

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
DECEMBER 27, 2017
REGULAR SESSION

Members Present: Nelson Almeida, David Viera, David Parker

Absent: David Andrade, Michelle Hines

Town Administrator: Shawn E. Cadime

Vice-Chairman Almeida opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. He offered a moment of silence in memory of all those who passed away in the year 2017.

He announced that, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 20(f), any person recording the meeting must notify the chairman. The Board of Selectmen is recording via audio and video.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE OPENINGS

Mr. Viera announced that volunteers are needed on the Charter Study Committee (2 Board of Selectmen appointments), Conservation Commission (2 BOS), Energy Committee (2 BOS), Finance Committee (2 Moderator), Historical Commission (1 BOS), Property Tax Work-Off Committee (3 BOS), and Zoning Board of Appeals (1 BOS).

COMMUNITY SPEAKS – None.

PRIORITY MATTERS

2018 LICENSE RENEWAL HEARINGS

Class II Motor Vehicles – Gas on the Run, Inc. – 1075 Newman Avenue, Zouhir Sendian, Applicant

Mr. Cadime advised that everything is in order. There was an issue with oil/water separator. The State provided a variance to place an overflow tank underneath the lift. Both plumbing inspectors oversaw the design.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Viera, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the Class II motor vehicle license for Gas on the Run, Inc. as submitted.

Entertainment – Jeannie’s Palm and Tarot Card Reading, 42 Taunton Avenue, Jeannie Mitchell, Applicant

Mr. Cadime advised there was a violation in the spring with regard to a sign. The situation was resolved and the fine paid.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Viera, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the entertainment license for Jeannie’s Palm and Tarot Card Reading as submitted.

Antiques and Second Hand – Leonard’s Antiques, 600 Taunton Avenue, Kristen Jenkins, Applicant

Mr. Cadime advised there were potential issues which have been rectified.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Viera, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the Antiques and Second Hand license for Leonard’s Antiques.

PUBLIC HEARING

Consider the Request for a New Annual All Alcohol Liquor License for Finest Seafood Market & Grille Restaurant, Inc. to be located at 21 Central Avenue, Seekonk, MA, Peter Lombardi, Jr., Owner and Manager

Vice-Chairman Almeida opened the public hearing at 7:08 p.m.

No comments.

Vice-Chairman Almeida closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Mr. Cadime advised this license became available because Parker’s Market did not re-apply.

Mr. Parker noted that Crossroads has been waiting for an all-alcohol license.

Mr. Cadime said there is one under special legislation.

Mr. Viera said this application was made on November 18. There was nothing available back then. Also, the applicant is not in attendance so the Board doesn’t know who the license is going to.

Mr. Parker noted that Parker's license was not on premise. They could not serve liquor in that store.

A motion was made by Mr. Viera, seconded by Mr. Parker, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To table the all alcohol license for Finest Seafood Market and Grille Restaurant until the next meeting for further information.

OLD BUSINESS

Discuss Library Memorandum of Agreement Relative to the Howitzer Cannon

A motion was made by Mr. Viera, seconded by Mr. Parker, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To table discussion until the next meeting.

Review Proposed Conservation Restriction for the Young Property

A motion was made by Mr. Viera, seconded by Mr. Parker, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve and sign the Conservation Restriction to the Seekonk Land Conservation Trust for the Young Property.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Accepting the Donation from David Bowden of Picture Hangers for the Senior Center

A motion was made by Mr. Viera, seconded by Mr. Parker, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To accept the donation from David Bowden of picture hangers for the senior center.

Consider an Anonymous Donation in the Amount of \$300 to the Donation Account for Human Services

A motion was made by Mr. Viera, seconded by Mr. Parker, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To accept the donation of \$300 to the donation account for Human Services.

Consider an Anonymous Donation in the Amount of \$100 to the Seekonk Senior Center

A motion was made by Mr. Viera, seconded by Mr. Parker, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To accept the donation of \$100 to the Seekonk Senior Center.

Consider the Donation from East Providence/Seekonk Rotary Club of \$500 for the Fuel Assistance Account

A motion was made by Mr. Viera, seconded by Mr. Parker, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To accept the donation of \$500 from the East Providence/Seekonk Rotary Club for the Fuel Assistance Account.

Consider the Donation from Alfred & Karen Travers for \$30 to the Donation Account for Human Services

A motion was made by Mr. Viera, seconded by Mr. Parker, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To accept the donation of \$30 from Alfred & Karen Travers to the donation account for Human Services.

Vice-Chairman Almeida thanked the above for their donations.

Update Regarding Bristol County Advisory Board

Mr. Cadime advised Chairman Andrade had requested this on the agenda. He serves on the Board. Bristol Aggie is looking to build a school with an impact to Seekonk of \$50,000 annually. Seekonk currently pays \$25,000 for the ten students there now. He was not sure if it has to go to town meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Viera, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To table discussion on the Bristol County Advisory Board request.

Consider Approval of Minutes of December 13, 2017

A motion was made by Mr. Viera, seconded by Mr. Parker, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To accept Regular Session minutes of December 13, 2017.

COMMUNITY SPEAKS – None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Discuss Other Topics not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chairman 48 Hours before the Meeting – None.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Cadime extended best wishes for a Happy New Year.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Veterans Memorial Committee Liaison Report – None during winter months.

Mr. Viera requested that the Board meet at least three Wednesdays monthly during budget time. He felt the Board needs to talk about strategy to handle funding for projects coming forward and take a more active role in the budget.

He added that Board members needs to do goals and objectives for the Town Administrator.

He said the Board needs to know the amount of debt that is retiring.

Mr. Viera commended the Water Department for handling a water main break on Christmas Eve. It was fixed in 2 ½ hours without interruption in service. They did an excellent job.

He said the Board needs to look at spending. How and what is being spent for five to ten years.

He wanted those items to be on the agenda.

Mr. Parker said the Board prepared goals last year. He wished everybody a Happy New Year.

Vice-Chairman Almeida added best wishes for a Happy New Year. He commended Chief Mace and the police department for the way traffic was handled during holiday shopping.

Mr. Viera wanted to send letters of commendation to the East Providence City Council in recognition of their firefighters and the Seekonk firefighter who assisted the firefighter who was injured in a fire in Barrington, RI.

At 7:37 p.m., Mr. Viera motioned, seconded by Mr. Parker, to go into Executive Session to conduct strategy sessions with respect to negotiations with Fraternal Order of Police MASSCOP Local 215 per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) as having discussion in open session would be detrimental to the litigation or bargaining position of the town.

The vote: Mr. Viera – Aye; Mr. Parker – Aye, Vice-Chairman Almeida – Aye.

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Respectfully submitted,

Prepared by:

David Viera, Clerk

Patricia Gamer, Secretary

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Items Distributed at the December 27, 2017 Board of Selectmen Meeting

List for license renewals

Documents for all alcohol liquor license – Finest Seafood Market and Grill Restaurant at 21 Central Avenue

Memorandum of Agreement – Howitzer Cannon

Conservation Restriction – Young Property

Budget Analysis from Bristol County Commissioners