

August 7, 2017 7:00PM            Selectmen's Meeting

Present: Don Chabon, Chuck Cardillo, Theresa Zanetti

Don welcomed everyone to the meeting.

First on the agenda was to approve a fee schedule for the new entertainment policy.

Don moved to adopt the fee schedule to be incorporated into the Entertainment Policy as follows:

<b>Application Type</b>	<b>Example</b>	<b>Capacity</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Entertainment License: Annual Live- Entertainment	Theatrical, Instrumental, vocal, or disc jockey performances, or the playing of karaoke machines.	250 & Under	\$75
		250-500	\$100
		500 & Over	\$150
Entertainment License: Single Event Live- Entertainment	Theatrical, Instrumental, vocal, or disc jockey performances, or the playing of karaoke machines.	250 & Under	\$25
		250-500	\$50
		500 and Over	\$75
Entertainment License: Annual Non-Live Entertainment	Outdoor: radio, jukebox, or television. Inside: more than 10 televisions.		\$30
Entertainment License: Single Event Non-Live Entertainment	Outside: radio, jukebox, or television. Inside: more than 10 televisions.		\$15
Section 177 License	Billiard, pool or sippio table or a bowling alley		\$10 per pool, billiard, or sippio table, or bowling alley lane.
Section 177A License	Automatic Amusement Device		\$20 per device.

Chuck seconded, the vote was unanimous.

Don moved to Amend Section IV D of the Entertainment Policy to have the first sentence include "after a public hearing as provided in section IV C" so that the new sentence reads as follows;

The Select Board may, after a public hearing as provided in section IV C, deny a license upon a written finding that:

Chuck seconded, the vote was unanimous.

Next addressing the alcohol policy, Don moved move to amend the Definitions section of the Alcohol Policy to include the definition of Alcoholic Beverage: Alcoholic Beverage shall mean any liquid intended for human consumption as a beverage and containing one half of one per cent or more of alcohol by volume at sixty degrees Fahrenheit.

Chuck seconded, the vote was unanimous.

Next on the agenda was a request from the Planning Board to appoint an ad hoc zoning committee. Ruth Pearce and Kate Fletcher came to the front of the room to discuss the context leading to the formation of the committee.

Kate stated that the Planning Board has been presented with the bylaw changes over the past several years and that Mass. General Law requires that the Planning Board approve Bylaw changes. The purpose is to tweak bylaws to make them clearer. After the controversial discussions in February the recommendation was made to step back and establish an ad hoc committee to conduct a review of and make recommendations for amendments to the zoning bylaws to make changes and possibly eliminate confusions.

Ruth added that one discussion was how to add the community in the discussions. How to choose residents became an issue so it was decided to make a five member core committee comprised of Board and Committee members. They would then later bring in the community and possibly resource panels for input. The committee will be comprised of two Planning Board members and one member each from the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Conservation Commission and Historic Preservation Commission.

Kate said that she and Ruth will administrate the committee, set up a Google Doc site and share the folders for access of information and notices will be posted as legally required.

Don said that what he understands is that the purpose of the committee is to making a steering committee that will review the bylaws and make recommendations of the whole process as well as individual bylaws.

Kate said that they are not touching the Zoning Bylaw purpose which would be master planning.

Chuck added that looking at bylaws and making changes needed is one thing and then looking into accessory buildings or possibly expansion of the business district would need to include the town's people and merchants. Don and Chuck were interested in the plan to involve the community.

Ruth said that they were going to publicize the meetings and share agendas and will look at how they will access as many people as possible. The resource group will also be point persons to reach out to people. They will look to having as much inclusion as possible and different ways to get as much feedback as possible.

Ruth continued that once the committee meets and decides on procedure and sets priorities they will have better answers.

Don stated that he was interested in seeing how it all evolves.

Allen Hyman, Old Tree Farm Road, questioned the usage of the term “ad Hoc” and what the mission of the committee is. Kate stated that it was in the hand out. He continued with issue of usage of the term “summer resident” where it should be “part-time” resident.

Patty Cayce Housatonic Road, asked Ruth and Kate how much decision making the five individuals will make before receiving outreach input. Kate said that all the meetings will be open and Ruth added that the committee cannot make decisions. She also requested that part-time residents to be allowed to be on the committee.

Don said that the committee can pursue a path and then present them to the Planning Board and on to Town Meeting.

Ruth questioned the Board about the request from the last meeting for a five member board and that this was agreed by the Selectmen. Chuck responded that it was agreed but with residents involvement. He said that what they are presenting now is different and would now need to be approved tonight.

Ruth continued that along with the part-time residents there are also many other groups who would like to be represented on the committee. She therefore said the five member core committee is important with the support of the community.

Letty Pogrebin, 3 Mahkeenac Road, seconded Patty’s concern and said that based on the tax base on the grounds of representation, part time residents make up over 60% of the Town. She also suggested adding two members representing the part-time residents.

Charles Kenny, 5 Meadow Road, stated that ever since the idea of the committee arose, he is glad that it is coming together. He appreciates the open minded approach and believes that there are other ways for people to be represented. He agreed with Ruth and Kate’s suggestions for the five member committee and that it is a fair and democratic way of proceeding.

Ruth followed up that this is a starting point and in the process if something is not working, they will go back to the Planning Board with an amendment and come back to The Select Board for approval to change.

Barb Kenny, 5 Meadow Road, is hoping that there is not a committee, for the committee, for the committee. She also felt that putting a time limit on changes would not be a good idea.

Chuck agreed that there is not the necessity to put a time limit on the whole project but keep things moving.

Ruth added that she thought that on a quarterly basis they should provide a report to the Select Board and Planning Board with status.

Anita Schwerner, 10 Lake Drive, believed that what they are proposing is well thought out and we need to trust the process.

Patty Cayce said that she does respect the comments and puts trust in elected representation even though she cannot vote on those representatives. She also believes that she believes in the communication that will follow while it is often difficult to access Town information.

Ruth understands the frustration with communication issues and will address that.

Don thanked Gary, Kate, Ruth and the Planning Board for taking this on as it is a big job and a very important.

Don restated the importance of the need for status reports and for the exploration of outreach to involve community elements.

Kate said that sometime in the fourth quarter they will report back to the Selectmen.

Don moved to appoint an ad hoc Zoning Committee for the purpose of reviewing Town Zoning Bylaws with the following members: Kate Fletcher, Ruth Pearce, John Hart, Carl Sprague, and Jim Murray.

Chuck added that he would like to sum up in the motion to make necessary changes in the committee as needed. Don said that seeing that the Board has the authority to appoint they could add others, but currently would like them to move forward and see where things stand in October. Further organization will be discussed as things progress.

Chuck seconded, the vote was unanimous.

The last item on the agenda was to appoint the permanent job position for the Administrative assistant. Don noted that the position was posted properly and they receive one application from Theresa Zanetti.

Don made a motion to appoint Theresa Zanetti as permanent Administrative Assistant for the Town of Stockbridge effective immediately.

Chuck seconded, the vote was unanimous.

Chuck added that the Stockbridge Emergency services, Fire, Police and EMS, will be having an open house on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from 11AM to 3PM, at the central station. He invited everyone to come by to see what the town offers.

With no further business Don made a motion to adjourn. Chuck seconded the motion. The vote unanimous.