

STOCKBRIDGE SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 11, 2020
6:30 p.m.
Remote Zoom Meeting

Present:

Chuck Cardillo, Roxanne McCaffrey, Patrick White and Mark Webber

Call to Order:

Mark called the meeting to order.

Agenda:

The first item on the agenda was the reorganization of Board. As the former chair has been replaced, Mark congratulated Patrick White for his victory and thanked and sent his best wishes to Terry Flynn for all the good things he has done for the Town and the nice things he had done for him. Mark asked for nominations for any of the three for Chair position. Roxanne said she did not have an issue one way or the other. Patrick asked if one of the two wanted to nominate the other. Chuck expressed his interest in being chairman and Roxanne was happy to nominate Chuck as chairperson. Patrick seconded: I Patrick, I Roxanne.

Chuck began the meeting. He first thanked Terri Iemolini, Chris Marsden, Brenda Liebenow and all others involved in the elections. He appreciated all of their hard work.

Next Chuck made a motion to approve the minutes from May 7, 2020 meeting. Patrick seconded; all were in favor.

Next was to take action on new All Alcoholic Beverages Package Store License Application for Green-Land Market, LLC DBA Elm Street Market. Chuck made a motion to approve the All Alcoholic Beverages Package Store License Application for Green-Land Market, LLC DBA Elm Street Market. Roxanne seconded. Chuck asked for questions.

Joe Nejaime owner of Nejaime's Wine Cellar asked if it was normal procedure to go right to a vote and if that was all there was to it. Chuck said that it was now open for discussion. Joe felt that it was unusual that it is so easy to apply for a license and get it. He understood the desire to have one but questioned jumping in with no experience in the industry and questioned who operates the licenses as they are passed on from one to the next. He asked the Board not take this lightly. Patrick asked if there were assurances that it would not go to a full-time package store. Mark said that procedurally that would require a change of premises. There is one full alcohol license available, the application was submitted in order and it up to the Board to take action or not. Roxanne said that Elm Street Market is primarily going to be a market and lunch counter and similar to as when Red Lion Inn owned it, sell alcohol. Joe said he had appreciation of what Chris is doing to revive the Market but as things change and he stated that the license allows one to operate a liquor store with anything else wanted wrapped around it. He did not expect a loose operation but whether it would be ancillary. Mike Abdalla questioned what happened to the previous license and Mark responded that it had lapsed.

Mark said that licenses are not automatically transferable and if there were a change it would go back to the Town. Roxanne added that the previous owner did not have an alcohol license. Joe stated that the previous license was for beer and wine which goes along with a market and that the Board consider not going any farther than a beer and wine license as that was what was there before. He also stated that licenses can transfer with the sale of a business. Mark agreed. Michael added that the sale of alcohol would create more traffic and his concern is that everyone uses his parking lot. Patrick felt that the food and counter service is an important part of the business for the Town's benefit and questioned the process if there were a path to a full and only package store use, which would be less beneficial. Mark said that this would require a subsequent Board approval. The applicant was not present to address any questions. Roxanne stated that she had extensive conversations with the owner, she was not representing the owner and that he purchased the property with the intent to bring back the market and lunch counter as his primary focus. She added that he would need to come before the Board if he wanted to change the business. Joe disagreed and said that if wanted to change what was going on inside the store he would not have to come to the Board once he has the license and if it really was ancillary he would suggest that the beer and wine should be sufficient to cover the service related to food and groceries and that the all alcohol was not warranted. Mark stated that the application currently before the Board was for all alcohol and cannot be amended; either acted upon or continued. Joe suggested tabling it or rejecting it. Chuck said that they would continue this to the next meeting, where Chris can attend. Chuck made a motion to continue to the next meeting on June 18th at 6:30. Roxanne seconded; all were in favor: I Chuck, I Roxanne, I Patrick.

Next, was to take action on Temporary Change of Premises for O'Ryan, Inc., DBA Once Upon a Table for Outdoor Table Service of Alcohol. Chuck made a motion to approve a Temporary Change of Premises for O'Ryan, Inc., DBA Once Upon a Table for Outdoor Table Service of Alcohol. Patrick seconded. With no comment vote was taken: I Patrick, I Roxanne, I Chuck.

Next was to take action on Temporary Change of Premises for Michaels Restaurant for Outdoor Table Service of Alcohol. Chuck made a motion to approve the Temporary Change of Premises for Michaels Restaurant for Outdoor Table Service of Alcohol. Patrick seconded. Michael said that it was for the driveway space as described in the application. With no comments a vote was taken: I Roxanne, I Patrick, I Chuck.

Mark suggested general discussion on reopening the Town building and opening to the Boards. He is monitoring the other Towns and no one aside from Richmond has opened yet. There is still the restriction on the limit of 10. Chuck asked that Mark talk with Chris and have him start his game plan on what he needs, supplies, etc. to start a limited opening.

Mark said that he would like to set up the Town Administrator finalist interviews on June 25th at 6:00 and 6:45. The Board agreed.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Chuck adjourned the meeting.