



Town of Bellingham

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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January 21, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Daniel Spencer with all members in attendance except for Mr. Martinis.

Public Hearing – Application of The Perfect Blend for a Common Victualler License. Premises located at 15 North Main Street.

Mr. Spencer read the public hearing notice.

Ms. Jennifer Hilton, Ms. Marguerite Newton & Ms. Aubrey-Lynne Bruenelle are seeking a Common Victualler license to open a smoothie bar, The Perfect Blend, at 15 North Main Street in the plaza behind Dairy Queen. They will offer healthy meal replacements in the form of a shake and energy tea combo supplied by the company Herbal Life. The three entrepreneurs are health coaches and will offer casual nutritional advice to their customers as well. One of the owners has currently run a successful smoothie shop in Lincoln RI for the past 5 years and has decided to branch out. They would like to operate the business Monday – Saturday 7:00 AM-4:00 PM but are requesting the hours of 6AM – 8PM just in case they decide to extend their hours. They plan to open mid-March. They will market their business via social media and word of mouth.

On a Biagi/McNulty motion, the Board unanimously voted to close the public hearing.

On a Biagi/McNulty motion, the Board unanimously voted 4-0 to approve the application of The Perfect Blend for a Common Victualler License. Premises located at 15 North Main Street.

Regal Cinemas Renovation

Attorney Andrew Upton, representative for Regal Cinemas, along with Josh Ferriera, GM at Regal Cinemas Bellingham, presented before the Board to discuss the possibility of obtaining an All Alcohol Restaurant license. Regal in Bellingham is in the process of a \$6M update to the cinema and would like to offer the option of purchasing an alcoholic beverage. They assured the Board that they have an extensive alcohol control plan consisting of providing only 1 drink per ID presented, neon bracelets to be worn by any individual consuming alcohol, different cups used for alcohol and constant monitor of theaters. No alcohol service is done at the seats. Any drinks must be purchased at the concessions and Mr. Upton stated because of this the percentage of customers purchasing a second drink is in the single numbers. Mr. Connor asked how it is possible to monitor the theaters with the amount of light in a given theater. Mr. Ferriera stated the screen throws off enough light to currently allow them to monitor the theaters for kids fooling around, to scope out underage kids in R rated movies and to monitor outside alcohol being brought into the theater. Mr. Connor questioned whether security cameras could be used to help monitor the alcohol consumption and Mr. Upton said it is absolutely prohibited by the movie companies as part of their contract.

It is their experience that patrons do not come in early to stand around the bar and drink because in the updated theaters they are given the option to reserve seats. On the flip side, patrons don't typically stay after the movie either as they simply want to go home. Mr. Spencer stated the Board has no problem with an alcohol license, but their main concern would be security. It is the Board's understanding that the Bellingham police details have been replaced with private security. Mr. Upton stated that was a decision made by corporate and if the Board feels a local police detail would be necessary for busier nights that would be something they are willing to negotiate. The Board was receptive to the idea of a liquor license and Mr. Upton thought they would be back with a formal application in 2-4 weeks.

Larry Sposato, Town Clerk

Mr. Sposato presented before the Board the Policy Regarding Electioneering During Early and Absentee Voting for signature which observes the same 150-foot rule for campaigning that applies to election day. Mr. Sposato also presented to the Board the Warrant for the Presential Election which is earlier than normal because of early voting.

Mr. Sposato informed the Board he may present two articles on the Warrant this spring or Fall Town Meeting. One article would change the bylaw requiring all businesses in Town to obtain a business certificate rather than just the DBA's as it states now. Mr. Connor asked if this would include LLC's? Mr. Sposato confirmed all business would need a business certificate. Mrs. McNulty inquired about the fee. Mr. Sposato indicated the \$20 fee was just increased to \$50. He also stated the underground storage fee obtained in the Town Clerk's office will increase from \$10 to \$25.

The other article Mr. Sposato is looking to present would restructure the pay scale of Town Clerk. Mr. Sposato stated when he was elected Town Clerk he did not know what the salary was going to be. He also does not think the decision should be made by the outgoing Town Clerk. Further discussions ensued about whether the Town Clerk should be an appointed or an elected position with a set salary. Mr. Sposato said he would be collecting data on the salary range as well as an elected vs appointed position.

On a Biagi/Connor motion, the Board unanimously voted 4-0 to approve the December abatements for capital improvement charges, residential sewer, residential trash, and residential water in the amount of \$2,723.55.

On a Connor/McNulty motion, the Board unanimously voted 4-0 to approve the January 6th minutes as submitted.

Mrs. McNulty asked if we were able to schedule Bonvie Construction for an update to the NECC project and Mrs. Allie confirmed and stated that they would be at the February 3rd BOS meeting. Mrs. McNulty also asked about Sunoco and Mrs. Allie stated she had not been provided with a recent update from the building inspector.

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Mr. Connor inquired about the School Committee Budget and there was a general discussion about the overall budget.

On a Connor/McNulty motion, the Board unanimously voted 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hilarie J. Allie". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Hilarie" being more prominent than the last name "Allie".

Hilarie J. Allie
Administrative Assistant