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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Memorial Town Hall

12/7/2020

6:00PM-General Meeting

Broadcast on Georgetown Cable TV via BlueJeans

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Selectmen Present: Chairman David Twiss, Vice Chair Douglas Dawes, Clerk; Peter. Kershaw and Charles Durney.

Others Present: Michael Farrell, Town Administrator. Administrative Assistant, Maureen Shultz, Police Chief Donald Cudmore, Board of Health Agent, Deb Rogers, Fire Chief Fred Mitchell,

Absent:

6:00PM Call to order

Invocation-Douglas W. Dawes

Pledge of Allegiance

D. Dawes 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 that.

D. Dawes read aloud a prayer for our service men and women and remembered Pearl Harbor.

OLD BUSINESS: COVID-19 update-Police Chief Cudmore & Deb Rogers BOH Agent:

Chief Cudmore spoke on a recent meeting that was held regarding a change to the current rules on winter indoor sports at the high school. The positive COVID-19 cases have increased by 17 from last Friday. D. Rogers expressed that she has received numerous emails from many including coaches and parents that are not happy about the decision to cancel sports / indoor for now. P. Kershaw asked if the Board of Health decision to cancel indoor winter sports for now was agreed across the Board. D. Rogers stated Yes, all members agreed with this new change it is too high of a risk at this time. D. Twiss asked about the meeting with the school and the Board

of Health and questioned why it was not opened to the Public- D. Rogers explained that the meeting was open to the public -people were allowed to speak, an e-mail was questioned and D. Rogers stated no email came from the Board of Health so she could not comment, D. Twiss wanted to clear what he had heard and thanked D. Rogers. D. Dawes asked why people would get tested. G. Twiss explained why people would be tested possibly for their work and gave an example of his company and some rules -protocols that have been implemented.

Chief Mitchell thanked his staff and the Public Dispatcher for keeping up with the all the records regarding COVID-19.

D. Twiss recognized the Police Department and the Fire Department along with permission from the Martin Family who had an incident on lake shore this past weekend after the great Santa Tour at which time families went inside and a young child caught her finger in the door - everyone responded very quickly, the Martin Family is grateful to everyone involved - Great work by all.

Discussion: *The Board discussed the following meeting dates as: January 11, 2021, January 25, 2021, February 8, 2021, February 22, 2021, March 8, 2021, and March 22, 2021.0*

NEW BUSINESS / Yearly Renewal of Licenses for 2021.

P. Kershaw motioned to approve the 2021 Package Store Licenses as presented for C.J. Liquors, Crosby Markets, Georgetown Liquors, seconded by C. Durney. Roll call vote was unanimous all-in favor.

D. Dawes motioned to approve the 2021 Liquor License for Beer & Wine as presented for Café Sarina, seconded by C. Durney

C. Durney motioned to approve the 2021 all alcohol restaurant license for the SPOT Restaurant, seconded by P. Kershaw. Roll call vote was unanimous all in favor.

C. Durney motioned to approve the 2021 all alcohol restaurant license for Flatbread Company, and Rybo's Bistro seconded by P. Kershaw. Roll call vote was unanimous all in favor.

C. Durney motioned to approve the following Class II Car Dealers for 2021 for B & B Auto Clinic and Route 133 Fuel, Inc seconded by D. Dawes. Roll call vote was unanimous all in favor.

C. Durney motioned to approve the weekly entertainment licenses for 2021 for Rybo's Bistro II, Inc, The Spot, Flatbread Company and Café Sarina, seconded by D. Dawes. Roll call vote was unanimous all in favor.

C. Durney motioned to approve the following second-hand licenses for 2021 from Instant replay, Pratt Hobby Shop, Vintage Vault and Bent, LLC seconded by D. Dawes. Roll call vote was unanimous all in favor.

C. Durney motioned to approve the 2021 Common Victualler's permits for Best Bagels, Charles Dame Lodge, Café Sarina, Crosby's Market, Dominoes', Dunkin Donuts, Honey Dew Donuts, Pomodori, Johnnie Liquor Barn, Rybo's Bistro, Georgetown Fish and Game, Flatbread Company, Nicolini House of Pizza, Roast Beef & Pizza, Niki's Roast Beef & Pizza, Richdale,

The Spot, Village Pizza & Subs, Jeff and Marie's Ice Cream, Justine's Baked Goods, seconded by D. Dawes. Roll call vote was unanimous all-in favor.

