

Memorial Town Hall, 1 Library Street, Georgetown, MA 01833

Meeting Minutes December 4, 2023

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Memorial Town Hall

10:00AM-General Meeting

Verizon Channel 42/Comcast channel 9

Selectmen Present: *A. Smith, Chair, D. Dawes, R. Bancroft, and R. Hoover.*

Others Present: *Orlando Pacheco, Town Administrator, D. Lamonica and Administrative Assistant, Maureen Shultz both participating on Zoom.*

10:00AM CALL TO ORDER:

Moment of reflection was done by the Board members.

Pledge of Allegiance.

ANOUNCEMENTS:

A. Smith mentioned to the community that the tree lightening ceremony has been re-scheduled to December 5, 2023, 6-8PM due to the inclement weather.

A. Smith thanked & recognized the Police & Fire Department and Chief McKay for all their work with the Holiday events in Town this past weekend.

ON-GOING BUSINESS:

HR Position -Mr. Micah Klayman -has withdrawn his application-No further discussion or action was taken.

CONTINUED TO THE CONCLUSION OF THE DOG HEARING:

D. Dawes motioned to re-open the dog hearing. The Board took a roll call all in favor.

Attorney Jeremy Cohen, Boston Dog Lawyers representing the Sindoni Family of 4 Sage Road, Georgetown, Mass was present.

R. Bancroft spoke on her recent visit to 4 Sage Road along with Lt. Scott Hatch, stated that the dog in question Mac did not bark, did not act in an aggressive way, was friendly, and on the visit it was stated that they had seen the yard, fences, leads, harness, and other areas that the family is complying with, gates are being worked on and other attempts to reinforce Mac's backyard is being completed, pool fence is tall, doggie door is in the garage and no longer being used, new sturdy harness are being used. (Pictures of the property/yard were given to the Board, it was suggested that the lead to be on a tree.

The following was discussed:

A dog lead was suggested

Ever Green bushes were suggested to plant for one section of the yard

Retractable gates.

Cameras

Spring Latches

Chain around Back fence

Side gate will be locked

Keep Mac on a lead at all times.

Photos of updated gates will be submitted.

Mr. Sindoni stated he would be using a muzzle for the time being when Mac is outside.

D. Dawes reiterate the dog was found to be a nuisance dog but we can make suggestions a document had been submitted by the Sidoni family and is found in his opinion to be acceptable, family needs to keep an eye on their dog.

A. Smith mentioned this shows good faith and will follow up Lt. Scott Hatch.

R. Hoover acknowledged the family has done a great job on making suggestions and changes but would like to be on record stating that he would like the family to be with the dog when he is outside at all times.

Resident Nancy Fleming, 2 Raymond Court, Georgetown, Mass was present and spoke to the Board and feels like this is not the true picture of the dog in question Mac and handed Board Member R. Bancroft contact information from a neighbor / resident Candy and John Shamburger of 19 Raymond Court who stated to Ms. Fleming that she had driven down Sage Road today and their gate was open, commented on Mr. Sedoni comments of numerous e-mails that had been sent and stated that statement is a lie, Ms. Fleming showed her cell phone to Board Member R. Bancroft who read aloud one e-mail from Mr. Sedoni and asked if there are other e-mails that she gets a copy of them, never said euthanize his dog, unless the Attorney Cohen needs to address her directly than she is done, trying to save the neighbor not a personal thing, walk a non-aggressive dog by them things will be different-have your wife or daughter walk by with a dog, you're not seeing what the dogs does, dog trigger was spoken of, this has been going on for years, why hasn't the Board heard testimony from other neighbors from Sage Road.

The list of recommendations should be with the dog owners.

R. Bancroft motioned the Board to close the public hearing, seconded by R. Hoover. Roll call vote was taken all in favor.

O. Pacheco, Town Administrator spoke briefly on the Law that determines what dangerous actually is in definition compared to what people determine as dangerous, triggers are something that both animals and humans can have.

New Business: Planning Board letter/ MBTA Communities:

The Following discussion took place on a prepared letter by the Planning Board to the Secretary of Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities /Town of Georgetown, MBTA Communities:

Planning Board was met a few weeks back

Increase housing stock / highest percent out of this community.

Change heading so it does not appear to be a memo was suggested.

Discussion needed to be done with the higher ups/ questioned if Georgetown was supposed to be including in this letter.

Hard to pass at Town Meeting.

Ask the question to the front of the letter / get right to it upfront / lack of infrastructure is mentioned/ putting pipe in the ground does no good if there is nothing in the ground / State is saying some assistance will be provided, natural base solutions.

Second page of letter addition of the word maximum was suggested to be added,

Letter doesn't come across that we don't have enough water it should be stated clearly, limited supply of water and we don't have enough water.

Fire department should be talked to for their suggestion -what does adding 750 units of water do to the Fire Department providing services, height restrictions in certain zoning restrictions, great job done on letter.

