

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019
MEETING MINUTES
SELECTBOARD MEETING ROOM – 7 P.M.**

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Forcier motioned to approve the draft minutes of April 12 and 16. Cyr seconded. All in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Forcier said the Bike Walk Committee is holding a trek on May 9; Dane Kane & Friends will hold a performance on May 19 at the high school as a fundraiser for the new senior center building; and the Lions Club dog show will be held May 11 at Buttery Brook Park.

CONSENT AGENDA

Forcier motioned to approve the consent agenda which included a request for a One Day Beer & Wine License on May 17 and two requests on May 18 for Willits Hollowell; a request for a One Day Beer & Wine License on May 18 for Elegant Affairs; and a request for a Multi-Date One-Day Beer & Wine License for 16 dates for The Beer Guy. Cyr seconded. All in favor.

Sullivan said if an event for which a One-Day Beer & Wine license is cancelled due to rain, the person who has requested the license must notify the Selectboard office via email within two business days of the permit date in order for a credit to be offered. If the Selectboard Office is not notified within that timeframe, a credit cannot be offered.

RESIGNATIONS

Etelman moved to accept the resignations of Allyson Garcia from the HCoG and Nancy Apple from the SEC.

SUMMER SELECTBOARD SCHEDULE

The Selectboard decided to meet on July 16 and Aug. 20.

PBE MATRIX

Sullivan said the Selectboard usually appoints two members to be tasked with creating the PBE categories. Two members will be appointed at the May 21 meeting.

RAJ LIQUORS / LEENA, INC PUBLIC HEARING

Miles opened the public hearing at 7:11 p.m. Atty Thomas Wilson represented Leena, Inc. (Hadley Mart) and said his client purchased Gagne's Package Store All Alcohol license for \$65,000 with the intent to replace their own Package Store Beer and Wine license. The client feels having the ability to sell all alcohol will enhance the business. They will surrender to the town their Package Store Beer and Wine license upon approval from the ABCC. Miles closed the hearing at 7:14 p.m. Forcier motioned to approve and send on to the ABCC the application to transfer the Package Store All Alcohol license from Raj Liquors to Leena, Inc. Cyr seconded. All in favor.

PROMISE ACT

Etelman said neighboring towns have endorsed the act prompting several South Hadley Selectboard members to consider support. The Promise Act seeks to reform how Massachusetts schools are funded, asking for a more equitable distribution of funds across the state. Etelman motioned to support the Promise Act State Senate Bill 238. Forcier seconded. All in favor. A letter of support will be sent to state representatives.

CARRY-IN POLICY REVIEW

In order to allow the current Carry-In BYOB policy to fit businesses other than restaurants, the Selectboard discussed changes to make its language broader. Members suggested striking any language specially referring to restaurants and adding "venue." At least one person in the organization must be TIPS certified. The venue must provide a business contact information form annually, and reapply for a carry-in permit annually.

TA REPORT

Sullivan said he has a renewed level of confidence the Friends of the South Hadley Dog Park will push forward and see the park comes to fruition. A final design should be submitted by the Selectboard's first meeting in June.

Cyr asked if the town has a better understanding of how the Friends changed its fundraising strategy. Forcier said some people associated with the Friends previously viewed fundraising as a sprint and not a marathon, and said donations will likely increase when construction is underway and visible. Geraghty said whatever the reorganized Friends board changed is showing some benefit as they've raised \$3,000 in the last month.

Cyr said quite a lot of work and effort went into a clean water forum the water districts held to inform residents about water quality, including advertisement to residents through their water bills mailed directly to their homes. However, only 6 or 7 participants attended, which was surprising given how interested in water quality residents had previously been in the last year. "I think the people who were there got a good education of where our water comes from and a primer on lead," said Cyr. Sullivan said the event was well done.

Sullivan said he feels the town is in good shape for the special and annual town meetings taking place tomorrow. He appreciates town meeting members coming informed about the warrant articles.

For the full Town Administrator's Report, see the May 7, 2019 packet.

ADJOURN

Forcier motioned to adjourn. Etelman seconded. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
Kristin Maher
Executive Assistant to Administration