



Town of Bellingham

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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April 8, 2019

The April 8th meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chairman Daniel Spencer at 7:00 PM with members Michael Connor and Don Martinis in attendance.

Public Hearing – application of GameStop Inc., d/b/a GameStop #6465 for a Second Hand Dealers License, 258 Hartford Ave.

Mr. Spencer read the public hearing notice.

Brendan Misturado, the store leader in Bellingham, represented GameStop.

Mr. Spencer thanked Mr. Misturado for coming and stated that according to Detective Provost GameStop has, for the past couple of years, been reporting and following all the rules and regulations that are required of a second hand dealer license holder. Mr. Spencer asked Mr. Misturado if he had any questions or if there was anything further he wanted to add. He did not.

Mr. Spencer asked if there was anyone from the audience who wished to speak on this application with no response.

On a Martinis/Connor motion, the Board unanimously voted to close the public hearing.

On a Martinis/Conner motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve the application of GameStop Inc., d/b/a GameStop #6465 for a Second Hand Dealers License, 258 Hartford Ave.

On a Connor/Martinis motion, the Board unanimously voted to ratify the town administrator's appointments per the attached list. Under discussion, Mr. Martinis asked if the individuals appointed to the auxiliary police had to be Bellingham residents. Mr. Fraine confirmed that they do not but most of them if not all of them are and that they do spend a majority of their time in the area. This is a volunteer position and they are last to be called for detail duties.

On a Martinis/Connor motion, the Board unanimously voted to reappoint the positions on the attached list with terms of expiration listed with the exception of the Board of Registrars. The Board placed a hold on this vote in order to invite the incumbent, Sandra Tracy, and new applicant, Robert Griffin III, to come before the Board. Under discussion Mr. Connor asked if the member of the Cultural Council being reappointed was a Bellingham resident and it was confirmed that she was indeed a Bellingham resident.

On a Connor/Martinis motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve the March 9th and March 25th minutes as submitted.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Fraine will be requesting an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss contract negotiations.

Mr. Fraine stated Secretary Kennealy, Secretary of Housing and Economic Development, will be visiting Bellingham on April 23rd at 10AM. They will be discussing different options of upgrading the Town Center and the potential of securing a grant to help with a project of this type.

Mr. Fraine also stated that the final stages of the construction at the Maple Street and Route 140 intersection will be underway soon. At the contractor's request, in order to move this project along, most of the work that is needed in the right of way will be done at night. A message to residents regarding this work will be sent out soon.

Mr. Connor asked the Board for an update on the meeting that he missed with the BOH where the sales of drug paraphernalia were discussed. Mr. Spencer reported that there isn't a whole lot that can be done. The tobacco agent explained at the meeting that the sale of drug paraphernalia is governed by Chapter 94C of the General Laws and restriction used to be widely enforced until the use of recreational marijuana was approved by the state of Massachusetts. She advised that we can't restrict the sale of these accessories now. However, they are interchangeable with tobacco use and she suggested that the BOH add regulations on the sale of such items to reflect the minimum age requirement of 21 and that signs be put up reflecting the same. She said the BOH could also stipulate this will be a part of their sting operations. Mr. Connor asked about the sale of CBD oil and the Board responded that it too is legal but the BOH should be aware of which stores are selling it. Mr. Connor asked if we could bring these stores with liquor licenses in at time of renewal so they can discuss this issue with them.

In response to the concern Mr. Martinis mentioned at the last Board meeting with regards to the telephone pole in front of the home at the corner of Hartford Ave and Maple Street, Mr. Fraine stated that there will be a new pole going up in front of that existing pole for added protection.

Mr. Martinis stated he would like to reopen discussions of constructing a dog park in Bellingham. He stated the Town has a small amount of funding from a grant and that this needs to get done. When the Town was originally discussing to put this project at the softball complex, he understood the concerns the Bellingham Softball Association had with losing valuable parking spaces at their tournaments but now thinks a dog park at the softball facility would be beneficial to that community. Major updates at that site are desperately needed and this could be the way to get them done. Mr. Fraine mentioned as a possibility a parcel at another location on High Street as well as the one the Lobisser group proposed but that one would be years away from happening and having it so close to a residential neighborhood might not be the best idea.

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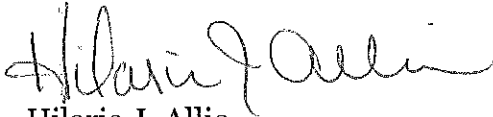
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He will look at other sites for the Board. Mr. Martinis stated he does not own a dog but this is something he strongly believes should happen and would like the Board's support.

Mr. Fraine requested an executive session with the Board to discuss ongoing contract negotiations. Members of the Board were polled with all voting in the affirmative.

On a Connor/Martinis motion, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM and noted they would not return to open session at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Hilarie J. Allie".

Hilarie J. Allie
Administrative Assistant