

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 16, 2018
7:00 PM
TOWN OFFICES, 50 MAIN STREET

Present:

Don Chabon, Chuck Cardillo, Terry Flynn, Danielle Fillio

Call to Order:

Don called the meeting to order.

Announcements: Don noted that Selectman Flynn would be in at 7:30PM. The annual Town Meeting will be on May 21st and elections will be on May 22nd. On the 22nd there is also a Charter Communications hearing in Lenox at 3:00PM. The next Board meeting will be Wednesday May 23rd at 9:00AM followed by a meeting on Monday, June 4th at 7:00PM. The Memorial Day Parade will be on May 28th.

Memorial Day Activities:

Harold French, 47 Church Street and Chair of the Memorial Day Committee, reviewed the activities and stated that they did not receive interest from students to do readings this year. He noted that they are in need of Veterans to be involved. The Berkshire Hillsmen will be performing and they have again asked for food donations for the Community Pot-Luck following the parade. Lisa Thorne added that before the parade there are ceremonies at both cemeteries and riverside and that they encourage all Veterans to participate.

Naumkeag Application:

Don made a motion that they open the Public Hearing for the application of the Trustees of Reservations for a seasonal general on premise All-Alcohol license for property located at 5 Prospect Hill. Chuck seconded; all were in favor.

Attorney Al DeNapoli spoke on Naumkeag's application for seasonal Alcohol License and appointment of Brian Cruet as Manager. Brian Cruet stated that this seasonal license will simplify the process; replacing the need for applying for multiple one-day alcohol licenses. They will not be adjusting their schedule, only extending their season between November and New Year's.

Brian added that the evening events are from 5:00PM to 8:00PM, with the Holiday events going until 9:00PM.

The meeting was open to public comment with both positive and negative feedback.

Don made a motion to close the hearing for Board deliberation. Terry seconded; all were in favor. Chuck did not feel that Naumkeag should be singled out from the other non-profits who hold events. Terry understood the residential neighborhood concerns and suggested taking requests in two blocks for this summer; therefore denying the seasonal license request. Don was inclined to approve the license. Chuck noted the time limit was until 8:00PM

Don made a motion that they approve the alcohol license application as presented with the following conditions; Alcohol is permitted to be sold in the Café and Gift Shop during normal business hours 10:00AM – 5:00PM Monday through Sunday. Alcohol will also be sold at one additional location at any given time for special events pursuant to the descriptions in attachment A of the application. Locations

include Tree Peony Terrace, The Oak Lawn, the Top Lawn, and the Greenhouse. Each of these locations must abide by the Towns Alcoholic Beverage License Policy Article IV. Section D. Licensed Premises sub section 2. Outdoor Service from 5PM to 8PM. Chuck seconded. Terry abstained. The motion was carried.

Main Street Bicycle Lane- Selectmen Terry Flynn:

Don said that at the last meeting it was decided that due to the traffic study, the bike lane painting would be done with the understanding that it would be painted over if need be. Terry was concerned with the time frame but agreed that it was fine.

Traffic Study:

Don made a motion that they accept the proposal of VHB in the amount of \$13,900.00 for the Traffic Study and authorize Danielle to enter into a contract with them. Chuck seconded; all were in favor.

Zoning Review Committee – Status report and recommendations:

Kate Fletcher, Carl Sprague, Gary Pitney and Bob Jones were in attendance and gave an overview of their progress. They have nearly finished their review of the Zoning definitions. After review, the Committee's consensus on the Cottage Era Estate Bylaw was that it was problematic and flawed and recommended that the services of a professional be enlisted to work with them on this bylaw and the review of the entire Zoning Bylaw. The Board supported the Committee and their process moving forward. Terry asked for target dates. Danielle said that pay for the planner would come on out of the \$25,000 line that the Selectmen approved and asked if that would be enough to go through the entire Zoning Bylaws; if not what are their specific key points to address. Chuck made note that the Town's Zoning is too strict and needs to be considered and he supported hiring a planner.

Annual Town Meeting:

The Board reviewed the following items: Article 25, the question was raised on why 100,000 cubic yards was chosen and Don said they will have a breakdown of soil amounts for the ATM; Article on Lake Averic yield study, the question of why was answered by Mike Buffoni stating that they had been wanting to do one for years needed to done again to back up previous numbers; Don said to expect some discussion at the ATM on Articles 18 and 19 on PILOT Program and Article 20 on CPC Funding to non-profits.

Other Buisness:

Candace Currie, 3 Emerson Lane and Kate Fletcher suggested that the Board to no longer allow Wheatleigh to be allowed fireworks. Chuck responded that it does not come before the Board; approval is up to the fire chief and is a fire code regulation.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Don made a motion to adjourn. Terry seconded; the vote was unanimous.