

Select Board

March 28, 2022

Present:

- Select Board: Mr. Bill Ramsey, Chair, Ms. Liz Klein, and Mr. Joseph Fisher
- Mr. Tom Mayo, Town Administrator
- Ms. Michelle Monsegur, Assistant Town Administrator for Finance
- Mr. Art Robert, Assistant Town Administrator for Operations

6:00 PM: Call to order

Mr. Ramsey called the meeting to order and read the following statement:

“This meeting is being held remotely as an alternate means of public access pursuant to an Order issued by the Governor of Massachusetts dated March 12, 2020 Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law. You are hereby advised that this meeting and all communications during this meeting may be recorded by the Town of Hingham in accordance with the Open Meeting Law. If any participant wishes to record this meeting, please notify the chair at the start of the meeting in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, § 20(f) so that the chair may inform all other participants of said recording. “
No one indicated that they were recording.

He announced that Select Board members participating in the meeting were himself, Bill Ramsey, Ms. Liz Klein, and Mr. Joseph Fisher.

Approval of Minutes

Vote: Mr. Fisher made a motion to approve the minutes dated March 23, 2023, as amended. Ms. Klein seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Inspector of Animals

Officer Leslie Badger explained that she has been acting as the Animal Inspector in the Town of Hingham for the last 15 years. In this role, she is responsible for barn and kennel inspections, quarantines for dog bites or sick animals (rabies or other diseases). In her other role as Animal Control Officer she deals with emergencies such as missing pets, injured animals, and things of a more emergent nature. The Inspector of Animals role is regulated by the State and must be approved by vote every year.

Mr. Fisher suggested that Mr. Mayo follow up with the Board of Health regarding nominations for Inspector of Animals under M.G.L. Chapter 129, Section 15.

Vote: Ms. Klein made a motion to nominate Leslie Badger as the Inspector of Animals for the Town of Hingham. Mr. Fisher seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Restaurant Common Victualler Wine & Malt Beverages License: The Patriot Cinemas

Attorney Theresa Barbadoro Koppanati, David Scott, owner of Patriot Cinemas, and Katherine Santora, proposed manager were present. Counsel for the applicant explained that the request is to serve beer and wine between the hours of noon and 11:00 PM. She felt that this request is in keeping with what some other local movie theaters are currently doing. They plan to serve canned beer/bottled beer from a secured refrigerator. Every driver's license will be scanned and a limit of 2 drinks will be allowed per person. All abutters have been notified by the applicant. There was some discussion regarding whether the applicant's landlord has approved the selling of alcohol at their location. Counsel for the applicant confirmed that they have approval and said that they would provide proof of that to the Town. Police chief, Dave Jones, reviewed the application and had no concerns. Mr. Fisher commented that he felt that movie theaters are at least as capable as restaurants in being able to meet the statutory requirements for serving beer and wine.

Ms. Ruthann Stiles, 23 Shipyard Drive, asked how the movie theater plans to make sure that people are not sharing drinks with minors. The applicant said that they regularly patrol the movie theater and plan to be vigilant about monitoring the situation. Mr. Fisher said that this approval is subject to review in one year. If there are complaints and if the theater is not able to monitor the situation appropriately, its license renewal would be subject to appropriate conditions, with the Board having the authority to deny renewal when warranted.

Vote: Mr. Fisher made a motion to approve the application for a Restaurant Common Victualler Wine & Malt Beverages License by The Patriot Cinemas, Inc., 25 Shipyard Drive, Hingham, Katherine Santora, Manager, filed with the Town of Hingham on March 2, 2023, with the following operating hours: Sunday through Saturday: 12:00 PM to 11:00 PM. This approval is subject to the submission of a valid certificate of insurance evidencing liquor legal liability insurance coverage in at least the minimum statutory amounts and the approval of the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission. Ms. Klein seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Special (One Day) license: Friends of Hingham Cemetery, Talk and Art Show by Sarah Holbrook

Mr. John Davenport, 63 Burditt Avenue, Chair of the Friends of Hingham Cemetery, explained that they plan to serve beer and wine prior to the start of and during intermission during their two upcoming events. No sale of alcohol will take place during the event. There are no rain dates for the events since they will take place indoors.

