

**Memorial Town Hall, 1 Library Street, Georgetown, MA 01833**  
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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**

Memorial Town Hall  
Third Floor Meeting Room  
2/23/09  
7:00 PM

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**Selectmen Present:** Matthew Vincent, Chairman; Philip Trapani, Clerk; Evan O'Reilly

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

**Absent:**

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**Call to Order**

Mr. Vincent called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

**Warrant & Minutes**

Mr. Vincent stated there is a warrant to be signed.

**Public Hearing**

*The Georgetown Club/Alter Premise Liquor License Request*

Mr. Delaney explained that The Georgetown Club is requesting an Alter Premise for their Liquor License. He stated that they are asking to serve alcohol on the golf course as this is now allowed under new State Regulations. Mr. Vincent explained that this is a request for all alcoholic beverages and that the board has given the club a special license in the past for certain dates and for Malt only. Mr. Cammarata submitted a map of the course showing areas that they propose to serve alcohol and a map of area for a motorized cart. Mr. Cammarata stated that they would abide by same rules of the ABCC. Mr. Vincent explained that they had a Special Permit in the past to serve on the golf course and it was for specific dates. Mr. Vincent stated that the Club has requested to serve from any day 8AM to 8PM. Mr. Cammarata stated that they would be amenable to 8AM to dusk Monday to Saturday and 12PM to dusk on Sunday's. He stated that now there hours are Sunday Noon to 1AM, Mon-Friday 11AM to 1AM, and 11AM to Midnight Saturday, and that they can not serve at a Brunch or Bridal Shower, etc before 11AM. Mr. Trapani stated he is okay with serving on the Golf Course as most Clubs do this. Mr. Vincent stated that he has found that others do not use glass. Mr. Cammarata stated that they only use cans or plastic at the pool and golf course. Mr. O'Reilly stated that he would wait to comment after abutters.

Jack L'Hommidieu, 330 Andover Street read a letter from his wife, Cathy L'Hommedieu against the license change.

Mr. Cammaratta responded that he has not any complaints from neighbors and that they could call him and he would check out any issues.

James Maguire, 340 Andover Street stated that he agrees that you do get abusive language on the course. He stated that he has seen golfers relieving themselves, errant golf balls, encroachment of golf course. Does not see why alcohol has to be served on the course and asked if other courses do this. Mr. Vincent stated that yes others do and the Georgetown Club has been doing this for the last few years under a special permit.

Richard Soloski, 4 Crescent Meadow Lane stated that he has never had a problem with golfers on the course and is in favor of the license change.

Chris Rich, 292 Andover Street asked if the change would be for members and guest. Mr. Cammarata stated that they are a private club and there would only be members and guests. Mr. Rich stated that the club has been open to the public. Mr. Cammarata stated that they were open for open membership. Mr. Rich stated being on the first tee and having a financial interest does not have an issue with members and guests being allowed to have alcohol on the course.

Jack L'Hommidieu stated that he was not aware of the Special Permit and this explains some behavior he has seen.

Mr. Vincent stated that he understands that living beside a golf course has some issues. Mr. Trapani stated that he has seen rowdy behavior on a golf course and that they can revisit if there is an issue. He stated that they do not want do hinder a business.

Mr. L'Hommidieu stated that he does not feel they should live with the problem. Mr. Trapani stated that he does not want to hurt a business. Mr. L'Hommidieu stated he disagrees on helping a business.

Mr. Rich stated that members want this and will police the course themselves.

Mr. Cammarata stated that he is also an abutter and he stated that Mr. L'Hommidieu has never come or called the club to complain.

Mr. O'Reilly stated that the previous permit was for malt beverages and does not feel that any other alcohol needs to be served. He asked how this is policed. Mr. Cammarata stated that the cart goes around maybe two or three times and the driver knows the members and who has been served. Mr. Cammarata stated all servers are TIP trained. Mr. Vincent stated that this is tied to his liquor license for the restaurant so they would not want to jeopardize their license.

Mr. Vincent discussed the options of an all alcohol and a wine and malt license. He stated he would like to have the start time at 11AM. Mr. Trapani stated that at most tournaments golf courses do serve alcohol and members spend a lot of money at these events. Mr. Cammarata stated that to limit the club puts them out of the competition with other courses.

Mr. Rich stated that the early outings end at noon. Mr. Cammarata stated that the clients request this. Mr. Cammarata stated that they could work with 9AM Monday to Saturday and Sunday at noon.

