



BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

HYBRID MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023

6:30 PM

SELECTMEN'S CHAMBERS, ROOM 34

566 Washington Street, Norwood, MA

BOARD PRESENT: Matthew Lane, Robert Donnelly, William Plasko, Amanda Grow, Michael Saad

BOARD ABSENT: none

RECORDING SECRETARY: Jess Jozwik

1. Warrant Signature Update

Submitting notification of reviewed and approved Warrant Reports, signed by the Board's representative.

Motion to file

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Amanda Grow

Aye Amanda Grow, Michael Saad, Matthew Lane,
Robert Donnelly, and William Plasko

Carried 5-0

2. Meeting Minutes for approval of the Board

2.1 Meeting minutes of June 27, 2023

Motion to approve

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: Michael Saad

Aye Amanda Grow, Michael Saad, Matthew Lane,

3. Appointments

3.1 6:35 Boch Fund Presentation

Representatives from Boch Automotive presenting a donation to the Board.

Mr. Michael Clemmy of the Boch family presented a donation to the Town, known as the Boch Fund, to the Board, and the Board thanked him for the generous donation.

3.2 7:00 PM Public Hearing: Hometown Arcade

Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood by Harvey's 1UP Arcade, LLC dba Hometown Arcade, Matthew Snow, Manager of Record for a new club all alcohol beverage license, under Section 12, Chapter 138 and Chapter 140 of the Massachusetts General Laws as amended, for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises of 61 Endicott Street, Building 26A, Norwood, Massachusetts. Description of premises is as follows: Building is one story with two rooms. Square footage of the building is 3,732 square feet. There is an additional 1,500 square feet of outdoor space.

Mr. Matthew Snow, his wife Shelly Snow, and business partner Chris Brown came before the Board and explained their business to the Board, as a family entertainment business, and spoke about their hours, seating, capacity.

Selectman Saad expressed concern about traffic, because this is a residential area.

Selectman Plasko was concerned with the lack of seating and other details not shown on the floor plan. He also expressed concern about the lack of food service, noting that the Board has always required food services to be available with alcohol. Mr. Snow said they will have a food truck on site whenever they are open. Selectman Plasko did not believe this met the requirement. Selectman Plasko also questioned

if they intended outside service. They replied yes. It was pointed out the application says 1,500 sq feet but again the plan shows no details. Selectman Plasko questioned the days of operation, noting that they were asking for seven days a week, but their lease only allowed use Friday, Saturday and Sunday, as the Landlord knows that the zoning only allows for these three days, which is why the lease is so specific. Selectman Donnelly asked about the hours the bar would be open, and they indicated they would operate the bar would be open no earlier than noon. There was no public comment.

Motion to close the hearing

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: Michael Saad

Aye Amanda Grow, Michael Saad, Matthew Lane,
Robert Donnelly, and William Plasko

Carried 5-0

Motion to deny this application was made on the grounds that after public hearing the board finds that the application does not show sufficient facts to determine it meets a Public Need or Common Good, that the application had deficiencies particularly the floor plan and did not show how they would control liquor operation, and it did not include food service to be provided on the premises.

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Michael Saad

Aye Amanda Grow, Michael Saad, Matthew Lane,
Robert Donnelly, and William Plasko

Carried 5-0

On the motion Amanda Grow stated that she agreed the application had deficiencies, but if they reapplied with a better application she would not be against their concept.

3.3 **7:15 PM Public Hearing : Tipico Salvadoreno 2**

Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for an All Alcoholic Beverages License for Antojitos Romero, LLC, dba Tipico Salvadoreno 2, 514 Washington Street, Norwood, Massachusetts, Lidia Romero, Manager of Record, under Section 12, Chapter 138 and Chapter 140 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended for the sale of All Alcoholic Beverages to be drunk on the premises of 514 Washington Street, Norwood, Massachusetts. Description of premises is as follows: consists of ground floor space with an area of approximately 1,750 square feet, divided into two main rooms, one consisting of an area with tables and seating for eat-in patrons and an open area used for cutomers waiting for seating or take-out orders and for food preparation, and the other room having food preparation areas, coolers and storage.