OLD BUSINESS: Community Information PR follow up:

D. Twiss spoke on a recent meeting with Mr. John Guilfoil Public Relations firm from Georgetown and there are a few items that M. Farrell is working on what we can do and can't do, true professionals, exactly what this town needs, will advise and update at the next Board meeting.

P. Kershaw spoke on a meeting to take place on a National Avenue property and will see what comes out of this meeting, Steven Przyjemski, Conservation, Les Godin, Building Inspector, John Cashell, Town Planner, TA Mike Farrell, and owner Steven Rick Cohn will be in attendance through a website link. D. Twiss asked if it was being done through Blue Jeans or Zoom, D. Twiss asked for a link so he can join the meeting. D. Dawes asked if it was going to be taped and Mr. Farrell replied no it is not a public meeting. P. Kershaw requested M. Farrell to do an estimate on what would it cost to do a market research and it was requested that this topic will be added to the next agenda for another update.

NEW BUSINESS -DISCUSSION ON TOWN HALL HOURS AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

D. Twiss spoke on the hours of Town Hall currently, he does not see many vehicles at the Town Hall, stated residents need to be able to access Town Hall to conduct their business, twenty-four (24) employees based on the org chart presented by M. Farrell. D. Twiss suggested maybe many are carpooling, which he does not believe to be true, how do we measure hours asked by D. Twiss. Town Assessor Thom Berube was recognized for his vehicle always being at Town Hall and recognized him for the hours he puts in, D. Rogers was also recognized for working as many hours as she does. G. Fowler has seen some employees here at night time working on zoom meetings, good homework to check every once in a while. G. Fowler stated that the Town Clerk had asked for more hours but it was denied by the Finance Committee, not the best paid community, there recently have been employees who have left due to the higher pay in other communities, many changes that have taken place due to the COVID pandemic.

D. Dawes spoke on or about in 2006 when the Town decided to close Town Hall on Fridays as a cost saving measure. Mr. Fowler commented that the Town has good staff just not paid too good, which makes some go to other communities, G. Fowler spoke on the Building Inspector's position which now is available and did not believe pay was the issue they left to his knowledge. C. Durney asked where the numbers are coming from on the Building Inspectors pay and inquired is there any updated information, believes that Town Hall should be open five days a week but not during these times. D. Twiss stated that turnover is expensive and believes exit interviews are important and should be done, D. Dawes thinks this topic is a worthy discussion and something that should be again discussed after COVID-19 is over. P. Kershaw asked if there is any updated information regarding salary searches and how old is the information that the Town has now, suggested to have an outside firm do a wage survey study with up-to-date information, spoke on town hall scheduled and said he has not taken any questions maybe best to address this at another time feels their hands are tied right now.

TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

Town Administrator, Mike Farrell informed the Board of a discussion with surrounding communities for a joint agreement for Health Insurance to form their own Health agreement. M. Farrell informed the Board if the Town agrees to move forward with this agreement, The Town would not be able to enroll back in with the current Health Coverage MIA for two years. D. Dawes asked if MIA can bid on this new plan and asked if there would be any impact to the current unions. G. Fowler believes there is a lot to look at and not as easy other Towns so many avenues and is going to take some time. P. Kershaw expressed it is all about the numbers and can see the benefits but also needs some additional data.

WARRANT AND MINUTES:

D. Dawes moved to approve the meeting minutes from November 16, 2020, seconded by P. Kershaw. The Board voted unanimously on a roll call vote.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT:

M. Farrel's, Town Administrators review is past due and should be added to a future agenda item by the Board.

NEXT MEETING:

December 22, 2020

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Durney moved to adjourn; Mr. Dawes seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM. Minutes transcribed by Maureen Shultz

Documents used in the meeting: Meeting Minutes from 11/16/2020, Excel Spread Sheet for renewal of the 2021 licenses.