

# Select Board

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May 24, 2022

Present:

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

## **7:00 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. “

Harbor Media was the only party recording the meeting.

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

## **Approval of Minutes**

**Vote: Mr. Fisher made a motion to approve both sets of minutes dated May 17, 2022. Ms. Klein seconded.**

## **Roll Call Vote:**

**Ms. Klein: yes**

**Mr. Fisher: yes**

**Mr. Ramsey: yes**

## **Special (One Day) License: Stellwagon Beer Company**

Mr. Michael Snowdale explained that they hope to participate in a series of four Sunset Picnics to be held by the Trustees of Reservations at the Weir River Farm during the month of June. They participated in a similar series of picnics last summer. Ms. Anne Smith-White of the Trustees of Reservations reported that the picnics were very popular last year. Police Chief Jones said that he had reviewed the application and had no concerns about the events as presented.

**Vote: Ms. Klein made a motion to approve the request for a Special (One -Day) Wine and Malt Beverages license to Michael Snowdale on behalf of Stellwagen Beer Company for the Weir River Sunset Picnics to be held on Thursday, June 2, June 9, June 16, and June 23, 2022 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Mr. Fisher seconded.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Ms. Klein: yes**

**Mr. Fisher: yes**

**Mr. Ramsey: yes**

**Special (One Day) License: Burkes Brewing Company**

Mr. Brian Burke of Burkes Brewing presented. They plan to attend and sell beer at the Summer Solstice Event at World's End. Ms. Smith-White noted that this is a family-friendly event held every year at World's End. Chief Jones reported no issues with this event as well. Ms. White-Smith said that cars would park inside the property on the hill and would not disturb the residential neighborhood. The Trustees plan to charge admittance per car.

**Vote: Mr. Fisher made a motion to approve the request for a Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages license to Brian Burke on behalf of Burkes Brewing Company, Inc. for the Summer Solstice at World's End to be held on Saturday, June 25, 2022 with a rain date of Sunday, June 26, 2022 from 5:00 pm to 9:30 pm. Ms. Klein seconded.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Ms. Klein: yes**

**Mr. Fisher: yes**

**Mr. Ramsey: yes**

**Special (One Day) License: Widowmaker Brewing Company**

Mr. Colin Foley of Widowmaker Brewing was present. He said that they plan to bring their beer truck to the Summer Solstice event at World's End. Chief Jones had reviewed the paperwork and had no concerns.

**Vote: Mr. Fisher made a motion to approve the request for a Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages license to Colin Foley on behalf of W.M Brewing Company, Inc., dba Widowmaker Brewing Company, for the Summer Solstice at World's End to be held on Saturday, June 25, 2022 with a rain date of Sunday, June 26, 2022 from 5:00 pm to 9:30 pm. Ms. Klein seconded.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Ms. Klein: yes**

**Mr. Fisher: yes**

**Mr. Ramsey: yes**

**Transfer of License: Queen Anne Wine and Spirits**

Mr. Jeff Tocchio of Drohan, Tocchio & Morgan, P.C., legal counsel for the applicant, reported that Queen Anne Wine and Spirits has recently sold their business at 32 Whiting Street and have opened a new store in the new Previte's Market in Hanover. The applicant is requesting to transfer the liquor license

from Queen Anne Wine and Spirits to Richdale Liquor. Police Chief Jones and the Select Board reviewed the application and reported no concerns.

**Vote: Ms. Klein made a motion to approve the application for a Transfer of License from A.G.T, Inc. d/b/a Queen Ann Wine and Spirits, 32 Whiting Street, Regina Marchione, Manager to RFS Store 135, Inc. d/b/a Richdale Liquor, 32 Whiting Street, Barznab Khan, Manager, filed with the Town of Hingham on April 26, 2022. This approval is subject to the approval of all applicable town boards and departments and the approval of the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission. Mr. Fisher seconded.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Ms. Klein: yes**

**Mr. Fisher: yes**

**Mr. Ramsey: yes**

**Renewal of License: Matt Chiaramonte, dba Amonte's Precious Metals, formerly known as Carson City Coins, 38 Whiting Street**

Mr. Matt Chiaramonte requested a renewal of his license to sell old or second hand metals and precious metals. Chief Jones reported that Mr. Chiaramonte has been in compliance with the reporting requirements to the Hingham Police Department and said that Mr. Chiaramonte has been very responsive to all communication from the HPD. Reporting requirements include obtaining copies of seller's identification and to report that information, along with the item's information to the Hingham Police Department. The store is also required to hold the item for a certain amount of time so that the Police Department can compare it to items that have been reported as stolen.

