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MINUTES OF MEETING

Memorial Room, Town Hall, 577 Bay Road

August 26, 2021

Selectmen Present at Town Hall: Chair William Olson, Jamie Knudsen, and Rosemary Kennedy

Selectmen Present Online: Darcy Dale

Selectmen Absent: Shawn Farrell

Town Manager: Joe Domelowicz Jr.

*The Board of Selectmen/*Selectboard meeting was held at Town Hall with an online/Zoom option offered.*

Call to Order – Memorial Room/Pledge of Allegiance

Chair William Olson called the Board of Selectmen (BOS), *informally known as the Selectboard*, to order at 6:03 p.m. and took a roll call. Mr. Olson, Rosemary Kennedy, and Jamie Knudsen were present at Town Hall; Darcy Dale attended remotely. Shawn Farrell was absent.

• **Request for One-Day Liquor License for Myopia Hunt Club—Discuss and Vote**

Decision:

Ms. Dale made a motion that the BOS vote in the affirmative for a one-day liquor license for Myopia Hunt Club. Ms. Kennedy seconded the motion.

Further Discussion:

Ms. Dale commented on BOS concerns last week regarding another liquor license, one for a private party. She noted that, in the case of the Myopia Hunt Club, a responsible caterer was hired with the necessary insurance. Ms. Kennedy said she saw no issues with the license for Myopia. Mr. Olson agreed. Mr. Knudsen had no further comment.

Decision (Continued):

A roll-call vote was taken with “ayes” from Ms. Kennedy, Ms. Dale, Mr. Knudsen, and Mr. Olson, (4-0) unanimous among those present.

Decision #2:

Ms. Dale made a motion that the BOS/Selectboard revisit its vote from last week regarding the liquor license for the private party at the Patton Homestead. For liability purposes, she said she wanted to change her vote unless the applicant hired an outside bartender with the proper license and experience. [*Note: The applicant has a TIPS (Training and Intervention Procedure for Services of alcohol) certification and was planning to serve the drinks himself.]

Further Discussion:

Mr. Olson said the item was not on the agenda. He said nowhere in the Town policy did it say that the BOS couldn't allow a citizen with a TIPS certification to apply for a special license.

Town Manager Joe Domelowicz said that once a vote is taken, anyone on the winning side may ask for a reconsideration.

Discussion ensued about the appropriateness of the BOS issuing the one-day liquor license to the applicant for the private party. Ms. Kennedy (who had abstained from the vote last week) pointed out that the Town policy follows that of the ABCC (Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission), which addresses issuing licenses to the following "enterprises": a for-profit company, a nonprofit company, and an educational institution. She noted the word "enterprise" is used and nothing is said about granting a license to a private individual.

Decision (Continued):

Ms. Dale amended her motion and moved that the BOS pick a date to meet after they hear from Town Counsel with a possible re-vote on the one-day liquor license from a week ago. Ms. Kennedy seconded the motion. A roll-call vote was taken with "ayes" from Ms. Kennedy, Ms. Dale, Mr. Knudsen, and Mr. Olson, (4-0) unanimous among those present.

Mr. Domelowicz said he would reach out to Town Counsel as well as the applicant. Ms. Kennedy stressed that the action taken was not against any individual, but was for the protection of the citizens and Town. A meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 31, at 6 p.m. to continue the discussion.

Adjournment

Ms. Dale made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m. Mr. Knudsen seconded the motion. A roll-call vote was taken with "ayes" from Ms. Kennedy, Mr. Knudsen, Ms. Dale, and Mr. Olson, (4-0) unanimous among those present.

Respectfully submitted as approved at the 10/18/21 meeting.

Prepared by:

Mary Alice Cookson, 10/18/2021

Mary Alice Cookson
Minutes Secretary

Date

Attest:

Darcy Dale, 10-19-2021

Darcy Dale
Board of Selectmen Clerk

Date

Documents Discussed at Meeting:

- Myopia Hunt Club one-day liquor license application

