



Town of Bellingham

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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December 4, 2023

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 Mrs. Odabashian. Also actively participating in the meeting was Interim Town Administrator Denis Fraine and Administrative Assistant Hilarie Allie. This meeting was accessible to the public either in-person, via the Zoom online option or ABMI Cable TV.

Public Hearing – on the petition of Verizon and National Grid for plan number 30839488 to relocate one JO Pole on P29 Cross Street at #25. Beginning at a point approximately 15 feet North of the centerline of the intersection of Center Street and continuing approximately 20 feet in a West direction. The Planning Board requested the relocation of P28 West 20 feet towards P29, 40 feet class 3 pole removed by Verizon and installed by National Grid. Reconfiguring of entrance to URD. Also, for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the mentioned public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as the petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

Mr. Connor opened the public hearing and welcomed Mr. Michael Frasier from National Grid. Unfortunately Mr. Frasier's audio on Zoom was not working. Mr. Connor explained to the audience the pole was being relocated as a result of a new development in that area. Mr. Connor asked if there were any questions from the Board or the audience to which no one responded.

On an Odabashian/Hennessy motion the Board unanimously voted 4-0 to close the public hearing.

On an Odabashian/Hennessy motion the Board voted 4-0 to approve the petition of Verizon and National Grid to go forward with the work described in plan number 30839488.

Appointment of DPW Project Manager

Mr. Fraine explained that Mr. Chris Seariac has been working for the Town for 5 years as a foreman managing the construction crews. A recent resignation has opened up the position of Project Manager and Mr. Fraine is recommending the Board appoint Mr. Chris Seariac as Project Manager. Mr. Fraine stated Mr. Seariac would be a perfect fit. Mr. Riedle agreed with Mr. Fraine's recommendation and stated that Mr. Seariac's experience, dedication and commitment to the Town makes him the perfect candidate for this position.

On a Hennessy/Sahin motion, the Board unanimously voted 4-0 to appoint Chris Seariac as Project Manager of the Department of Public Works.

Board of Assessors Interview

Mr. Fraine stated Ms. Susan Silva has come before the Board as recommended by the Town Assessor to join the Board of Assessors. She has been working for the Town in the Treasurer Collectors office for 5 years and is interested in joining the Board of Assessors.

Mrs. Silva stated that she enjoys working with Ms. Cournoyer and enjoys the research that goes along with the responsibilities. Mr. Fraine stated in order for Ms. Silva to receive the stipend that goes along with being a board member the Select Board must designate the Board of Assessors as a Special Municipal Employee.

On an Odabashian/Hennessy motion the Board unanimously voted 4-0 to appointment Ms. Susan Silva to the Board of Assessors to fill an unexpired term.

On an Odabashian/Hennessy motion the Board unanimously voted 4-0 to designate the Board of Assessors as Special Municipal Employee status.

Fire Department – Tower Truck Update

Chief Miller and Deputy Milot joined the Board to provide an update on an incident that occurred over the weekend. Chief Miller explained the tower truck was involved in a serious accident on Friday December 1st but luckily no injuries occurred. He stated the vehicle is out of service until further notice and they would be relying on mutual aid for the time being. Mr. Sahin asked if the truck was totaled or if it would be repaired. Chief Miller stated they were waiting to hear from the insurance company. Mr. Connor stated the Town has full replacement cost if the vehicle is deemed a total loss.

Flag Policy

Mr. Fraine presented to the Board a Flag Policy that he was recommending they adopt. The policy would allow for only the flags listed in the policy to be flown on Town property. Mr. Connor asked why the policy excluded school property and Mr. Fraine stated the school committee has jurisdiction over the school grounds. The policy will be available for review on the Town website or at the Municipal Center.

On a Hennessy/Odabashian motion the Board unanimously voted 4-0 to adopt the Flag Policy as presented for all Town-owned buildings.

Devlin's – Corporate Name Change

Mrs. Allie explained Elizabeth Devlin was changing the name of the corporation that holds the liquor license for Devlin's Tavern from Devlin's Tavern to Liz's Tavern. A vote and approval of the Board was required before submitting the paperwork to the ABCC.

On a Hennessy/Sahin motion the Board unanimously voted 4-0 to approve the corporate name change from Devlin's Tavern to Liz's Tavern.

Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure – Beech Street

On a Connor/Sahin motion the Board unanimously voted 4-0 that pursuant to the vote under Article 12 of the November 15, 2023 Annual Fall Town Meeting and the provisions of G.L. c.60, §77C, to accept, for general municipal purposes and for the purpose of disposition, a deed in lieu of foreclosure from Paul R. Compton to property located on Beech Street, Bellingham, and identified on Assessor's Map 4 as Parcel 33, and to execute an acceptance of deed and any and all other documents necessary or convenient to accomplish said acquisition.

Abatements

On an Odabashian/Hennessy motion the Board unanimously voted 4-0 to approve the October capital improvement, sewer, stormwater, trash and water abatement charges in the amount of \$2,097.20.

