

**Selectboard
Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2019
Town Offices
Open Session
4:00 pm**

The open session of the Selectboard of the Town of Whately was called to order on May 7, 2019 at 4:20 pm by Selectboard Chair, Jonathan Edwards. Also, present were Selectboard members Fredrick Orloski and Joyce Palmer-Fortune, Town Administrator Brian Domina, and Administrative Assistant Amy Schrader.

The Board voted to approve the meeting minutes from April 24, 2019.

Comments from the public

No public comment

Public Hearings:

Eversource - petition for pole and wire locations (regulator banks) on River Road

Verizon – petition for pole and wire locations (regulator banks) on Long Plain Road

Brian stated that the Selectboard held a site visit at 3:30 pm with representatives from Eversource to look at possible locations for the proposed new poles and regulator banks. The Board and Eversource decided to pursue different locations for these installations than previously petitioned. Eversource will be submitting new petitions for these locations.

New Business

Special One Day Alcoholic Beverages License application (wine and malt beverages) from John Morin (Bikes Fight Cancer) for the premises located at 102 Christian Lane, Whately MA. The date of the planned event (charity bike ride) is June 15, 2019 –

Johnny and Meghan Morin (Bikes Fight Cancer) appeared before the Selectboard. Johnny and Meghan discussed with the Board the details of the charity bike ride event and their request to serve beer to bike ride participants and attendees at 102 Christiane Lane, Whately MA (Yankee Candle). They will be offering a free beverage for bike ride participants and attendees will be able to purchase an alcoholic beverage. Johnny and Meghan are trying to find a brewery or distributor to donate the beverages. Berkshire Brewing Company has offered their services, but nothing has been finalized. Johnny and Meghan clarified that just beer will be served at the event. The Board had a brief discussion regarding the event time, organization of the event,

event activities, and site approval. Johnny and Meghan stated that Yankee Candle has approved the site location at 102 Christian Lane. The event is scheduled from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm and the 3 bike ride routes will have staggered starting times so that participants will be returning to the event location at the same time. Johnny and Meghan stated that they anticipate the sale of alcohol to be between the hours of 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Brian suggested that the liquor license list 10:30 am as the start time to serve alcohol. Brian suggested that the same liquor license conditions apply to this event that applied to the Western Mass Mother's Day Half Marathon. Brian informed the Board that the only paperwork missing is the liquor liability insurance.

Joyce made a motion to approve the one-day liquor license application, contingent on the receipt by the Town of proof of the required liquor liability insurance and subject to the following conditions (1) the area in which alcohol is to be served shall have clearly marked boundaries and (2) the entrances/exits to the area in which alcohol is to be served shall be monitored to ensure that all alcohol stays within the designated area, with a start time of 10:30 am and an ending time of 2:00 pm for serving alcohol. Motion was seconded. All in favor.

Old Business

Town Hall Zoning Board of Appeals hearing – Brian informed the Board that the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) held their hearing on May 2nd regarding the Town Hall appeal. The ZBA discussed a possible change to the Town Hall building use policy. The Board had a brief discussion regarding the ZBA's change to section 11.3, Town Counsel's opinion, the ZBA's authority, and the Town's zoning by-law. The Board decided to wait until they receive something in writing from the ZBA to further discuss this matter.

Memorandum of Understanding with the Franklin Regional Council of Governments for the regional energy assistance planning grant Program – Brian reminded the Board of the previous discussion about this grant program. It's a regional energy assistance planning grant program. The Board signed the MOU with FRCOG allowing FRCOG to include Whately in its regional application.

Town Administrator Updates

Brian informed the Board that they have three letters in their packets from The Building Inspector regarding various zoning issues in Town. There are concerns regarding a sign, a barn, and White Birch Campground. There are some issues with White Birch Campground and the BOH has not issued a permit for the campground to open. The owners are working with the BOH and the Conservation Commission to fix some septic issues.

Brian informed the Board that the sprinkler system repair work is continuing at the Elementary School and all work is scheduled to be completed before the start of the next school year.

Brian informed the Board that there is still no news regarding the transfer of the liquor license for Castaway. Brian contacted the applicant's attorney and was told that the delay is due to a staffing shortage at the ABCC.

Brian informed the Selectboard that last week he attended a presentation by the Umass Clean Energy Corps students. The students completed an assessment of the Whately Elementary School. Brian suggested that it would be nice ask the students to make a presentation and to invite the School Committee, Selectboard, Capital Planning Committee, and the Finance Committee. The presentation included details on opportunities for energy savings with specific attention to the gymnasium ceiling, the school's roof, and boiler replacement. The Board had a brief discussion regarding CPA funds and the Green Communities grant.

With funds now appropriated at the recent Annual Town Meeting, the Town can sign the design contract for the sidewalks on Chestnut Plain Road. The Board agreed that the Town should keep the various interested stakeholders involved in this project.

Brian suggested that this would be a good time to post an ad for the new custodian position for the Town Buildings.

Jonathan made a motion to appoint Wayne Hutkoski to the Recreation Committee. Motion was seconded. All in favor.

Discuss summer meeting dates and times – The Board decided to keep their regular meeting time and schedule. Next Meeting dates are May 29th at 6:00 pm, June 12th at 6:00 pm, and June 26th at 6:00 pm

Items not anticipated within forty-eight (48) hours of the meeting.

Rich Korpiewski (resident) stated that he would like to be more involved and informed about the Town. The Board had a brief discussion regarding various Town Committees and Boards that currently have vacancies and the possibility of Rich joining one of these committees or boards. Jonathan stated that the Open Space Committee might be resurrected.

Adjourn – Jonathan made a motion to adjourn at 5:12 pm. Motion was seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Domina, Town Administrator

Document List on File in the Selectboard Office

Selectboard Meeting Minutes dated April 24, 2019

One Day Event Permit Application -Bikes Fight Cancer

Special One Day Alcoholic Beverage License Application – Bikes Fight Cancer

Franklin Regional Council of Governments – Memorandum of Understanding

Letter from Franklin Regional Council of Governments dated April 30, 2019

Letter from Franklin Regional Council of Governments dated May 1, 2019

Letter from Franklin Regional Council of Governments dated May 1, 2019

Letter from Franklin Regional Council of Governments dated April 26, 2019