

MINUTES – SELECTMEN’S MEETING

Friday, June 5, 2020

Remote Meeting

Participants: Michael G. Bradley, Chairman; Christopher R. Rohland; Joseph E. Kelleher; Michael A. Maresco, Town Administrator

Mr. Bradley moved, seconded by Mr. Rohland, to open the meeting at 2:00 p.m. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Kelleher - aye.

Mr. Bradley made a personal statement regarding police brutality and the recent events in Minneapolis involving Mr. George Floyd. Mr. Bradley said that he supports the right to free speech and the right to peacefully protest. Mr. Rohland agreed that there is no excuse for what happened to Mr. Floyd and said that he also supports the right to free speech and the right to peacefully protest. Mr. Kelleher said that he was horrified watching the murder of George Floyd and added his support of the right to free speech and peaceful protests. Mr. Bradley also took a moment to note that June is Pride Month and the Board expressed their support for the LGBTQ community.

Council on Aging – Restarting Bus Service – Mike Bradley said that he has been told that they can restart this service safely with social distancing and masks. Chris Rohland said that he has no concerns. Joe Kelleher said that he spoke with Michael Maresco about this and supports the reopening whole heartedly. Michael Maresco gave some details on how the service works, and said that Carol Hamilton has put a great plan together. Mr. Maresco said that everyone on the bus, including the driver, will wear a mask and social distancing will be practiced. Mike Bradley moved, seconded by Chris Rohland, to approve this request. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland –aye; Mr. Kelleher – aye.

Outdoor Seating Permits – Michael Bradley said that 14 restaurants have applied to serve food and alcoholic beverages outside, these restaurants do not currently have outdoor seating or wish to increase the amount of outdoor seating specified on their license as allowed under COVID-19 Executive Order No. 35 issued by Governor Baker on June 1, 2020. Mr. Bradley read the list of applicants as follows:

- Green Harbor Yacht Club
- Marshfield Lodge of Elks
- Polcari’s Bridgway Inn
- The Jetty
- Rafferty’s Pub
- Cask ‘n Flagon
- Mamma Mia’s Restaurant
- Roht Marine
- Fairview Inn & Restaurant
- Station Eight
- The Point
- The Marsh
- Marshfield Yacht Club
- Green Harbor Golf Club

Joe Kelleher noted that The Jetty currently has a lawsuit pending from neighbors and asked if there should be a contingency attached to this permit. Robert Galvin said this will be a good opportunity for the restaurant to show that they can operate outside without disturbing their neighbors. Michael Maresco noted that there will be no outdoor entertainment without a separate entertainment license. Mike Bradley moved, seconded by Chris Rohland, to grant Temporary Outdoor Seating Food and Beverage Permits to these locations under Executive Order No. 35, contingent on approval by Board of Health, Building Department, Fire and Police. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland –aye; Mr. Kelleher – aye.

Michael Bradley said that 5 restaurants without liquor licenses have applied to serve food and non-alcoholic beverages outside. Mr. Bradley read the list of applicants as follows:

- Mae’s Sandwich Shop
- Sweet Frog Fozen Yogurt
- The Corner Café
- The Hop
- The Chef’s Table

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After a brief discussion, Mike Bradley moved, seconded by Chris Rohland, to grant Temporary Outdoor Seating Food and Beverage Permits to these locations under Executive Order No. 35, contingent on approval by Board of Health, Building Department, Fire and Police. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland –aye; Mr. Kelleher – aye.

Robert Galvin noted that some locations have not submitted site plans yet, and recommended that the Board vote to authorize one person to approve site plans when they are received. Mike Bradley moved, seconded by Chris Rohland, to authorize Mike Bradley to approve site plans for restaurants seeking permits for outdoor seating. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland –aye; Mr. Kelleher – aye.

Mike Bradley moved, seconded by Chris Rohland, to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 p.m. The vote was unanimous. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bradley – aye; Mr. Rohland – aye; Mr. Kelleher – aye. There was no executive session held.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Burke

The following documents and exhibits were presented at the meeting: list of restaurants applying for Temporary Outdoor Seating Food/Beverage Permits issued under COVID-19 Executive Order No. 35.