Minutes

On an Odabashian/Hennessy motion the Board unanimously voted 4-0 to approve the November 6th, November 20th and November 28th of 2023 minutes as submitted.

Annual License Renewals

On an Odabashian/Hennessy motion the Board unanimously voted 4-0 to approve the licenses listed on the sheet presented by Mrs. Allie (please see attached to these minutes) pending completion of all building and/or fire inspections, and that all outstanding taxes or other applicable charges have been paid to the treasurer collector's office.

New Business

Mr. Hennessy brought up some traffic concerns that have been circling on social media. He stated he has had a conversation with the safety officer and these will be addressed at the first Traffic Committee meeting but most concerning was an issue happening on Depot Street where the Best Buy warehouse is located. He stated tractor trailer trucks have been idling on Depot Street as they wait to enter the facility and it has become a safety issue. Chief Fitzgerald has been made aware of this and has contacted Best Buy management. Mr. Aicardi stated he would touch base with Chief Fitzgerald and also get involved with enforcement. Mr. Fraine will follow up with the situation and report back to the Board with an update.

Mr. Sahin proposed Select Board office hours and thought maybe one or two members could arrive early before a Select Board meeting to address the concerns of the residents and any issue could then be brought up under New Business that same evening. Mr. Fraine also suggested that Select Board members attend coffee hour at the Senior Center.

Town Administrator Report

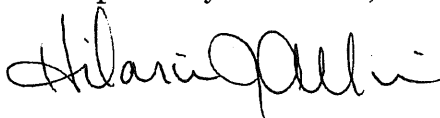
Mr. Fraine stated the new CFO would be starting on a part time basis this month as she transitions from her previous employer.

He stated that Ms. Cornell-Smith has organized an Open Meeting Law training with KP Law that will take place on Wednesday December 6th and all Board and Committee members are encouraged to participate. He stated the training would be recorded and available for viewing on the Town's website.

Mr. Fraine stated that on Saturday the 16th of December at 10am, the Bellingham Memorial and Veterans Day Committee will be holding a Wreath Ceremony at the Town Common and welcomed anyone to attend.

On a Hennessy/Odabashian motion, the Board unanimously voted 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Hilarie J. Allie
Administrative Assistant

Permit Renewals for Year Beginning 2024

AUTO:

Class II Used Car License

- AutoBrite Co. (Fred MacLellan), 41A Rose Ave. Ext.
- Bellingham Auto Sales, 6 Blackstone Street
- Bellingham Imports, 172 Mendon St.
- Cameron Auto Sales & Equipment Leasing, 311 Farm St.
- J. White's Automotive, 75 Mechanic St.
- Lake Street Auto Sales & Service, 1201 Pulaski Blvd.
- Maple Street Auto Sales, 146 Maple St.
- Marty's Auto Service, Inc., 46 North Main St.
- Metro West Auto, 478 Hartford Ave.
- Milford Auto Mall, 1380 Pulaski Blvd.
- Nice Rides, 106 Mendon St.
- Patriot Auto Body, 341 Pulaski Blvd.
- Picard's Auto Service, 15 Pulaski Blvd.
- Roy's Auto Body, 135 Bellingham St.
- Stockton & Sons Service Center, 176 Farm St.
- ThunderMist Auto Sales, 351 Pulaski Blvd.
- Todd's Motorcycles, 134-140 Mendon St.
- Zazza's Auto Sales, 20 Central Blvd.

Leo's Used Auto Parts, 237 Farm Street

- Class III

John's Used Autos & Parts, 85 Hartford Ave

- Class III

Copart of Connecticut, 189 Mendon Street

- Class II
- Class III
- Auctioneer License

Common Victualler License

- Barnes & Noble, 270 Hartford Ave.
- Blackhawk Pizza, 829 So. Main St.
- Breakfast Nook, 770 South Main St.
- Chevy's Ice Cream, 191 Pulaski Blvd.
- Dunkin' Donuts, 207 Mechanic St.
- Dunkin' Donuts, 189 Hartford Ave.
- Dunkin' Donuts, 300 Hartford Ave.
- Dunkin' Donuts, 815 South Main St.
- Dunkin' Donuts, 20 Pulaski Blvd.
- Fusion Express, 191A Mechanic St.
- Honey Dew Donuts, 288 Pulaski Blvd.
- Italian Pizza & Grill, 131 Pulaski Blvd.
- McDonald's Corp., 272 Hartford Ave.
- Mak's Roast Beef & Pizza, 431 Pulaski Blvd.
- Moe's Bellingham, 270 Hartford Ave.
- Pam's Diner, 93 Mechanic St.
- Pizza Queen, 54 Pulaski Blvd.
- Plum Tomato, 108 Mechanic St.
- Primo Pizza, 191 Mechanic St., Unit #3
- Rosewood Restaurant, 445 Hartford Ave.
- Rusty Lantern, 310 Pulaski Blvd.
- Subway Sandwich Shop c/o Wal-Mart, 250 Hartford Ave.
- Subway Sandwich Shop, 207 Mechanic St.
- The Perfect Blend, 15 North Main Street, Unit C-15
- Town Pizza, 15 Mechanic St.
- Veg M, 799 South Main St.
- Whole Foods Market, 255 Hartford Ave.

