



Board of Selectmen

Date of Meeting: Monday, June 28th, 2021
Time: 4:00 PM – 4:32 PM
Members Present: Chair Matt Mecum (Remote), Selectmen Jamie Underwood and Seth Ridinger; April Steward, Town Administrator; and Alison Mack, Administrative Assistant to the Board

The meeting commenced at 6:30 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ABCC Change of Premises Hearing: The Other Place Pub:

During the State of Emergency, the Governor allowed the Local Licensing Authorities to extend liquor licenses to outdoor dining. At that time, it was allowed 60 days after the State of Emergency that was lifted June 15th but was since extended to April 2022. Given the success of the outdoor dining at the Other Place Pub, they are looking to make this permanent.

Matt asked if Jamie or Seth have any comments. Jamie stated that it is set up well down there, and it is a protected area. Seth agreed, there are not many immediate residential homes and does not believe that there will be any noise complaints from abutters. Debbie and Marty attended the meeting. They believe that it has worked out very well for them and they appreciate the town working with them. Matt asked if there were any abutters or residents in the audience that would like to speak. No one was in attendance. Matt stated that anything that we can do to help the local businesses get back into the swing of things, it is all good all the way around for everybody.

Jamie made a motion to change the Liquor License venue of The Other Place Pub to include outdoor dining as well as liquor service. Seth Ridinger seconded. Voted all in favor. Matt: Yes, Seth: Yes, and Jamie: Yes.

At 4:05 PM, Seth made a motion to close the public hearing. Jamie seconded. Voted all in favor. Matt: Yes, Seth: Yes, and Jamie: Yes.

Pursuant to Section 19 of Chapter 20 of the Massachusetts Acts of 2021:

Jamie made a motion to vote to establish the process for the Board of Selectmen to receive and approve requests for expansion of outdoor table service, including approval of a change in the description of the licensed premises for purposes of permitting outdoor alcohol service. Seth seconded. Voted all in favor: Matt: Yes, Seth: Yes, and Jamie: Yes.

Jamie made a motion to vote to approve an extension of an earlier granted approval of the expansion of outdoor table service, including a change in the description of the licensed premises for purposes of permitting outdoor alcohol service, for The Other Place Pub, located at 71

Shrewsbury Street, Boylston, for an extended term to expire on April 1, 2022. Seth seconded. Voted all in favor. Matt: Yes, Jamie: Yes, and Seth: Yes

Jamie made a motion that we request the Town Administrator file a copy of the process with the Town Clerk and send notice of the extension of the earlier granted approval for the Other Place Pub to the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, Seth seconded. Voted all in favor. Matt: Yes, Seth: Yes, and Jamie: Yes.

Vote to set street paving schedule for 2021:

Highway Superintendent Steve Mero did some work on getting some costs on some roads in town that are needing attention. He provided a list (see meeting materials). Hobson down to Scar Hill Road need some attention but at this point he believes nothing should get done in those areas until the Water Department fixes some water lines. The last section of Cross Street – Route 170 to Linden Street and then Route 70 to the top of the hill is probably the worst part. Central Street is obviously in need of some funds; unfortunately, its quite a bit of money. He does not feel that we should focus on that this year, but instead focus on some residential work and get some of that out of the way. He asked the board if they would like to not spend money this year and put a large amount onto Central Street over the next two years. Steve recommends that this year it would be best to focus on Adams Street and Columbus; no issues with the Water District so he feels as though it would be a wise investment; residential area. It would be a full depth reclaim. Seth asked if Columbus and Adams were bad, and Steve mentioned that nothing has been done up there since it was built. Jamie mentioned that we need to start knocking off some of the residential roads. Matt asked what our overall budget was, Steve responded \$403,000. Matt stated that he feels that we should defer to what Steve thinks. A Street like Central Street, we should keep in mind over the next year or two; when these projects come in on route 140, we know we are going to have money coming in from building permits over what we would typically expect. Seth agreed and said that looking at Central Street next year works for him. April suggested that the Board ask the Water District to come in to give an update on some of the roads so that we can coordinate with them. Jamie asked when he believed they would start, and Steve responded probably September. They have an open three-year contract with MA Broken Stone so once we know, they will add us to the queue.

Seth moved to authorize the Highway Department to begin the repaving of Adams Street and Columbus Street. Jamie seconded. Voted all in favor. Matt: Yes, Jamie: Yes and Seth: Yes.

Resident Mark Antila asked what the plan for the cutouts were on Morgan Circle. Steve stated that as soon as he has time.

Vote to approve Boylston Public Library Concerts on the Common:

- Sat., August 14, 2pm - Fran Hart, Beatles Tribute Performance
- Sat., September 11, 5-7pm - New England Saxophone and Woodwind Quartet

Seth made a motion to approve the Boylston Public Library Concert on the Common for the schedule for 2021 on both Saturday August 14th and Saturday September 11th. Jamie seconded. Voted all in favor. Matt: Yes, Seth: Yes, and Jamie: Yes.

Appointments to Police Chief Search Committee:

During the first meeting, April asked the Chiefs in attendance if they would recommend anyone. They suggested to get one more town resident on the Board; Jim Wood was brought up and April reached out to him, and he was interested. They talked about what the expectations are from our board, what the process is, when the next time they would meet. They then jumped into discussion on the job ad and made a few suggestions:

- MA Certified by the Municipal Police Training Committee; post requirements from the Police Reform Bill last year
- Tweak the language: Minimum qualifications to preferred qualifications

Jamie asked why they took out the bachelor's degree in criminal justice and April stated that you can have a degree in municipal work that is just as valuable. Jamie stated that it is not a normal Chief of Police job, this is a working Chief. Seth stated it would help open the pool a little more.

Vote to amend Police Chief Job Ad:

Jamie made a motion to amend the Police Chief job ad and be posted by April Steward, Seth seconded. Voted all in favor. Matt: Yes, Seth: Yes, and Jamie: Yes.

Jamie made a motion to have the Town Administrator. April Steward post the amended job ad to the town's website, the MA website and the MA Chiefs Association; where appropriate, Seth seconded. Voted all in favor. Seth: Yes, Jamie: Yes and Matt: Yes

Jamie made a motion to appoint members Chief Laverdure, Chief Nick Monaco, Chief Mark Savasta, and resident Mr. Jim Wood to the Police Chief search committee, Seth seconded. Voted all in favor. Seth: Yes, Jamie: Yes, and Matt: Yes.

The next meeting is Thursday, August 5th.

Reappoint Tom Martiska to Cable Advisory Board:

Seth made the motion to appoint Tom Martiska for the Cable Advisory Board, Jamie seconded. Voted all in favor. Matt: Yes, Seth: Yes, and Jamie: Yes.

Reappoint Louis Burkhardt to Conservation Commission:

Jamie made a motion to appoint Louis Burkhardt to the Conservation Commission, Seth seconded. Voted all in favor. Matt: Yes, Seth: Yes, and Jamie: Yes.

Resident Mark Antila asked if there was a determination on the affordable housing at Morgan Circle. Matt stated not yet.

Seth Congratulated Tahanto Stags for their win today.

Mark Antila mentioned they painted a pickleball court down at the Center Courts. You can contact Parks and Rec or Mark Antil if you are interested in playing.

At 4:32 PM, Seth Ridinger made a motion to adjourn, Jamie seconded. Voted all in favor. Matt: Yes, Seth: Yes, and Jamie: Yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Mack, Assistant to the Board of Selectmen

Meeting Materials

Agenda

On File in the Board of Selectmen's Office