



Town of Bellingham

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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April 22, 2024

The Selectboard meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM in the Arcand Meeting Room by Chairman Michael Connor. Actively participating in the meeting were the following Board members: Mr. Connor, Mr. Sahin, Mr. Hennessy and Ms. Odabashian. Also actively participating in the meeting was Administrative Assistant Hilarie Allie. This meeting was accessible to the public either in-person, via the Zoom online option or ABMI Cable TV.

Citizen's Input

There was no citizen's input for this meeting.

Current Year Capital Requests

Mr. Connor stated all capital requests for the Annual Town Meeting have been submitted and heard by both the Finance Committee and the Capital Improvements Committee and all requests were approved and recommended. The Board did not have any questions or require further information.

Gifts/Grants

On an Odabashian/Sahin motion the Board unanimously voted 4-0 to accept the gifts and grants as listed herein, with said expenditures to be under the direction of the parties noted.

Fund#	Amount	From	For/Purpose	Spending Authority
	\$33,470	Mass Trails Grant	RRFB & Crosswalk at the SNETT/Lake St Crossing	DPW

Farmers Series Pouring Permit

Ms. Allie explained the Board needed to set a rate for a Farmers Series Pouring Permit for a potential brewery opening in Town. The Board reviewed the rates of surrounding towns along with the Town's current fee schedule for existing businesses.

On a Connor/Odabashian motion the Board unanimously voted 4-0 to set the Farmers Series Pouring Permit at \$1000 annually.

UST/POI Standard of Proof of Identity – MassDEP

On an Odabashian/Hennessy motion the Board unanimously voted 4-0 to approve the signing of the UST/POI Standard of Proof of Identity for MassDEP.

Minutes

On an Odabashian/Hennessy motion the Board unanimously voted 4-0 to approve the April 1st minutes as submitted.

Special Town Meeting Reminder

Mr. Connor reminded residents that a Special Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday May 1st at 7:30PM in the High School Auditorium to hear a citizen's petition on eliminating the future development of warehouses in the Town of Bellingham.

Old Business

Mr. Connor stated that the Fire Chief submitted to the Select Board a Public Service Announcement which provides details on the Proposition 2 1/2 override question that will take place at the June 4th local election. The Chief stated the PSA will be in the Bellingham Bulletin and there will also be upcoming informational sessions. Mr. Hennessy suggested a code red be sent on announcing these dates as well as offering a virtual session. Mr. Connor suggested that the Chief record an informational session to be run on the ABMI Cable station. The Chief stated the department will start promoting the override in May.

New Business

Mr. Connor stated the Associate Member of the Planning Board position will be opening up when Mr. Lussier takes over as the Town Planner beginning May 6th. The Select Board and the Planning Board will need to have a joint meeting to interview potential candidates to fill this position. Mr. Connor stated he will work with Mr. Fraine and Ms. Allie to advertise the position and coordinate a time for both Boards to meet.

Mr. Hennessy reminded residents to lock their car doors at all times and referenced break-ins that he recently experienced.

Ms. Odabashian stated that Macy playground was recently vandalized for the second time in the past couple of months. She publicly thanked Jesse Riedle, Sean Harrington and Brian Nieva for all the work they have done to help clean up the mess. She stated they have worked with her to install mulch and new motion sensor lights. She is hopeful that this will not happen again.

On an Odabashian/Hennessy motion, the Board unanimously voted 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Hilarie J. Allie
Administrative Assistant