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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Memorial Town Hall

7/16/18

6:30PM-Executive Session~2nd floor meeting room, Town Hall

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

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

Others Present: Michael Farrell, Town Administrator

Absent: Janet Pantano, Administrative Assistant

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 (DLR Case Nos. MUP-18-6564 (AFSCME Council 93) and MUP-18-6607 (AFSCME Council 93); AAA Case Nos. 01-18-0002-0750 (AFSCME Council 93) and 01-18-0002-0764 (AFSCME Council 93).

7:00PM Call to order

Invocation-Douglas W. Dawes

Pledge of Allegiance

APPOINTMENTS and APPROVALS

Appointment of Interim Town Clerk

Mr. Bonavita invited Mr. James Mullen applicant for the interim Town Clerk position to come forward.

Mr. Farrell introduced Mr. Mullen to the board and explained his background as a Town Clerk and Selectman.

Mr. Mullen gave his background a 45 year elected official and retired in 2012. He explained his background and stated he has been in 5 communities since his retirement. He stated he lives in Foxboro and will be in early and leave early afternoon to beat the traffic.

Mr. Bonavita asked the transition. Mr. Farrell explained Ms. McGrane is retiring the middle of August and Mr. Mullen will fill in until the spring election. He stated depending on who is elected he may ask that Mr. Mullen stay on to help with the transition. He stated that Mr. Mullen will also be coming in for a day or two to transition with Ms. McGrane. Mr. Bonavita asked if he would be interested in the position. He stated that he would not be. Mr. Durney ask what is the largest issue with elections. Mr. Mullen stated that if the automated system does not work. Mr. Sadler asked if any of the candidates where interested in the position. Mr. Farrell stated only 4 candidates from town and one was interested but then withdrew. He stated that the current Assistant Town Clerk is also interested. But in the interest of neutrality the board stated they would go with Mr. Mullen.

Mr. Dawes moved to appoint James Mullen, 50 East Street, Foxborough, MA as Interim Town Clerk from August 16, 2018 to May 17, 2019. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

The board signed the warrant for the State Election in September.

OLD BUSINESS

Community Host Agreement-Healthy Pharms, Inc.

Nate Averill was present

Mr. Bonavita stated that the board met last week and he asked if the changes they requested have been made. Mr. Farrell stated that he met with Mr. Dawes and everything should be in the document. Mr. Fowler stated that he had a question on the wholesale part with percentage over 3 percent and a change was made and a discussion with town council. He asked Mr. Dawes to explain.

Mr. Dawes stated he talked to Paul Overgaag and discussed with KP Law and they decided on 1% on gross retail and wholesale and 2% retail for community benefit.

Mr. Dawes moved to accept the Town of Georgetown and Healthy Pharms, Inc. Community Host Agreement for recreational marijuana as presented. Mr. Durney seconded the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Community Host Agreement-Cultivauna, LLC

Mr. Bonavita stated that we will be passing over the host agreement for Cultivauna.

NEW BUSINESS

Community Host Agreement-Peak Limited, LLC

Ken and Matt Kumph were present

Matt Kumph stated that he is proposing an extraction facility manufacturing license to do edibles as well as infused oils. He stated that he is working with a team of consultants, Brian Staffer out of New Jersey as well as Prince Label Tye of Boston. He stated he is a resident of Georgetown and gave his background. He stated business to business wholesale only. Mr. Dawes asked if he will be growing also. Matt Kumph stated that is the plan eventually. Mr. Dawes asked for a timeline. Matt Kumph stated that he was gearing up for August 13th, had a plan to the Building Inspector, and Town Planner and met with the Police Chief. Mr. Bonavita asked Chief Cudmore his thoughts. Chief Cudmore stated the location is ideal, he knows the family and has watched them grow up in town. He stated Ken Kumph has had his business in town for years and his son is looking to follow him. Mr. Bonavita asked if they have a security plan. Matt Kumph stated that they have not developed a plan as of yet.

