



Town of Bellingham

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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The Selectboard meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Don Martinis. All Board members with the exception of Mr. Sahin were in attendance and participating in the Arcand Meeting Room. Also actively participating in the meeting was Town Administrator Denis Fraine and Administrative Assistant Hilarie Allie. This meeting was accessible to the public either in-person or via the Zoom online option.

Public Hearing – Application of 799 Restaurant LLC DBA Arigna Irish Pub & Coal Fire Kitchen, Ryan Blaney, Mgr. for the transfer of the Restaurant All Alcohol & Common Victualler License from JPM Management LLC. Also, an application is being made for a Weekday & Sunday Entertainment and an Automatic Amusement License. Premises is located at 799 South Main Street Suite 4.

Mr. Martinis read the public hearing and welcomed Attorney Scott Ambler as well as the proposed on site manager and manager of the LLC, Ryan Blaney. Mr. Blaney stated the Arigna concept started in 2015 when they opened their first location and then in 2018 they opened their second location in North Providence. Mr. Blaney stated the restaurants have a premium sports bar atmosphere with live acoustic and small type music entertainment. Mr. Blaney has 25 years of experience in the restaurant industry starting out as a chef and worked his way through the ranks. Attorney Ambler stated all necessary documents have been presented to the Board with the exception of the Department of Revenue Certificate of Compliance that must be provided by the current sellers of Rock n Coal. Attorney Ambler indicated he spoke to the Clarks, and they plan to have that final requirement next week. Attorney Ambler explained the Clarks also have a small personal property tax balance and they will take care of that in the morning. Mr. Martinis asked about the Automatic Amusement License. Mr. Blaney stated the game room will be similar to what is there now but once they are in the location, they will have a better concept of how things are situated. He stated it will definitely be reduced in size as the back portion of the room will be used for storage.

Mr. Martinis asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on behalf of the public hearing to which no one responded.

On a McNulty/Grant motion the Board unanimously voted 4-0 to close the Public Hearing.

On a McNulty/Grant motion the Board unanimously voted 4-0 to conditionally approve, upon receiving the Certificate of Tax Compliance from the Department of Revenue, the transfer of the Restaurant All Alcohol & Common Victualler License from JPM Management LLC to 799 Restaurant LLC DBA Arigna Irish Pub & Coal Fire Kitchen as well as approve a new Weekday & Sunday Entertainment and Automatic Amusement License pending all outstanding taxes with the Town have been paid. The hours of operation will be 11:00AM to 1:00AM. The premises is located at 799 South Main Street Suite 4.

On a McNulty/Grant motion the Board unanimously voted 4-0 to approve the FY22 Fiscal Year End Transfers as presented by the CFO. Please see attached for details.

Gifts/Grants Acceptance

On a Grant/Connor 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
2730	\$42,884.00	MHOA (Mass Health Officers Assoc)	<i>Electronic sign board (COVID related funding)</i>	Health Agent
4021	\$417k over 17 years, Est \$24k per year starting FY22-FY38	Attorney General's Office	<i>Statewide Opioid Settlement; to be used for prevention, harm reduction, treatment and recovery aspects</i>	Town Administrator

On a McNulty/Connor motion the Board unanimously voted 4-0 to award Contract 2022-RRHA3, Residual Removal Hartford Ave Filtration Plant to the low bidder Synagro Northeast, LLC of Baltimore, MD in the amount of \$335,000.

On a McNulty/Connor motion the Board unanimously voted 4-0 to allow the DPW to dispose of the list of old and surplus equipment on the attached list as presented by the DPW Director. Please see attached.

On a Grant/McNulty motion the Board unanimously voted 4-0 to approve the June 6th minutes as presented.

On a Grant/Connor motion the Board unanimously voted 4-0 to ratify the Town Administrator's appointments per the attached list. Under discussion Mr. Fraine stated that Jack Walsh will be retiring as the Weights and Measures Inspector and his replacement will be an individual who recently retired as a state inspector. The transition should go smoothly.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Fraine announced that the Town received numerous Covid-19 test kits from the State and they are available for free to the residents. They can be picked up either at the Town Hall or the library.

Mr. Fraine stated he as a result of the recent water ban the stand pipes had great recovery. Mr. Fraine stated he and Mrs. Cornell-Smith conducted interviews and received proposals from three assessment centers that will be helping with the recruitment of a new police chief. It just so happened that the assessment center with the best proposal was the least expensive. The cost will be \$5,900 and then \$2,000 for every five candidates after the first five and the Town has budgeted \$20,000 for the entire process.

Mr. Fraine stated they conduct the interviews much like a civil service exam but the assessment center will score them and then send them back to civil service and civil service will give the Town the results. Mr. Fraine stated it is a well defined process. He will have the firm Zoom in at an upcoming meeting so the Board can meet them and hear about the process.

Mr. Fraine asked the Board to approve an extension for the Host Community Agreement the Town has with Frozen4. Mr. Aicardi continues to do inspections and they hope to be up and running soon.

On a Grant/McNulty motion the Board unanimously voted 4-0 to approve the extension of Frozen4 to December 2023.

On a McNulty/Grant motion the Board unanimously voted 4-0 to approve the Memorial and Veteran's Day Committee Members on the attached list.

Mr. Connor asked if the project list could be on the agenda of every meeting going forward. Mrs. Allie stated she could do that and Mr. Fraine stated Mr. Marano would be at the July 11th meeting to provide an update on a few items on that list.

Mr. Connor asked what time liquor stores needed to close. Mrs. Allie stated she would provide the Board with the correct information after she did some research. (Side note: "Any holder of a license under § 15 Package Store/Supermarket/Convenience Store shall be permitted to make sales in accordance with the terms of his license at any time between 8AM and 11PM, or between 8AM and 11:30PM on any day immediately preceding a legal holiday. A § 15 Package Store/Supermarket/Convenience Store licensee chooses the hours of sale on a Sunday, so as long as the sales do not commence before 10AM and conclude no later than 11PM, or 11:30PM on a day before a legal holiday.")

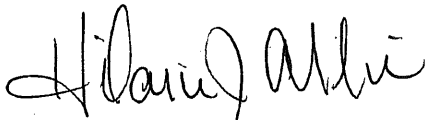
Mr. Connor made a statement about the bad press the Town is receiving on social media regarding the quality of the water. Mr. Fraine stated that one sample from one test at one particular time showed an issue with TTHM and the DEP requires the Town notify the residents for an entire year and spells out exactly what needs to be said in the letters from the Town. Mr. Martinis went out to say that the EPA standards are so high, they themselves don't think they can test to those standards.

Mr. Martinis recognized some members of the planning board who were in attendance at the meeting including Chairman of the Planning Board Mr. Bill O'Connell as well as Mr. Rob Lussier, associate member of the Planning Board. Mr. Lussier addressed the Board and stated he was under the impression that the Board would be discussing the Hartford Ave re-zoning under Old Business. Mr. Connor explained the Department of Transportation held a public hearing for the individuals living at Rawson Road down to the bridge. Certain residents would be losing sections of their properties due to takings by eminent domain and at the end of the meeting there was some suggestion that those individuals would be seeking re-zoning at a future Town Meeting as their properties would be more valuable as commercial instead of residential.

Bellingham Days is set for August 11th – 13th. There will be a golf tournament Thursday, the carnival will be Thursday night, Friday night and all day Saturday. There will be a cornhole tournament on Saturday along with a beer and food tent and fireworks. The library received a cultural arts grant for a concert and they will have it Friday night during Bellingham Days. It will be on the stage located behind the football field. Please check the website for details.

On a McNulty/Grant motion, the Board unanimously voted 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 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