Mr. Hern of Gelerman and Cabral, LLC, introduced himself, the Manager Lidia Romero and her business partner, and explained the business that is in the "old Soko location" in central Norwood, and he explained that they were hopeful that this would bring in more customers, and enhance the experience of a night out. Selectman Plasko asked about where the service of alcohol would be, and Mr. Hern clarified it will be table service only. The seating capacity is 16. Alcohol would be served lunch and dinner only.

There was no public comment.

Motion to close the hearing

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: Amanda Grow

Motion to deny this application was made on the grounds that after public hearing the board finds that the application does not show sufficient facts to determine it meets a Public Need or Common Good, and was not appropriate to be issued at this time.

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Robert Donnelly

Aye Amanda Grow, Michael Saad, Matthew Lane,
Robert Donnelly, and William Plasko

Carried 5-0

3.4 **7:30 PM - Public Hearing: Prieto Empanada II**

Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for an All Alcoholic Beverages License for Prieto Empanada II Inc., dba Prieto Empanada II, 111 Lenox Street, Norwood, Massachusetts, Jose Pimentel, Manager of Record, under Section 12, Chapter 138 and Chapter 140 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, for the sale of All Alcoholic Beverages to be drunk on the premises of 111 Lenox Street, Norwood, Massachusetts. Description of premises is as follows: 1,750 square feet of space on one floor with lobby, counters, kitchen, office, and a work area. There is a seating capacity for 24. One exit and one entrance.

Jose Pimentel, introduced himself and his accountant, and explained the concept behind the empanada restaurant, and his experience running a restaurant and why he was applying for a liquor license. Selectman Plasko cited incomplete floor plan and the vague description of premises. The restaurant is flexible about when they can start serving alcohol.

There was no public comment.

Motion to close the hearing

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: Amanda Grow

Aye Amanda Grow, Michael Saad, Matthew Lane,
Robert Donnelly, and William Plasko

Carried 5-0

Motion to deny this application was made on the grounds that after public hearing the board finds that the application does not show sufficient facts to determine it meets a Public Need or Common Good, and the application was not descriptive

enough.

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: William Plasko

Aye Amanda Grow, Michael Saad, Matthew Lane,
Robert Donnelly, and William Plasko

Carried 5-0

3.5

4. New Business

4.1 Liquor License Transfer: Verahi, Inc to Norwood Citgo

Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for transfer of the Retail Wine and Malt Beverage Package Goods Store License, and Change of Location from Verahi, Inc., dba Convenient Food Mart to Fuel Source, Inc. dba Norwood Citgo, Manager of Record, George Saba, under Section 15, Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, for the sale of Wine and Malt Beverages, not to be drunk on the premises of 960 Boston Providence Turnpike, Norwood, Massachusetts. Description of the premises is as follows: One story building having an open sales floor, clerk's counter, handicapped bathroom, two additional bathrooms, two built-in coolers, a storage closet, an office, one additional room, and shelving for the display of goods for sale.

Continued from previous meeting.

Chairman Lane clarified that he did review the public hearing at the previous meeting where he was not in attendance. He gave some history on this license and similar applications in the recent past.

Motion to approve the transfer application

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: Amanda Grow

Aye Amanda Grow, Matthew Lane, and Robert Donnelly

Nay Michael Saad and William Plasko

Carried 3-2

4.2 **Possible Sewer Connection with Sharon via Sunrise Assisted Living**

Submitting information about possible sewer connection with the Town of Sharon.

Mr. Mark Ryan of the DPW shared that the Town of Sharon would like to connect sewer lines via a new assisted living facility that is being built there. He has submitted recommendations in a memo. Mr. Donnelly clarified that the final agreement would have to be approved by the Selectmen.

