

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Via MS Teams

June 9, 2020, 6:00 pm
Diana Szynal, Chair
Approved: September 8, 2020

Present: Selectmen Brian Moriarty, Edmund Jaworski, Diana Szynal, Marlene Michonski, Town Administrator

Selectman Szynal called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and read the public participation policy.

Announcements

Selectman Szynal reminded that Annual Town Meeting would be at 6pm, one week from tonight at the Lions Club Pavilion. Residents were reminded to bring chairs and bug spray.

Town elections are June 23 with polls open from 7am to 8pm. Information is on the website.

Selectman Moriarty – this year there is voter by mail. Any group or organization holding an event over the next few months or anyone planning to continue with such plans must give communicate those plans to the Board of Health. Please let the Board of Health know events that are cancelled or postponed. Selectman Szynal said groups can get advice from the Board of Health.

No one was present for public forum.

HR policy

Ms. Michonski recommended 1 change in 1st paragraph of Section 26, Performance evaluation.

Selectman Moriarty moved to accept performance evaluation Section 26 as presented. Selectman Jaworski seconded. The motion was approved.

Public Hearing – Fitzgeralds of Hatfield dba Fish Tales Bar & Grill

Selectman Szynal read the hearing notice.

Present were Frank Caruso, attorney for Fishtales and owner, Michael Fitzgerald.

Mr. Caruso informed the Board of Mr. Fitzgerald's request to alter the premises to provide space for outdoor dining. A plan for outdoor dining has also been submitted to the Board.

Michael Hogan, resident, gave an account of not being given adequate notice of the hearing.

Selectman Szynal asked for other comments, reminding meeting attendants that the hearing was concerning the liquor license.

After comment from Board members, Mr. Caruso and Mr. Hogan, Selectman Szynal asked if anyone else had any comments. It was noted that no other people in town have expressed any concern. Selectman Szynal thanked participants and closed the hearing at 6:34pm

Selectman Szynal moved to grant the application of Fitzgeralds of Hatfield dba Fish Tales Bar & Grill for a change of premises. Selectman Moriarty seconded. Selectman Jaworski said he hoped the music would be tasteful. Selectman Szynal said there are elderly residents across the street and hopes he proceeds with that in mind. Selectman Szynal thanked Mr. Hogan for coming forward. Mr. Caruso and Mr. Fitzgerald thanked the Board.

Melanson Heath Contract Renewal-

Ms. Michonski wants to follow up with Melanson Heath about being part of the development of the annual budget. She thinks it's important that the accountant has input as the budget is being developed. Selectman Szynal said they are part of our financial team.

Solect Energy Pilot agreement-

Mr. Shortsleeve informed Ms. Michonski that due to regulations they are still in a holding pattern on this project which was supposed to take off last summer. Town meeting authorized the agreement between the school and Solect energy. Ms. Michonski recommended the PILOT agreement. Selectman Moriarty moved to agree to the PILOT agreement as proposed, and to enter into the pilot with Solect Energy. Selectman Jaworski seconded. The motion was approved.

Under old business Selectman Jaworski clarified that the Memorial Town Hall renovation project did not go over budget by 25%. It had appeared that way because of accounting. Selectman Szynal thanked Selectman Jaworski for his explanation.

Selectman Moriarty moved to adjourn. Selectman Jaworski seconded. The motion was approved and the meeting ended at 6:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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