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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Memorial Town Hall
Third Floor Meeting Room
7/24/06
7:00 PM

Selectmen Present: Lonnie Brennan, Clerk; Matthew Vincent

Others Present: Stephen Delaney, Town Administrator; Janet Pantano,
Administrative Assistant

Absent: Richard Clough, Chairman

Call to Order

Mr. Brennan opened the meeting at 7:05PM.

Public Hearing-License Transfer Steve's Family Restaurant

Branko Pishev, P & G Food Services, Inc. applicant stated that he has been in the restaurant business for 16 years and has had liquor licenses before. He stated that with Steve's they would keep as is but promote as a family restaurant and add a kids menu more like a Friendly's. He stated that at dinner time they would promote more beer and wine with meals. He stated that this is a family business and that his brother-in-law would work in the kitchen and he would also be present. Mr. Brennan asked what the changes would be with Steve's. Mr. Pishev stated that the restaurant would stay the same with the same name and a few changes inside to make it homier. Mr. Brennan asked for a timeline. Mr. Pishev stated that he hopes to be in mid August. Mr. Brennan stated that they would be serving beer and wine in the evening 5-9PM with dinner. Mr. Pishev stated that they would only serve beer and wine with meals. Mr. Vincent asked if he would be working in Georgetown. Mr. Pishev stated that he would be working in this restaurant. Discussion on hours serving beer and wine. Mr. Pishev stated that they would serve beer and wine Monday to Saturday 12 to 9PM and Sunday 12 to 8PM. Mr. Vincent asked if they would have Liquor liability Insurance. Mr. Pishev stated that they would. Mr. Brennan asked about a bar and catering. Mr. Pishev stated that there would be no bar.

Mr. Vincent moved to approve the transfer of the *Wine and Malt Liquor License to P & G Food Service, Inc.* to be served with meals only on Monday thru Saturday 12-9PM and Sunday from 12 to 8PM and that they would seek approval from the ABCC. Mr. Brennan seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Minutes

Mr. Brennan stated that they would hold the minutes until the next meeting.

School Facilities Committee

Margaret Messelaar stated that they have a form from Massachusetts School Building Authority that has to be signed by the Selectmen. She explained what the form has on it and what the MSBA is looking for. She stated that this is their submission with enrollment and projections for the future. Mr. Vincent asked if anyone has talked with Senator Tarr or Representative Stanley. Ms. Messelaar stated that they did meet with Representatives last year and do need to do this again. Mr. Vincent asked if they know where Georgetown stands. She stated that 2007 was year the moratorium was to be lifted but now this may be held over a year to 2008. Mr. Brennan stated that he is on this committee and did not make last meeting but this is a good group of residents. Ms. Messelaar stated that this is a great committee. Mr. Brennan stated that the Pennbrook School came in with a D+ when reviewed by the State. He stated that the infrastructure needs a lot of work. He stated that the enrollment has increased with all the new construction. Ms. Messelaar stated that the State require a signature from the Selectmen so the town is aware of what is happening not just the School Committee. Mr. Vincent stated that the Schools had a tremendous turnout at Town Meeting and he asked if they need more members. Ms. Messelaar stated that they could always use more members.

Mr. Vincent moved to approve the Statement of Interest for the Massachusetts School Building Authority as presented by the School Facilities Committee. Mr. Brennan seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Historical Commission

Mr. Ed Desjardin of the Historical Commission read a letter to the BoS regarding some historic buildings in Town that are in disrepair. He asked for the support of the BoS. Mr. Brennan asked Mr. Vincent to draft a letter to the homeowners regarding the condition of these homes. Mr. Brennan asked if they have been able to contact the Hills family as he has heard someone was interested in purchasing the building. Mr. Knapp stated that they have not been able to contact the owner. Mr. Vincent asked what rights the Town has to take the property by eminent domain. Mr. Vincent asked if the Health Department has done inspections. Mr. Delaney stated that he was not sure. Mr. Vincent asked if the CPA funds could be used to purchase and or repair any or these homes possibly for Affordable Housing or a Senior Center.

