

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, FEB. 16, 2021
MEETING MINUTES
VIRTUAL MEETING ROOM – 7 P.M.**

Present were Chair Jeff Cyr, Vice Chair Sarah Etelman, Member Chris Geraghty, Member Bruce Forcier, Member Andrea Miles, and Town Administrator Michael J. Sullivan.

CALL TO ORDER

Cyr called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

MINUTES

Miles motioned to approve the draft minutes of Feb 2, 2021. Geraghty seconded. Four in favor, one against (Forcier). The motioned carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Etelman – Aye

Cyr – Aye

Geraghty – Aye

Miles - Aye

Forcier – Nay

COVID-19 UPDATE

Emergency Management Director Sharon Hart said COVID-19 cases are fairly level right now.

PLANNING BOARD REFERRAL: PETITION TO AMEND ZONING MAP (280 & 286 GRANBY ROAD)

Etelman motioned to refer a petition to amend the zoning map at 280 and 286 Granby Road to the Planning Board. Miles second. All in favor.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Etelman – Aye

Cyr – Aye

Forcier – Aye

Miles - Aye

Geraghty – Aye

DANGEROUS DOG HEARING – 42 SCHOOL STREET

Cyr said the Selectboard was holding a public hearing pursuant to G.L. c. 140, 157 to determine whether a dog owned by Aisha Hiza is a dangerous or nuisance dog as defined by G. L. c. 140, 136A. He opened the hearing at 7:10 p.m.

The board discussed conditions to place on keeping the dog, as suggested by ACO McClair Mailhott, which include:

- When outside, the dog be kept in a fenced-in yard with a minimum four-foot-high fence.

- If not kept in a fenced-in yard the dog must be kept on a runner within the confines of Hiza’s yard. The runner shall be inspected and approved by the ACO or designee and shall not be more than eight feet in length. While on the runner the dog shall have access to water and food.
- The dog must remain leashed and muzzled when walked. The leash shall be comprised of a chain or other material with a minimum tensile strength of 300 pounds and shall not be more than three feet in length. The dog shall only be walked by a responsible party with the ability to maintain control over the dog.
- Hiza obtain and provide the town with proof of insurance insuring the owner or keeper of the dog against any claim, loss, damage or injury to persons, domestic animals or property resulting from the acts, whether intentional or unintentional, of the dog

It is highly suggested Hiza have the dog undergo proper training to avoid future incidents with her neighbor’s chickens or other domestic animals.

Cyr closed the hearing at 7:44 p.m.

Etelman motioned to declare the dog a “nuisance” dog. Miles seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE

- Etelman – Aye**
- Cyr – Aye**
- Forcier – Aye**
- Miles - Aye**
- Geraghty – Aye**

Etelman motioned to accept the recommendations by the ACO with the revisions of strongly advising the dog undergo training. Miles seconded. All in favor.

ROLL CALL VOTE

- Etelman – Aye**
- Cyr – Aye**
- Forcier – Aye**
- Miles - Aye**
- Geraghty – Aye**

The restrictions will officially be in place as of the date of delivery of a decision letter to Hiza.

PUBLIC HEARING: PACKAGE STORE BEER & WINE LICENSE – JANJUA BEER & WINE, 19 BRIDGE STREET

Cyr opened the hearing on Junjua’s Package Store Beer & Wine application at 7:10 p.m. The hearing began at hearing 7:45 p.m. Cyr closed the hearing at 7:50 p.m.

Miles moved to approve the Package Store Beer & Wine license application of Janjua Beer & Wine. Etelman seconded. All in favor.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Etelman – Aye

Cyr – Aye

Forcier – Aye

Miles - Aye

Geraghty – Aye

PUBLIC HEARING: CHANGE OF MANAGER – THAI PLACE, 480 GRANBY ROAD

Cyr opened the hearing on an application to change the manager at Thai Place Three to Vanwijak Eowsakul at 7:52 p.m. He closed it at 7:54 p.m.

Etelman motioned to approve the application to change the manager. Miles seconded. All favor.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Etelman – Aye

Cyr – Aye

Forcier – Aye

Miles - Aye

Geraghty – Aye

TRI ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS

Etelman motioned to appoint Marsha Chappel to a three-year term on the Council on Aging ending in 2023. Miles seconded. All in favor.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Etelman – Aye

Cyr – Aye

Forcier – Aye

Miles - Aye

Geraghty – Aye

SEASONAL POPULATION

Etelman motioned to certify that South Hadley has an increased seasonal population as of July 1, 2021 of 17,524. Miles seconded. All in favor.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Etelman – Aye

Cyr – Aye

Forcier – Aye

Miles - Aye

Geraghty – Aye

SEASONAL LIQUOR LICENSE

Etelman motioned to accept the 2021 license renewal of The Boathouse seasonal alcohol license and allow renewal upon completion of the application, submittal of all fees, completing all required inspections, and any other laws, bylaws or regulations required for issuance. Miles seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Etelman – Aye

Cyr – Aye

Forcier – Aye

Miles - Aye

Geraghty – Aye

TA SEARCH UPDATE

The job posting is open until Feb 24. The Town Administrator Screening Committee TASC will meet Feb. 25 and will officially organize.

FY22 BUDGET

Sullivan gave a verbal line-by-line budget update as outlined in packet.

TA REPORT

No members brought up any highlights for discussion. Etelman thanked Sullivan for his efforts in the decrease of the health insurance rate.

Miles said nomination papers are due to the town clerk's office by next Tuesday. They can be dropped off in the tax collector's box between town hall and the police station.

The board offered congratulations to employees Viv Price and Sarah Gmeiner who have taken on new roles as the Facilities Coordinator and Senior Center Coordinator, and welcomed Monasia Ceasar as a Health Compliance Officer.

ADJOIRN

Miles motioned to adjourn. Geraghty seconded. All in favor.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Etelman – Aye

Cyr – Aye

Forcier – Aye

Miles - Aye

Geraghty – Aye

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Maher
Executive Assistant to Administration**