Mr. Trapani stated that he would like to keep our course competitive with others and stated that private courses police themselves. Mr. Trapani asked Mr. Cammarata to research what other courses are doing.

**Mr. Trapani moved to amend the liquor license of the New England Golf Partners, dba the Georgetown Club, so that the serving areas for alcoholic beverages will include locations on the course shown on the plans submitted as part of the amended application, and from a mobile cart to be only wine & malt beverages not before 9AM-Dusk Monday-Saturday and 12PM-Dusk on Sundays. Mr. O'Reilly seconded the motion for discussion.**

Mr. O'Reilly stated that he disagreed with the hours would like to see early hours only for tournaments and outings other days with restaurant hours.

Mr. Trapani stated that he disagreed and that this should be allowed all days.

Mr. O'Reilly stated that it their responsibility as Town Government to provide public safety.

**Mr. O'Reilly moved to amend the motion to serve on the course during the hours of 10AM to Dusk, Monday – Saturday and 12PM (noon) to dusk on Sunday. Mr. Trapani seconded the amendment and the amendment and motion were approved by a unanimous vote.**

#### **Minutes**

Mr. O'Reilly asked to review the Executive Session Minutes.

**Mr. O'Reilly moved to approve the minutes of February 9, 2009. Mr. Trapani seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

#### **Correspondence**

Mr. Vincent stated that they received a resignation from FinCom Mark Hall. He thanked Mr. Hall for volunteering on this board.

Mr. Vincent stated that they received an invitation to attend the Municipal Coalition for Affordable Housing meeting on February 26 in Belmont.

Mr. Vincent stated that they have received an invitation for a member of the Board of Selectmen to become an Ex Officio to the Essex National Heritage Commission.

#### **Economic Development Committee Presentation**

Present: Tillie Evangelista, Paul Pagliarullo, Derek Olsen, Jim Lacy, and Michael Paquette, MVPC

Mr. Trapani gave an overview of the presentation by the committee. He stated that the committee has been working on draft bylaws for the committee, and two initiatives 43D & 40R. He stated that the Planning Board would be holding a Public Hearing on Wednesday on 43D & 40R.

Mr. Paquette gave a packet to the board members and stated he would give a brief overview of 43D. Mr. Paquette presented a power point presentation.

Mr. Jim Lacy gave a power point presentation on the Downtown and 40R.

Mr. Vincent stated that the Public Hearing on both these initiatives would be held at the Planning Board Meeting, Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at 7:00PM.

*Farmers Market-Jim Lacey*

Mr. Lacy stated that the Downtown Alliance is looking to use the Town Parking lot for the Farmers Market. He stated that they are thinking of holding the market once a week on Saturday morning this spring. He stated that he would come back when he has more information.

*Pillsbury Lane Street Acceptance*

The Board signed the Pillsbury Lane Street Acceptance form.

*Annual Town Meeting Warrant*

Mr. Vincent asked that a meeting be posted next week to go over articles for the ATM. Mr. Delaney went over the list of regular articles and a list of articles that departments are requesting to be added to the warrant. Mr. Delaney to send out a reminder to departments to see if there are any other articles out there.

**Town Administrator's Report**

*Budget Update*

Mr. Delaney stated that with all revenue estimates they will be \$880,000 in the hole. He went over the revenue numbers and then the expenditures.

Mr. Vincent stated that they could go back to the unions to renegotiate the contracts for FY10. Mr. Trapani asked if other Towns have renegotiate contracts. Mr. Delaney stated that this has happened. Mr. Delaney stated that Worcester has received numbers on stimulus funds for the Schools but he has not heard any numbers for this area. He stated that this could have a major impact on the budget. Mr. Vincent asked if the School budget included contractual raises. Mr. Delaney stated that he would have to check with the School Dept.

**Appointments**

**Mr. O'Reilly moved to appoint the *Building Inspector as the "Local Permitting Authority"* for the new Trench Law.** Mr. Trapani seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

**Mr. O'Reilly moved to appoint *Lawrence Brennan* to the *Affordable Housing Task Force*.** Mr. Trapani seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

**Board Business**

Mr. Vincent asked Mr. Delaney to go over the general government budget and propose cuts. Mr. Delaney stated that he would give them a laundry list of cuts.

Mr. Trapani stated that he was going to the Essex County Veteran's meeting on Wednesday and that he is also doing a tour of the Schools with Senator Tarr on why we need a new School.

**Mr. O'Reilly moved to adjourn. Mr. Trapani seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:20PM

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.

Minutes approved March 16, 2009.