Building Use Policy

Mr. Delaney stated that we have had a long standing use policy for this building because of the lack of custodial staff and for security sake. He stated that only official town boards use the building. He stated that the building is a very busy building. Mr. Vincent stated that if another Town department is meeting then maybe a group could meet in another room. Mr. Vincent stated that they could coordinate with the Cable Coordinator when they are open. He stated another option would be to meet at Erie and contribute to them. Mr. Brennan stated that the issue could explode with a lot of requests for use of the building. He stated that if one outside group meets then they must let all groups. He stated that it must be fair for all. He stated that the Studio is Community Access Cable and should be available. He stated that for now they should keep with the current policy of no to everybody but Town departments and talk with the Cable Committee about use of residents. Discussion on charging a fee to use the building. Mr. Brennan stated that at

Town Meeting there was an article on the warrant for security for this building that did not pass. He stated that there are keys floating around town. Mr. Vincent stated that they have been inviting people to come in and use the studio but with the limited hours this is difficult.

Correspondence

- Resignation of Suzanne Lind from the Georgetown Housing Authority
- Communication from Jack Moultrie and a resident on Milton Way. Mr. Brennan stated that Mr. Moultrie suggested that a meeting be held to discuss the issue with the residents. Mr. Delaney stated that at some point you would have to have council involved. He stated before a meeting do they want to have town council review. Mr. Brennan and Mr. Vincent stated yes. Mr. Brennan stated that we have roads collapsing around town and this needs to be addressed.
- Mr. Brennan stated that they received a Water Quality Report from the Water Department and he would like to invite them to come in and discuss the findings.
- Mr. Vincent stated that he has requested the Assessors to certify the cash balance of our past overlay accounts. He stated that he would like to understand how much is available in these accounts in case we want to consider expanding our senior citizen real estate exemption next year. He stated that he would like to see if we can decrease the age and increase the amount of the exemption. He stated maybe there are some residents that could help look into this.
- Mr. Brennan explained that a letter was received from Comcast regarding comments made by the Chairmen of the CATV. He stated that the letter states that Comcast offers the same service as Verizon.

Board Business

Mr. Brennan stated that at the last meeting he had discussed some issues and he would like to go over these again tonight.

1. Training sessions for Town Boards-He stated that our legal council has some training available on Open Meeting Law, Minutes, etc. He stated that Ms. Enos stated that she could help with information on Town Meeting.
2. Tree cutting-He stated that there have been recent issues with trees being cut and if we can do something to help with this he would like to. Mr. Vincent stated that Mr. Moultrie had some ideas and that he would follow up with him.
3. Library-He stated he would like to have a meeting with the Library Building Committee, the Project Manager and the neighbors to go over were they are going and were they are.
4. School Budget-He stated that the last item was for the Finance and Advisory Board regarding the School budget. He stated that he would like to see the

FinCom review and comment on the Budget. He read the motion from the draft minutes. Mr. Vincent stated that he would like to see minimum and maximum level of performance for the Schools and each department budget. Mr. Brennan stated that the FinCom has not delved into the School budget as they do not have line item authority but that this is done by the School Committee. He stated that the FinCom can look at the budget and advise on cost reductions, facilities cost, trash removal, etc. Mr. Brennan stated that if the FinCom is going to cut the budget then they should know what those cuts mean as far as performance. Mr. Vincent stated that he hopes that this will make their budget more transparent. Mr. Brennan stated that what will come out of this is what the cost to educate a child in Georgetown is.

Appointments

Mr. Vincent read letters received for appointments and stated that they would vote at the next meeting.

Letters read from:

- CATV Committee-Stuart Egenberg, Stephen Melofsky, Charles Davis, and Paul Swain
- Council on Aging-Rosemary Morse
- Historical Commission-Joseph Knapp and George Perkins
- Park and Recreation-Elizabeth Wade, Steve Ziolkowski, and Sean Curtin

Mr. Brennan asked to post a meeting for next Monday July 31, 2006.

Mr. Vincent moved to adjourn. Mr. Brennan seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.

Minutes approved August 21, 2006.