Vote: Ms. Klein made a motion to approve the request of Friends of Hingham Cemetery, Inc. for a Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages license for a Talk and Art Show by Sarah Holbrook to be held at Ames Chapel on Thursday, April 6, 2023 from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Mr. Fisher seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Special (One Day) license: Friends of Hingham Cemetery, Evening of Folk Music & Folk Rock

Vote: Mr. Fisher made a motion to approve the request of Friends of Hingham Cemetery, Inc. for a Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages license for an Evening of Folk Music and Folk Rock to be held at Ames Chapel on Saturday, April 29, 2023 from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Ms. Klein seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Special (One Day) license: Board of Trustees of the Hingham Public Library

Mr. David Mehegan, 13 Whiting Lane, Chair of the Hingham Library Board of Trustees explained that they would like are requesting a one-day beer and wine license for their upcoming fundraiser, to be held at the Library. They hope to raise funds to support the core mission of the Library. Ms. Klein thanked him for organizing a Police detail for the event. Mr. Mehegan said that they don't plan to sell more than 200 tickets and reported that the event went smoothly last year.

Vote: Ms. Klein made a motion to approve the request of the Board of Trustees of the Hingham Public Library for a Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages license for "Beyond the Books," to be held at the Hingham Public Library on Friday, April 28, 2023 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Mr. Fisher seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Agreement with The Cape and Island Corporation

Ms. Kathy Reilly, Procurement and Contracts Manager, explained that two bids were received for the Cronin Field Street Hockey Court project and the High School tennis courts project. The Cape and Island Corporation was the low bidder. She clarified that the street hockey court and the High School tennis courts were bid together, which allowed for a cost savings. Funding for the tennis courts at the High School would come from the school budget and funding for the street hockey court will be provided by

the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). Any unused funds, after the street hockey project has been completed, would be returned to the CPC.

Vote: Mr. Fisher made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the Agreement with The Cape and Island Corporation for the reconstruction of the Cronin Field Street Hockey Court in an amount not to exceed \$286,625.00. Ms. Klein seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Education and Sharing Day

Mr. Fisher said that this proclamation is being issued in memory of Rabbi Menachem Schneerson on the event of what would have been his 121st birthday. The proclamation celebrates the work of Rabbi Schneerson who was devoted to educating people worldwide and who demonstrated a profound respect for diversity, inclusiveness, and equal justice. Mr. Fisher read the proclamation, which will be signed by all three Select Board members. A Federal proclamation has also been issued in celebration of his work.

Vote: Mr. Fisher made a motion to proclaim April 2, 2023 as Education and Sharing Day in the Town of Hingham. Mr. Ramsey seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Appointments (for a list of Talent Bank Applicants, please visit [Hingham-ma.gov/SB](https://www.hingham-ma.gov/SB))

There were no appointments.

Public Comment

“The Hingham Select Board encourages community engagement and welcomes questions and comments as agenda items are discussed at the meeting. In addition, we have set aside up to fifteen minutes for public comment for items that fall under the purview of the Select Board and are not already on tonight’s agenda. If any guests wish to speak, please seek to be recognized. Once recognized, state your name and address and address your comments to the Chair. Comments will be limited to three minutes per speaker and must relate to topics within the scope of the responsibilities of the Select Board. Speakers are encouraged to present their remarks in a respectful manner and not to indulge in personalities. The Public Comment period is not a time for debate by members of the Select Board. The Select Board is not adopting or endorsing any of the comments made during the Public Comment period.”

There were no comments from the public.

Town Administrator/Select Board Reports

Mr. Robert announced that there will be a Public Information Session on Thursday, March 30, in the Sanborn Auditorium at Town Hall. The purpose will be to educate people on the items that will be discussed and voted upon at the annual Town Meeting on Monday, April 24 at 7:00 pm at the high school and at the ballot vote on Saturday, April 29. Special attention will be given to the proposed tax override.

Mr. Mayo said that the reason Mr. Mark Thorell did not attend the meeting is because he is attending an event where he is receiving a Community Impact Award from the State of Massachusetts. He has been elected by his peers as the Recreation Director who has made the most impact in his community.

Mr. Fisher reported that a Public Information Session was held at Linden Ponds last week and was very successful.

Ms. Klein announced that the Select Board members are actively responding to emails sent to the override email address, which is override@hingham-ma.gov. She also noted that the signed MOU between the Select Board, School Committee, and Advisory Committee has been posted on the website at <https://www.hingham-ma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/18020/Final-F24-28-Financial-Management-Plan?bidId=>.

Mr. Ramsey invited the community to attend the Pizzapalooza event at the High School on Wednesday, March 28 at 6:00 pm to raise money for the Hingham Special Needs Athletic Partnership (SNAP).

Vote: Mr. Ramsey made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Fisher seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM.

Documents: A complete meeting packet of supporting documentation is on file and available for public review in the Select Board office