that this would be a joint call with the Board and the Board of Health.

Mr. Kershaw stated that the outdoor concert document did have a lot of coverage and who is going to make sure the guidelines will be followed if approved. Mr. Farrell stated on Park & Rec property and no one has the staff to monitor. Mr. Fowler stated that there is a Cultural Council that will oversee the events. He stated that the events go over well and have a staff of 7 and we have to see it happen. Chief Cudmore stated that he met with the group when they started and we have fixed the parking and other issues. He stated that that the event has been run well.

Mr. Durney asked how many tickets could be sold. Mr. Dawes stated only 100 tickets. Mr. Durney stated have to have an event coordinator to control and collect information and electronic payments. He stated have to make sure we capture information. Mr. Dawes explained Eventbrite would capture information. Mr. Kershaw stated that they have to also count the staff, vendors, police, etc. Mr. Dawes stated that they have handled the event in a good manner.

Mr. Fowler moved to approve the concerts at American Legion Park as requested. Mr. Dawes seconded the motion.

Ms. Rogers joined the meeting again.

Ms. Rogers stated that with correct signage and BoH meeting on Wednesday, she feels strongly on the health and safety of residents. She stated that the guidelines state cannot play wind instruments. Mr. Dawes stated that he thought the BoH met. Ms. Rogers stated that the board feel it needs further discussion. Mr. Dawes stated that he does not want to get into feet dragging. Ms. Rogers explained the opinion of the BoH and why they felt they want to do what is the safest for the community. Mr. Twiss stated that he would like a motion with the BoH approval on Wednesday.

Mr. Fowler moved to amend his motion to add with the approval of the Board of Health.

Mr. Kershaw asked if Mr. Dawes can attend and if Mr. Fowler can attend. Mr. Twiss stated he could also attend but can only have two attend. Mr. Durney stated that he feels with the numbers he could not support approval at this time.

Mr. Kershaw seconded the amended motion. The motion was approved by a roll call vote 4-1. Mr. Durney voted not in favor.

Appointment requests/Conservation Commission

Mr. Twiss stated that they have the ConCom appointment requests. He stated two existing members and two new members.

He stated that Rachel Bancroft and Elisabeth Clark are requesting reappointment and Logan Umberger and Ezequiel Gesualdi are requesting appointment.

Mr. Fowler moved to approve re-appointment of Rachel Bancroft to expire June 30, 2023. No Second.

Mr. Dawes asked to hear from each person requesting appointment.

Ms. Bancroft stated she has served on the ConCom for 6 years and on CPC, and Open Space Committee and has done a lot of good work. Mr. Dawes asked if she can be flexible with here decisions. Ms. Bancroft stated that board member's work under the bylaws and work under the State and Town Bylaw. She stated that all town bylaws are more restrictive. Mr. Dawes asked how often the bylaws have been reviewed while she has been on the commission. She stated they have not. Mr. Twiss stated that 7 years ago the regulations were reviewed. Mr. Durney asked for some background. Ms. Bancroft gave her background and interests. Mr. Kershaw stated that she has answered his questions.

Ms. Clark stated she has only been on the commission for a year and explained her background. She stated a background in Science.

Mr. Dawes asked if she sees herself being flexible. Ms. Clark stated that absolutely and have to work in the confines of the regulations. Mr. Twiss stated that he understands real estate and being able to enjoy your property. He asked what are items they can be flexible with and what not. Ms. Bancroft stated that there are lots of scenarios. Ms. Clark stated that on Seddler's they showed a lot of flexibility. Mr. Twiss stated that the preservation and restoration is better.

Logan Umberger gave his background and a scientist, he stated businesses are here and need to make regulations user friendly and in line with the strategy of the town. He stated that he volunteers in the sports and heard a call of action on the ConCom and wanted to step up. Mr. Dawes asked with his background is he familiar with ConCom regulations. Mr. Umberger stated not with ConCom regulations but deals with medical regulations. Mr. Durney stated that he appreciates all of them standing up and welcomes all their backgrounds.

Ezequiel Gesualdi, stated he lives on Rock Pond and loves the water and works in Iron Works and works on a project in Boston.

