



Town of Bellingham

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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The May 20th meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:55 PM by Chairman Spencer with all members in attendance.

Reorganization

The meeting was turned over to Mrs. Allie who asked the Board for nominations for Chairman. Mrs. McNulty made a motion to nominate Mr. Spencer as Chairman, seconded by Mr. Connor with all members voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Spencer asked the Board for nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr. Martinis made a motion to nominate Mr. Connor as Vice Chairman, seconded by Mrs. McNulty with all members voting in the affirmative.

On a Martinis/McNulty motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve the FY19 End of Fiscal Year Transfers as presented and prepared by Mrs. Mary MacKinnon. Please see attached list.

Public Hearing – On the application of JJ&B, LLC d/b/a 140 Pub n Club, Jennifer Scannell Roe, Manager, to alter the premises by including a patio area and extending their All Alcohol Restaurant License to this area. Premises located 168 Mendon Street.

Jennifer Scannell Roe stated her and her husband would like to add an outdoor patio consisting of brick pavers to the right side of the building. They will fence in the patio as well as install concrete bollards. Mr. Spencer asked Mrs. Scannell what the hours of operation would be on the patio and she responded that they would like to serve lunch and dinner and that her kitchen closes at 10. There will be no physical bar on the patio just food and beverage service. Mr. Spencer asked Officer Lee Rolls to provide input from the Police Department. Officer Rolls stated that they did not have a problem with the patio but they did have a couple of requests. They would like to have a window cut into the side of the building so there could be a clear vision to the patio at all times. Mrs. Scannell said they could do that and that they will also be putting security cameras out on the patio with the monitor being at the bar. Officer Rolls also stated that there biggest concern would be noise. They would like to see a solid fence higher than 4 feet; they are requesting 8 feet if possible, to keep the noise down and to assure no alcohol was being passed over the fence. He did say 140 Pub n Club has been a very good neighbor. Mrs. Scannell asked if she could have acoustic music on the patio during daylight hours and the Board did not have a problem with that. Mr. Connor said he is fine with the patio as long as the fence is higher than the 4 foot fence that is proposed on their plans. He would like to see an 8 foot fence as well. Mr. Connor also wanted to make sure that the no smoking policy in the restaurant also applies to the patio area. Mrs. Scannell confirmed that it would.

Mr. Spencer asked if there were any questions from the audience regarding this public hearing to which no one responded. On a Martinis/Connor motion, the Board unanimously voted to close the public hearing.

On a Martinis/Connor motion the Board unanimously voted to approve the application to alter the premises of 140 Pub n Club at 168 Mendon Street by including a patio area and extending their All Alcohol Restaurant License to this area with the following stipulations:

- The applicant installs an 8 foot vinyl or solid fence around the patio.
- The patio be completely shut down at 12AM.
- Acoustic entertainment will be allowed 7 days per week but between the hours of 12PM – 8PM only.
- That the customer can only gain access to the patio via the restaurant.
- No smoking is allowed on the patio.
- That a window be cut into the building to gain clear vision from the restaurant to the patio area.

On a McNulty/Connor motion, the Board unanimously voted to accept the May 6th minutes as submitted.

On a Biagi/Connor motion, the Board voted to approve the April abatements for capital improvement charges, private hydrant, residential sewer, residential trash, residential water and water service charges in the amount of \$21,226.73 on a vote of 3-2 with Mr. Connor and Mr. Martinis opposing. Under discussion Mr. Connor questioned why the Board is obligated to abate these penalty charges if the resident is given reasonable notice. Mr. Fraine stated the Board is not obligated to abate the penalty charges and if the Board decides to adopt another procedure that is something that can be done after a Public Hearing.

Town Administrator's Report

- Mr. Fraine stated that Secretary Kennealy, Secretary of Housing and Economic Development, will be visiting Bellingham tomorrow to discuss the potential of upgrading the infrastructure in the center of town and securing a grant to help with a project of this type. If successful, the only out of pocket funds the Town would be responsible for would be the plan design.
- Mr. Fraine advised residents that road construction season is about to start and that the intersection at South Maple and 140 is about 2 months ahead of schedule and should be completed by July/August. Mr. Martinis stated the lighting there is not great and asked that maybe something be done about that.
- The Annual Town Meeting is Wednesday May 22, 2019 at 7:30PM in the High School Auditorium.

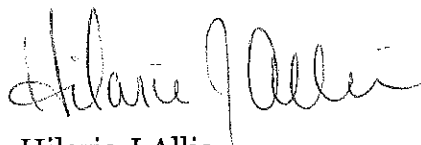
- Mr. Fraine let Mr. Martinis know that the bollard to be installed in front of the pole that was moved at the corner of Maple Street and Harford Ave is on its way.

Mr. Martinis wanted to thank everyone that was involved in making the Memorial Day Parade such a great success. During the activities of that day he discovered that there is a WW1 monument in front of the Old Town Hall that is hidden and asked if it could be moved to the Town Common. Mr. Fraine said that there is a major process involved in doing something like this but he would look into the details for Mr. Martinis.

Mr. Martinis asked about the dog park and questioned why things weren't being done to move this process along. He stated the plans to install one had received the Board's approval way back when the process first started and that a grant had been secured for the funding of the park. Mr. Fraine mentioned that because things were on a standstill the funds were never received and that they would need to reapply for the grant. Mr. Martinis once again stated that the High Street Park is not being utilized to its fullest capacity and that having a dog park there would promote use and awareness of the facility. If the grant needs to be resubmitted, Mr. Martins would like this to happen. Mrs. McNulty questioned the issue of parking and stated that the softball board had a problem with this. Mr. Martinis said the dog park could close down during the 5 weekends the softball association was hosting tournaments. There was mention of a land swap and perhaps parking could be an option there and a walking path could be made to connect the two properties. Mr. Fraine will look into that for the Board.

On a McNulty/Biagi motion, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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