**Vote: Mr. Fisher made a motion to approve the renewal application to Deal in Old or Second Hand Metals and Precious Metals filed with the Town of Hingham on February 17, 2022 by Matthew Chiaramonte, doing business as Amonte's Precious Metals (formerly known as Carson City Coins), 38 Whiting Street effective May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023. Ms. Klein seconded.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Ms. Klein: yes**

**Mr. Fisher: yes**

**Mr. Ramsey: yes**

**Agreement with APC Development Group, Inc.**

Mr. Kevin Whalen, Executive Director of the SSCC, Mr. Taylor MacDonald, Project Manager, Ms. Christine Smith, Chair of the SSCC Management Committee and Ms. Kathy Riley, Procurement and Contracts Manager, were present. Mr. Whalen requested that the Select Board award the contract, in the amount of \$1,915,510, to APC Development Group, Inc. of Hanover to provide the labor, work and materials for the construction of the South Shore Country Club Maintenance Building. APC Development was the lowest qualified bidder. Mr. Whalen noted that the funds were secured with a Town Meeting vote in April 2022. As of now, the SSCC has obtained all necessary permits with the

Conservation Commission, the Historical Commission and the Planning Board. He anticipates that the site work would be done by the end of May and construction could start in late July or early August. The construction timeframe is approximately seven months.

Mr. MacDonald explained the bidding process and said that he has received very good reviews for APC from another municipality that is currently using their services. There was some additional discussion regarding the payment schedule. Mr. MacDonald said that payment would be billed on a monthly basis and would be approved by the architect. The Board also discussed penalties for work not completed as specified in the agreement. Mr. MacDonald reported that a 5-10% hold-back on payment until completion of the project and a 7% contingency have been built into the contract.

**Vote: Ms. Klein made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the Agreement with APC Development Group, Inc. to provide labor, work and materials for the construction of the South Shore Country Club Maintenance Building in an amount not to exceed \$1,915,510. Mr. Fisher seconded.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Ms. Klein: yes**

**Mr. Fisher: yes**

**Mr. Ramsey: yes**

**Call for Talent Bank Applications**

Mr. Ramsey announced that Hingham is actively seeking volunteers for Town committees through the Town's Talent Bank application process. The Select Board plans to interview volunteer candidates in June. He encouraged interested parties to contact the Select Board Office or visit [www.hingham-ma.gov/224/Select-Board](http://www.hingham-ma.gov/224/Select-Board) for more information. Mr. Fisher and Ms. Klein echoed Mr. Ramsey's comments and said that volunteering is a great way to serve the Town and a great way for residents to connect with one another.

**Appointments**

For a list of Talent Bank applicants, please visit [www.hingham-ma.gov/SB.com](http://www.hingham-ma.gov/SB.com).

**COVID-19 Update**

Mr. Art Robert gave the following update on the COVID-19 pandemic:

"The Federal Center for Disease Control (CDC) continues to determine Plymouth County's COVID-19 community level to be **High**. At this level, the CDC recommends:

- Wear a well-fitting mask indoors in public places regardless of vaccination status.
- Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and boosters.
- Follow the CDC recommendations for isolation and quarantine.
- Get tested if you have been exposed.

On May 13, we informed the community of the CDC's determination and its recommendations through our web site & posting on Town buildings.

Our COVID-19 Updates web page, updated on Mondays, includes updated data for Hingham. The following data is from 5/1 – 5/14, compared to the previous 2 week period of 4/24 – 5/7. Hingham's 14-day average incidence rate is 56.8, up from 42.3, a 34% increase from the previous week. Hingham's 14-day average positivity rate is 14.6%, up over 11.3% from the previous week. The data presented is from PCR laboratory tests not at home tests. The increase of cases could be from travel, vacations, graduations and parties this season.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) looks at the combination of three metrics to measure COVID 19 levels in our County. This data is updated weekly, on Thursdays based on new admissions and inpatient bed metrics, based on the current level of new cases per 100,000 population in the past 7 days.

We remain vigilant and will continue to monitor data and take coordinated action as needed.”

Mr. Robert added that the Senior Center is available to help those in need of assistance with transportation to vaccine 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.”**

#### **Town Administrator/Select Board Reports**

Mr. Art Robert reported that the Town would be holding a blood drive on Tuesday, May 31 from 11:00am-4:00pm at the Senior Center, located at the Town Hall at 224 Central Street. They anticipate a busy day as all donation slots are already filled.

Ms. Monsegur reported that the Town has received a \$50,000 Shared Streets and Spaces Grant for the purchase of snow removal equipment. This equipment will allow for faster snow removal on sidewalks after major storm. Specific area that could benefit from the purchase of this equipment are areas near schools, the downtown commercial district and some of the main streets in town. She thanked J.R. Frey, Randy Sylvester and Matt Cahill for securing this grant.

Mr. Fisher reminded resident that the Town will be holding the annual Memorial Day observance on Monday, May 30 at 11:00am. The service will take place outside in front of Town Hall. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be held inside Town Hall in the Sanborn Auditorium.

Mr. Ramsey announced that the next meeting of the Select Board would take place on Friday, May 27 at 10:30am.

**Vote: Mr. Fisher made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Klein seconded.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Ms. Klein: yes**

**Mr. Fisher: yes**

**Mr. Ramsey: yes**

**The meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.**

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