Bulk Storage Permit

- 2 William Way
- 31 Maple Street
- 37 Maple Street
- 80,82,84 Hartford Ave
- 92 Depot Street
- 125 Depot Street
- 139 Farm Street
- 151 Maple Street
- 176 Farm Street
- 187 Farm Street
- 190 Farm Street
- 200 Center Street
- 235 Maple Street
- 299 Farm Street
- 375 Center Street
- 441 Pulaski Blvd
- 599 South Main Street

Second Hand Dealers License

- Cash For Gold, 316 Hartford Ave
- CoinCo, Inc., d/b/a American Historic Coins & Collectibles, 15 North Main Street
- JCAC Enterprises, d/b/a Resellables, 163 Mendon Street
- Marshall's Jewelers, 191 Mechanic Street, Unit #8

MISC:

Countryside Motel, 115 Mechanic Street

- Motel License

Trudel's Auction Gallery

- Permit to Operate
- Auctioneer's License

Package Store All Alcohol

- Denny's Liquors, 110 Pulaski Blvd
- Field's Wine & Spirits, 116 Mechanic Street, Unit 4 & 5
- Gateway Liquors, 3 Mechanic Street
- Larry's Liquors, 264 North Main Street
- Ernie's Liquors, 191 Mechanic Street, Suite 6A
- Star Wine & Spirit, 280 Hartford Ave
- Vet's Package Store, 240 South Main Street

Package Store Beer/Wine

- Bobs Bake N Beverage, 220 Pulaski Blvd
- VB Variety, 417 Pulaski Blvd
- Bellingham Beer & Wine, 20 North Main Street
- Penguin Convenience Store, 829 South Main Street
- Cumberland Farms, 297 Pulaski Blvd

Hilltop Farms, 201 Pulaski Blvd

- Package Store Beer/Wine &
- Exterior Redemption Vending Machines

RESTAURANTS:

Arigna Irish Pub and Coal Fire Kitchen – 799 South Main Street

- Restaurant All Alcohol
- Common Victualler
- Automatic Amusement
- Weekday Entertainment
- Sunday Entertainment

Bamboo Express – 15 North Main Street

- Restaurant All Alcohol
- Common Victualler

Beef Barn – 160 Pulaski Blvd

- Restaurant All Alcohol
- Common Victualler

Bellingham House of Pizza & Pub, Inc. – 442 Hartford Ave

- Restaurant All Alcohol
- Common Victualler

Bellingham Palace Pizza – 90 Pulaski Blvd

- Restaurant Beer/Wine
- Common Victualler

Bellingham Sportsman's Club – 360 Lake Street

- Club All Alcohol
- Common Victualler
- Weekday Entertainment
- Automatic Amusement
- Sunday Entertainment

Chili's Grill & Bar – 257 Hartford Ave

- Restaurant All Alcohol
- Common Victualler

Coachmen's Lodge – 273 Wrentham Road

- Restaurant All Alcohol
- Common Victualler
- Weekday Entertainment
- Sunday Entertainment

Devlin's Tavern – 15 North Main Street, Units C-10 & C-11

- Restaurant All Alcohol
- Common Victualler
- Weekday Entertainment
- Sunday Entertainment

Famous House of Pizza – 40 North Street

- Restaurant Beer/Wine
- Common Victualler

Grumpy's Restaurant, 190 Pulaski Blvd

- Restaurant All Alcohol
- Common Victualler
- Weekday Entertainment

Lucille's Steak House, Inc. – 85 Mendon Street

- Restaurant All Alcohol
- Common Victualler

Outback Steakhouse – 275 North Main Street

- Restaurant All Alcohol
- Common Victualler

PJ's Bar & Grill, Inc. – 191 Mechanic Street, Unit #9

- Restaurant All Alcohol
- Common Victualler
- Weekday Entertainment

Regal Entertainment – 259 Hartford Ave

- Restaurant All Alcohol
- Common Victualler
- Permit to Exhibit Motion Pictures
- Automatic Amusement

Sol De Mexico Bar and Grill, LLC, 191 Mechanic Street, Unit #1

- Restaurant All Alcohol
- Common Victualler
- Weekday Entertainment

Thai Chada – 52 Pulaski Blvd

- Restaurant All Alcohol
- Common Victualler

Uno Restaurants, LLC – 205 Hartford Ave

- Restaurant All Alcohol
- Common Victualler
- Weekday Entertainment

Urban Air – 189 Mechanic Street

- Restaurant Beer/Wine
- Common Victualler
- Automatic Amusement

VFW – 940 South Main Street

- Club All Alcohol
- Common Victualler
- Weekday Entertainment
- Automatic Amusement
- Sunday Entertainment

Vohn's Restaurant – 633 Pulaski Blvd

- Restaurant Beer/Wine w/ Cordials
- Common Victualler