The Planning Board is planning on meeting again on Wednesday.

It was asked when this letter would be mailed out.

It was suggested that Senator Bruce Tarr & Senator Kristin Kassner should be there.

New Business: Whittier Regional Vocational Tech School letter:

A. Smith met with the Chair of the Rowley Selectman and discussed to impress the MSBA to delay their vote, need more breathing room on how we are going to pay for these two different votes.

A. Smith asked the Board if they are ok with her writing a letter and it can come from the Board of Selectman to the MSBA.

D. Dawes suggested that all communities should write a letter.

O. Pacheco, Town Administrator suggested that a joint letter be discussed or mentioned for MSBA.

A. Smith heard from the Clerk of the Finance Committee who would like to be a co-signer of a letter from Finance Committee.

2024 RENEWAL LICENSE DISCUSSION:

Fire Department Chief Matt McKay addressed the Board regarding the following licenses that are still in need to do some minor requirements to be met prior to issuing a Fire Safety Certificate which is a requirement for their annual renewal of their liquor license for 2024. Chief McKay suggested the Board approve the following licenses pending their Fire Safety Certificates.

- *Mokuni / 133 Liquors, 64 E. Main Street.*
- *Rybo's Bistro, 258 Andover Street.*
- *Flatbread Company, 258B Andover Street.*
- *The Spot, 19 West Main Street.*

VOTES OF THE BOARD: Renewal of the 2024 Liquor Licenses.

D. LaMonica motioned the Board to approved the following 2024 liquor licenses for Georgetown Liquors, Mokunj, 133 Liquors, Inc, Rybo's Bistro, Georgetown Flatbread, The Spot, seconded by R. Bancroft. Roll call taken all in favor.

D. Dawes motioned to approve Café Sarina & Crosby's Market Wine & Malt liquor license for 2024, seconded by R. Bancroft. Motion was taken all in favor.

Renewal of the 2024 Misc Licenses:

R. Bancroft motioned the Board to approve the 2024 Bowling Alley permit for Georgetown Bowling Lanes, seconded by D. Dawes. Roll call vote was taken all in favor.

R. Hoover motioned the Board to approve the 2024 Sunday Entertainment Licenses for Rybo's Bistro II, Inc, The Spot, Flatbread Company and Café Sarina, seconded by D. Dawes. Roll call vote was taken all in favor.

D. Dawes motioned the Board to approve the 2024 Class II Car Dealers license for B&B Auto Clinic, Route 133 Fuel, Inc, Georgetown Auto Sales, Inc, seconded by R. Hoover. Roll call was taken all in favor.

R. Bancroft motioned the Board to approve the following 2024 renewals for the following Second-Hand Shops which are Pratty Hobby Shop, Vintage Vault Bent, LLC and Instant Replay, seconded by R. Hoover. Roll Call vote was taken all in favor.

D. Dawes motioned the Board to approve the 2024 Common Victualler's licenses for Best Bagels, Charles Dame Lodge, Café Sarina, Crosby's Market, Dominoe's DBA Boston Pie, Inc, Hatteras Tea Shop, Georgetown Café, Pomodori, Rybos' Bistro II, Inc, Georgetown Fish and Game, Flatbread Company, Dunkin Donuts (Mystra Donuts), Nicolini House of Pizza, Niki's Roast Beef, Richdale, The Spot, Village Subs & Pizza, and Justines Baked good, seconded by R. Hoover. Roll call vote was taken all in favor.

R. Bancroft motioned the Board to approve the 2024 Sunday Entertainment Licenses for Rybo's Bistro, The Spot, Flatbread Company and Café Sarina, seconded by R. Hoover. Roll call vote was taken all in favor.

D. Dawes motioned the Board to approve the 2024 Trap Shooting License for Georgetown Fish & Game, seconded by R. Hoover. Roll call vote was taken all in favor.

D. Dawes motioned the Board to approve the 2024 Auctioneer License for Your Mother's House Antiques License for on line sales only, seconded by R. Hoover. Roll call was taken all in favor.

Continued Votes of the Board:

D. Dawes motioned the Board to approve the estimated Seasonal Population Increase Estimation requested by the (ABCC) Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission and provided by Kerri McManus, Town Clerk as approximately 8,636 as of July 10, 2024. This is how the ABCC sets the number of licenses per community based on their population seconded by R. Hoover. Roll call vote was taken all in favor.

Selectman Time:

A. Smith let the Board know that the HR Director applicant Mr. Paul Winspeare will be discussed at the next meeting.

Executive session will be scheduled for 12/18/2023 @ 6PM.

The Board wished everyone a happy holiday and a happy new year.

ADJOURNMENT:

D. Dawes motioned the Board to adjourn at 8:00 P.M seconded by R. Bancroft. Roll call was taken all in favor.

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