

Hull Board of Selectmen
Minutes
February 26, 2008

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:36 pm on Tuesday evening, at the Hull Municipal Building, 253 Atlantic Avenue, Hull, Massachusetts

Present: John Silva, Chairman; Christopher Olivieri, Clerk; John Reilly, and Joan Meschino, Members. Also present were: Philip Lemnios, Town Manager, and James Lampke, Town Counsel.

Not present: Ronald Davy, Vice Chairman

MINUTES

Moved-Olivieri: To approve the executive session minutes of December 18, 2007 and February 12, 2008 as presented

Second-Meschino

Vote: Unanimous in favor

7:30 pm – Public Hearing-re: Transfer of Dry Dock Licenses to Integrity Restaurant Group, LLC dba La Reva, Steven D. Faber, Manager, 754 Nantasket Avenue-All Alcoholic as Restaurant and Common Victualer

Chairman Silva opened the public hearing for the issuance of new licenses to the Integrity Restaurant at 749 Nantasket Avenue, and transfer of the All Alcoholic License purchased by the applicant from the Department of Revenue, formerly owned by the Dry Dock.

Forty or fifty persons were in attendance and Silva swore in those wishing to speak. Those persons standing in the hall and doorway were specifically invited in as there was more than enough standing room. Also present was Police Chief Richard Billings.

Attorney David Kellem, representing the applicant, presented the project describing the seating as 61 plus 13 at the bar; design, 18 parking sites; and gave a history of the applicant stating in 30 years of operating restaurants with liquor licenses he has never had a violation. Kellem introduced his clients Steve Faber, and, Sal D' Arista, Chef, and the Architect Bill Christopher, who presented the drawings of the building and proposed parking. The building, the site of a former food service, has second floor apartments and is on the corner of L Street, opposite the L Street Playground. Kellem said the assessed value of the property is \$760,00 and the agreed purchase price is \$937,000.

The applicant said he intended to provide bicycle parking to encourage patrons to use them, and that it will be the only restaurant to service that area of town and believed many would walk.

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All of the residents who wished to speak were recognized and only a few supported the restaurant at that location. The oppositions' concerns expressed were: the site, stating it was too close to the school, and proposed library, only about 750'. but very close to the middle school playground, the traffic congestion from use of the playing field that is used constantly; the shortage of parking spaces in the area, doubt in regard to the estimated 18 off-street parking spaces

Chief Billings told the Board that because of the various traffic and parking issues and the location of the site he could not support the transfer of the license.

The consensus of the Board was that the presentation was excellent, the applicant has the credentials but the location was far from suitable.

Silva read a motion for denial that was interrupted by Reilly who asked the applicant if he would prefer to withdraw rather than have a denial. Kellem and Faber agreed to the withdrawal.

Moved-Reilly: To allow the applicant to withdraw without prejudice

Second-Olivieri

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

The hearing closed at 9:05 pm. The board recessed and returned to open session at 9:16 pm.

8:15 pm – Police Department-re: Parking Permit Fee for Discussion.

Police Chief Richard Billings explained that he was requested to cut his budget by 5% or show how to offset 5% and that he believes the most efficient way to accomplish the cut is to raise parking fees and recommended a \$25.00 increase for all stickers and passes.

Billings said that in fiscal 2003 the budget provided 21 patrol officers and in fiscal 2008 the budget provides for 18, so that the 2.9% cut for FY 09 is budgeted for 17. The result is that in the last 5 years the department has lost 1/4 of its patrol force. H suggested that the reason for an increase is to maintain current services and at the same time regulate parking.

Sgt. Robert Casagrande provided a comprehensive Power Point detailing the various parking revenues and the parking fees charged in other communities. The restricted fee will go from \$14.00, (\$7.00 bi-annually) to \$25.00 annually; visitor passes now \$4.00 will become \$25.00(4 permitted) and municipal parking, now free to \$25.00. The Power Point also showed the lost services threatened by the cut.

^CORRESPONDENCE

Referred to Town Manager - a letter from Thomas Cichocki questioning the construction activity at the A Street Marina.

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LICENSES

Unanimously approved two, one-day all alcoholic license to the Knights of Columbus, 440 Nantasket Avenue, for a birthday party on March 8, 2008 from 7pm to 11pm, and on March 15, 2008 from 7pm to 12 pm for a St. Patrick's Day event, on motions by Olivieri, seconded by Reilly.

Moved-Olivieri: To go into executive session to discuss collective bargaining and strategy on litigation and not to return to open session..

Second-Meschino

Roll Call Vote: Aye, Meschino; aye, Reilly; aye, Olivieri; aye, Silva

The Board moved into executive session at 10:29 pm and thereafter adjourned.

April 1, 2008

Approved