

Select Board

May 31, 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

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Vote: Mr. Fisher made a motion to approve the minutes dated May 24, 2022. Ms. Klein seconded.

All were in favor, 3-0

Special (One-Day) License: St. John the Evangelist

Mr. Tom Pyles, 727 Main Street, appeared on behalf of St. John's Parish. He explained that he is requesting a special one-day liquor license as part of their annual summer barbeque. Chief of Police, David Jones requested that the church should hire a police detail officer. It was noted that, in the past the guests have had no issues finding parking on the surrounding streets.

Vote: Ms. Klein made a motion to approve the request for a Special (One -Day) Wine and Malt Beverages license to Thomas Pyles on behalf of St. John the Evangelist Parish for Summerfest 2022 to be held at the St. John the Evangelist's church grounds on Sunday, June 12, 2022 with a rain date of Sunday, June 19, 2022 from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Mr. Fisher seconded.

All were in favor, 3-0

Agreement with Integrated Electrical Systems, Inc.

Ms. Kathy Reilly, Procurement and Contracts Manager for the Town of Hingham, explained that she has been approached by Corcoran Management, the building manager for the Lincoln School Apartments, for help soliciting bids through the State contract for labor, work and materials for a replacement generator at the Lincoln School Apartments. There were four bids, and Integrated Electrical Systems, Inc. was the lowest bidder. She explained that the agreement required a vote by the Select Board because the amount of the contract is over \$50,000. The Lincoln School Apartments Board of Managers has already voted to advance the contract and have budgeted for it in their Capital plan. Ms. Riley noted that, which the Town has not used their services before, the contractor has been vetted through the State. There was some additional discussing regarding the payment schedule and the cost of materials. Ms. Reilly said that the contract could be amended if there were some unforeseen supply chain issues or related price fluctuations. If that were to happen, the Board would be asked for further review.

Vote: Mr. Fisher made a motion to sign the Agreement with Integrated Electrical Systems, Inc. to provide labor, work and materials for a replacement generator at the Lincoln School Apartments in an amount not to exceed \$78,996.00. Ms. Klein seconded.

All were in favor, 3-0

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.”

Select Board and Town Administrator Reports

Mr. Art Robert provided an update on the Blood Drive, which took place today at the Senior Center from 11:00 am- 4:00 pm. All appointments were filled and he reported that it was a great success.

Mr. Tom Mayo provided the following update on the Covid-19 pandemic:

“The federal Center for Disease Control (CDC) continues to report 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.

The Town’s COVID-19 “dashboard”, on our COVID 19 Updates web page, shows:

- The following data is from 5/8 – 5/21 compared to the previous period of 5/1 – 5/14:
- Hingham’s 14-day average incidence rate is 57.7, up from 56.8, a 1.6% increase from the previous period
- Hingham’s 14-day average positivity rate is 15.2%, up from 14.6%, a 4.3% from the previous week

We believe that some of the drivers for this increase include vacation spikes and testing due to travel plans and the removal of the mask mandate on public transportation and airlines. We will continue to update the dashboard on Mondays. We remain vigilant and will continue to monitor data and take coordinated action as needed.”

Mr. Mayo added that he has been told by Hingham's Executive Health Officer that the number of positive case is beginning to trend downwards in town.

Mr. Fisher thanked all the Town officials who were involved in the Memorial Day events held at Town Hall and at Linden Ponds on Monday, May 30. He also thanked Chair Ramsey for the moving comments he provided at the event at Town Hall.

Mr. Ramsey also thanked all the folks who took part in the ceremony and those who helped to put it together, most importantly Hingham's Director of Veterans Services, Mr. Keith Jermyn. He thanked Mr. Jermyn for everything he does for the Town.

Executive Session

The Chair Stated: The Board will convene in Executive Session with the Personnel Board to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the DPW Teamsters, Local 25 Union pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, sec. 21(a)(3) because discussion in open session may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Town. The Board will not return to open session.

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.

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