Motion to authorize the General Manager and Mr. Ryan to begin negotiations with Sunrise and the Town of Sharon for this project, subject to the final agreement be approved by the Board before it is signed and implemented.

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Robert Donnelly

Aye Amanda Grow, Michael Saad, Matthew Lane, Robert Donnelly, and William Plasko

Carried 5-0

4.3 **Grant of Location: FM Global**

Submitting Grant of Location for approval of the Board for the construction at the FM Global site.

Motion to approve the grant of location to FM Global for the detailed improvements with the site plan approval of the with the condition that Pleasant Street be repaired to the satisfaction of the Town.

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Amanda Grow

Carried

The Board was joined by Brian Benson, representing construction manager, Scott Turner, Civil engineer, and Mark Ryan.

Mr. Turner explained, with a short presentation, what the intentions were for the site, and the proposed project, approved by the Planning Board, with a significant amount of site improvements. They need permission to do work on a right-of-way area. Mr. Ryan reviewed the process for this project's approval and that he and his department support this request. Mr. Plasko asked Town Council for advice, and he said this grant of location would be appropriate, but listed a few other options.

4.4 **National Grid Paving Donation**

Submitting donation intended for paving from National Grid.

Mr. Ryan explained that this is the typical process for National Grid making improvements.

Motion to accept this donation for the intended purpose

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: William Plasko

Carried

4.5 **One Day Liquor Request: Ron Marshalsea Trade Scholarship fundraiser**

Submitting request for a one day liquor license for the Ron Marshalsea Trade Scholarship fundraiser to be held on Saturday, August 19th, 2023 from 12 PM until 4 PM with 100 guests expected in the field and lot near their 152 Winslow Street location.

Motion to approve

Moved by: Michael Saad
Seconded by: Amanda Grow

Carried

4.6 **One Day Liquor Request: Hometown Arcade First Responder's Night**

Submitting request for a one day liquor permit for a Norwood First Responders Appreciation Night on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, from 5:00pm until 9:00pm with 200 guests expected at their 61 Endicott Street Location.

Motion to approve

Moved by: William Plasko
Seconded by: Amanda Grow

Carried

4.7 **One Day Liquor Request: Norwood Portuguese Club**

Submitting request from Norwood Portuguese Club for a one-day liquor permit for July 24th, 2023 for a party at their 1090 Washington Street location from 6 PM until 12:00 AM with 85 guests expected.

Motion to approve

Moved by: Robert Donnelly
Seconded by: Michael Saad

Carried

4.8 **One Day Liquor Request: Castle Island**

Submitting request(s) for a one day liquor license for three separate Pop Up Beer Garden Events scheduled for August 2, 2023, August 16th, 2023 and August 27th, 2023 during the Summer Concert Series located near the Town Common with approximately 100 people expected.

Motion to approve all three events

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Michael Saad

Carried

4.9 **One Day Liquor Request: St. Catherine's**

Submitting request for a one day liquor license for St. Catherine's Home and School Association for their Back to School BBQ, on Saturday, September 9, 2023, from 5:00pm until 9:00pm in their back parking lot/field of 259 Nahatan Street location with under 500 guests expected.

Motion to approve

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: Amanda Grow

Carried

4.10 **Town Common Request: Norwood Recreation Department Paint Night**

Submitting request for use of the Town Common for a Paint Night on August 14th, 2023 from 6 PM until 7:00 PM.

Motion to approve

Moved by: Amanda Grow

Seconded by: Michael Saad

4.11 **Town Common Request: Reschedule of Arabic Baptist Church event**

Submitting request to reschedule their event which was cancelled due to rain to July 30, 2023

Motion to approve with condition that they end the event by 4:30pm

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: Michael Saad

Carried

4.12 **Park Use Request: Father Macs for Birthday**

Submitting request for use of Father Mac's for a birthday party on July 29th, 2023 from 2 PM until 6 PM with 40 guests expected.