Ken Kumph stated that the business partners are putting this plan together. He introduced himself, owner of Premier Buildings has been in business for 32 years and 23 in Georgetown have 18-23 employees. He stated that he owns 3 properties on Jewett Street. He stated that the first phase will be in part of the cabinet making business in a defined area. Ken Kumph stated he is an investor and a minor partner. Matt Kumph stated that they will be a 7,020 sq. ft. facility in a Premier building and hope to grow to 15,000 sq. ft. Mr. Dawes asked when they plan to open. Matt Kumph stated with approvals hope to start construction in the fall and open in the spring.

Mr. Sadler stated that he is not familiar with their plan and asked him to explain what they will be doing. Matt Kumph explained market to outdoorsmen, spice rubs for steaks, powders for water, cartridges for vape pens, beef jerky, beans infused. Mr. Sadler asked if they know where they will be selling. Matt Kumph stated that his partners are working on this.

Mr. Durney stated he was not familiar with the area and who his neighbors are. Matt Kumph stated that they about 95N and his father's two other properties, Rogers Sawmill, Georgetown Housing and a few homeowners. Mr. Bonavita asked how many employees the plan to employee. Matt Kumph stated between 6-20 employees. Mr. Bonavita stated that he hoped they could hire some qualified residents. Mr. Bonavita stated Mr. Dawes and Mr. Farrell will be your next stop.

Mr. Sadler asked the board if they have discussed how many facilities will be allowed in the town.

Mr. Bonavita stated that they discussed and they plan to take the businesses as they come. He stated he is against another dispensary. He stated that he has not heard from a business that he has not felt comfortable with. Mr. Dawes stated that the bylaw left this open.

Mr. Sadler asked if we have discussed these businesses with the water department as they will use additional water. Mr. Bonavita stated that he has not heard anything from the Water department.

OLD BUSINESS

American Legion Park Discussion-Chief Cudmore to be present

Police Chief Cudmore was present.

Mr. Bonavita stated this has been a hot topic around town. He stated there were some concerns around the July 4th holiday.

Chief Cudmore stated that he had two items an appointment request for Detective Sgt. Rodden to the Traffic Committee instead of Sgt. Defeo because of their shifts. Det. Sgt. Rodden is on days and would be easier for him to attend.

Mr. Fowler moved to appoint Detective Sgt. James Rodden to the Traffic Committee with a term to expire June 30, 2019. Mr. Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Chief Cudmore stated that the department was due to upgrade two vehicles this year and ford contacted him as they are turning the 2012 Ford Chargers. He stated that he has to surplus the two vehicles they are two 2012 Ford Charger and also a 2009 Chevy Impala one of the unmarked vehicles. He stated he is reducing the fleet to 8 vehicles from 9 as they do not need 3 unmarked vehicles.

Mr. Fowler moved to allow the chairman to sign the surplus form for two police vehicles the 2012 Ford Charger and a 2009 Chevy Impala. Mr. Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Chief Cudmore stated that in regards to American Legion Park the issue is monitoring and that issue of trash early in July and on July 4th there were about 200 people there. He stated that it has become a destination and was not designed for that many people. He stated that the parking lot was full and cars parked along resident properties. He stated he applauds the volunteers but we need someone in charge. He stated need paid staff. He discussed issues and situation at the park. He stated parking lot needs to be marked with HP spaces.

Mr. Bonavita and the Police Chief discussed capacity. He stated that we need someone in charge. He stated that the concert series has done a wonderful job, they have 10 volunteers.

Mr. Dawes read a letter from town council from 2014 regarding public parks.

Chief Cudmore stated that Camp Denison is a public park and runs extremely well. The Camp Denison board is very engaged.

Mr. Sadler stated that we need to look at what Camp Denison is doing.

Mr. Bonavita stated that he suggested last year of going to a sticker program and raise funds to pay for staff. He stated that they need the staff for ALP but also need someone to help move East Main Street. He stated that we need to hire someone.

Discussion

Steve Sadler asked if anyone in the building if offered a stipend that would be interested. Mr. Farrell stated that we did advertised a position and no one applied.