Mr. Dawes asked if whoever is not appointed would be interested in other boards if not appointed. Mr. Umberger stated yes it would depend on the appointment. Mr. Gesualdi stated that he would as he loves to volunteer and wants to do his part. Ms. Bancroft stated that she is on 3 committees as part of appointment to ConCom. Ms. Clark stated that she has made the commitment to ConCom and it serves her background so would have to look at the other positions.

Mr. Twiss asked the protocol. Mr. Kershaw stated that have we taken recommendations from the Chair and Agent.

Mr. Shreder stated that he can discuss the commitment to new appointment requesters and see if they are interested and make a recommendation to the BoS. Discussion

Mr. Dawes stated can do a roll call vote and have each member vote for their two candidates.

Mr. Twiss asked if we should wait for the next meeting. Mr. Shreder stated that they do not have a meeting scheduled at this time. He stated that he will meet with the applicants. Mr.

Twiss stated he would like to resolve this tonight. Mr. Durney asked how often they meet.

Mr. Shreder stated meet once a month or more if needed. Mr. Twiss stated have a conversation with the 2 new applicants. Mr. Durney stated with no meeting dates set, this will drag on either we vote tonight or a specific date. Mr. Przyjemski stated would have

quorum issues if a member missed a meeting. The Tidd and Mello project would cause a Mullen issue. Discussion

Mr. Fowler stated that this is why meetings are canceled. Mr. Shreder stated yes they continue the hearing to another meeting. Mr. Farrell stated each member vote for 2 appointees and who gets the most votes will be appointed.

Mr. Durney voted for Ms. Bancroft and Mr. Umberger

Mr. Kershaw voted for Ms. Bancroft and Ms. Clark

Mr. Fowler voted for Ms. Bancroft and Ms. Clark

Mr. Dawes voted for Ms. Bancroft and Ms. Clark

Mr. Fowler moved to reappoint *Elizabeth Clark and Rachel Bancroft* to the *Conservation Commission* term to expire 6/30/2023. Mr. Kershaw seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Twiss thanked all for putting their names forward and congratulations to Ms. Bancroft and Ms. Clark. He stated we need to work hard to serve the community.

Mr. Dawes congratulated Ms. Clark and Ms. Bancroft and for them to be flexible with residents with a shrinking community.

Mr. Kershaw stated that he is energized to move forward and congratulated the appointees and working on improving communication.

Mr. Durney thanked them for volunteering and was good to meet them.

Board Business

Mr. Twiss stated Crosby's Markets has started using plastic bags and they asked to extend the use in the town.

Mr. Fowler moved to extend the plastic bag usage in town because of Covid-19 to August 14, 2020 as requested by Crosby's Markets. Mr. Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Dawes stated that the posts and chains at The Spot should be moved to the building. Mr. Twiss asked Mr. Farrell to call The Spot.

Mr. Dawes stated that in regards to the Georgetown Substance Abuse funds. He stated that he asks that we return the unspent funds back to Mission and then ask Mission to donate to those groups. He stated he talked to Mission and they said they could do that. He stated that the funds would go to the Georgetown CoA and GYCC.

Mr. Dawes moved to return \$5,000 in Substance Abuse donation funds to Mission/Healthy Pharms and that Mission/Healthy Pharms will donate \$2500 each to Georgetown Council on Aging and Georgetown Youth Community Center. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion.

Mr. Durney asked if members read the Town Council interpretation. He asked Mr. Farrell if he agreed with this process. Mr. Farrell stated in his opinion the funds should go to free cash.

Mr. Twiss stated that the funds were going to GYCC and Friends of CoA. Mr. Kershaw stated that the funds did not get used and Mr. Dawes is asking to send back to Mission and

then donated back to GYCC and Friends of CoA. Mr. Dawes explained that yes that is what he is asking. Discussion

The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Fowler asked if we should have another meeting. He stated and have another update on Covid 19 from the Police Chief and Deb Rogers.

Mr. Twiss stated that he would like to know what the School Committee is going to do for the upcoming school year.

NEXT MEETING

August 17, 2020, 3rd floor meeting room, Town Hall

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:25PM.

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.

Minutes approved August 31, 2020.

Documents used in the meeting:

- Georgetown Flatbread-change of manager
- COVID-19 update-Police Chief Cudmore & Deb Rogers BoH Agent
- Affordable Housing Trust Grant Agreement for approval
- Affidavit of K. Morrison to be approved
- Goals-Preliminary Discussion
- National Ave Update
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