Motion to approve

Moved by: Michael Saad

Seconded by: Amanda Grow

Carried

4.13 **Carol MacLeay - Appointment to Council on Aging**

Submitting application for appointment to the Council on Aging for the seat recently vacated by Ted Mulvehill.

Motion to approve

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: William Plasko

Carried

4.14 **LATE AGENDA ITEM: Community Preservation Committee Appointment**

Appointment of Parks Commission Representative to the Community Preservation Committee.

Motion to appoint Mr. Lane to the Community Preservation committee as the representative of the Board of Selectmen as Park Commissioners.

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: Michael Saad

Carried

4.15 **Zoning Board of Appeals Associate Appointments**

For discussion and vote of the Board.

Motion to reappoint Ryan Gorman to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five year term ending in 2028

Moved by: Matthew Lane

Seconded by: Robert Donnelly

Carried

Motion to appoint Ms. Joanne Powell for a four year term as an associate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals ending in 2027

Moved by: Matthew Lane

Seconded by: William Plasko

Carried

Motion to appoint Daniel Disidoro for a three year appointment as an associate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals ending in 2026

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Robert Donnelly

Carried

Motion to appoint Matt O'Neil for a two year term as an associate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Moved by: Michael Saad

Seconded by: Amanda Grow

Carried

4.16 **Appointment of Election officers**

Submitting from town clerk Mary Lou Folan

Motion to approve appointment as indicated on the Town Clerk's memo

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: William Plasko

Carried

4.17 **Cemetery Deeds**

For signature of the Board:

Kraw-Kornack FH of 1248 Washington Street, for Lot U-55

Panagiota Koutalakis of 13 Cambridge Road, for Lot C3-250

Kelly M. Cedrone of 9 K Street, for Lot C3-248

Eileen Zoppo of 15 Overlook Avenue, Londonderry, NH for Lot C3-249

Lynne H. Flaherty of 381 Washington Street, Walpole, MA for Lot C3-251

Motion to sign

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Amanda Grow

Carried

4.18 **Town-Owned Washington Street Properties**

For discussion.

Mr. Plasko has explored options regarding the use of the structures on the properties, but he has determined there is no better use for the buildings.

Motion to direct the town to proceed with the demolition.

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Robert Donnelly

Carried

4.19 **Massachusetts Water Resource Authority Loan**

MWRA Water Bond for approval and signature of the Board

Motion to approve and sign the water resource authority loan as submitted by the treasurer.

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Robert Donnelly

Carried

4.20 **Town Meeting Dates**

For discussion and vote of the Board.

Motion to set Town Meeting for November 13, 2023 for the fall Town Meeting. Warrant articles would be due on September 26, the warrant will close and the Board will review October 10, and the Board will sign the final warrant on October 24.

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Michael Saad

5. Memoranda

Motion to file all items

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Michael Saad

Carried

5.1 **Holbrook Regional Emergency Communications Center Grant Award**

Submitting notification from HRECC regarding funding.

5.2 **Verizon Programming Change**

Submitting programming change notification.

5.3 **Norwood Police Department**

Submitting letters of recognition and appreciation.

5.4 **Middlesex Integrative Medicine Payment**

Submitting regular payment from Middlesex Integrative Medicine

5.5 **Morse House Award Letter**

Submitting letter regarding funds allocated by the Community Preservation Committee.

5.6 **Norwood Building Department**

Submitting monthly report.

6. Manager's Update

Mr. Rosen spoke about the HRECC grant in memoranda item one. He spoke about the summer events, including the July Fourth events which went well. He spoke about the summer concerts. Norwood Day is only a few months away. The recreation department camps and summer activities are well underway.

7. Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Saad had no items.

Selectman Grow spoke about the upcoming meeting and solicited ideas and shared what she and the Board would like to talk about with Rush and Rogers at the upcoming meeting.

Selectman Plasko had no items.

Selectman Donnelly thanked the people who organized the pinning ceremony for Chief Baily. He also spoke about Stormwater Committee activities.

Chairman Lane had no items.

Motion to adjourn

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: William Plasko

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