Mr. Bonavita stated he knows some people may be interested.

Mr. Farrell stated that Camp Denison has a Friends of Camp Denison.

Mr. Bonavita stated that this is a discussion we need to have.

Mr. Fowler stated that there is sign up and could we take a zero tolerance on smoking. He stated that it is nice to see the park used. He stated a one way with a booth with parking fee. He stated that you need someone with authority. He stated that if we need to shut the park down in a situation. He stated would the one-way street permanently would this be an option.

Chief Cudmore stated to make permanently would have to have a public hearing.

Mr. Bonavita asked if any citations given out. Chief Cudmore stated that we have not. Mr.

Bonavita stated he feels we have to start so people take the rules seriously. He stated that we have to make know the incidents at the park so the public is aware.

Chief Cudmore stated that the arguments with the beach goers and people in the ball field. He stated that some young children fighting and then the parents. He stated that when they showed up all was calm. He stated smoking has been an issue. He stated incidents posted on Facebook and not reported he cannot do anything about after the fact.

Mr. Bonavita stated that why he wants him to give citation is to document the incidents. He stated he has gone down to the park and all seems to fine and do not know what is actually happening.

Mr. Dawes stated he agrees with the checkpoint and give a flyer with the rules. He stated that we need to get Park & Rec involved.

WARRANT and MINUTES

June 11, 2018 and June 25, 2018

Mr. Fowler moved to approve the *minutes of June 11, 2018* as printed. Mr. Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Fowler moved to approve the *minutes of June 25, 2018* as printed. Mr. Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

Georgetown Water Department-Water Ban

Mr. Bonavita read the Water Department mandatory water ban.

Mr. Dawes stated that he has received messages about people with wells still using water and should be under the same rules. Mr. Farrell stated he would find out how many wells are in town. Discussion on water use.

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

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Mr. Fowler stated Mr. Sadler mentioned an act that was discussed in their workshop.

Mr. Sadler stated that there is an act in the Senate allowing funds from host agreements to go into town Stab Funds, for roads, and another fund. Mr. Fowler stated it was special legislation.

Discussion

Mr. Bonavita stated he would like to have John Cashell in at the next meeting to discuss National Ave. He stated that we need to let people that the land will be available and we will have to go out to bid. He stated surveying the land is next and we need to push this property. He stated that now is the time for action. Mr. Farrell stated that as Chief Procurement Officer he is in charge of the sale. Mr. Bonavita stated yes and Mr. Cashell is getting the land to that point.

Mr. Sadler stated Mr. Cashell is also working on the grant for the downtown. Mr. Farrell stated that report may be done before the one for National Ave.

Mr. Bonavita asked about the house at 45 Central Street that needs to come down and where it stands. Mr. Farrell stated that he talked to the contractor and he had to recalculate the tipping fees. He stated that he told him July and he stated that would be able to do that.

Mr. Fowler stated that his name is on a Summons and we have not heard anything and need a briefing by counsel, building inspector, planning.

Mr. Farrell stated that he talked to Attorney Eichman and he penciled in August 13th to update the board. Mr. Farrell stated that there would be a response filed. Mr. Fowler asked if he could see this. Mr. Farrell stated he could in executive session. He stated that the board does not have anything to be concerned about. Mr. Fowler stated we should have contact with town counsel. Mr. Sadler stated we could request an update before the response is filed. Mr. Farrell stated that he can talk with Attorney Eichman.

Mr. Bonavita stated he will talk to Mr. Farrell and find out when the response will be filed and we can scheduled an executive session.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, August 13, 2018 at 7PM, 3rd floor meeting room

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:27PM.

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.

Minutes approved September 10, 2018.

Documents used in this meeting:

- June 11, 2018 and June 25, 2018
- Georgetown Water Department-Water Ban
- Community Host Agreement-Peak Limited, LLC
- American Legion Park Discussion-Chief Cudmore to be present
- Community Host Agreement-Healthy Pharms, Inc.
- Community Host Agreement-Cultivauna, LLC
- Appointment of Interim Town Clerk