

Select Board

June 8, 2021

Remote meeting via telephone conference call

Present:

- Board of Selectmen: Mr. Joseph Fisher (Chair), Mr. Bill Ramsey, and Ms. Liz Klein
- Ms. Michelle Monsegur, Assistant Town Administrator

7:00 PM: Call to order

Mr. Fisher 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. “

Mr. Fisher asked if any participants were recording the meeting. There were no responses.

Mr. Fisher also noted that the Select Board members who were participating remotely were Bill Ramsey, Liz Klein, and himself.

Approval of minutes

Vote: Mr. Ramsey made a motion to approve the minutes dated May 25, 2021. Mr. Fisher seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Vote: Ms. Klein made a motion to approve the minutes dated June 3, 2021. Mr. Ramsey seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

7:05 PM: Application for Change of Ownership Percentage Interests for Paragon Funding Group III, LLC d/b/a Wahlburgers, 19 Shipyard Drive (Ms. Klein recused herself from participating in this discussion.)

Alan McKenna, Chief Legal Officer, Wahlburgers, explained that they intend to change their ownership percentage based on an internal transaction through which the company is buying back the membership interest held by the Elizabeth Vanzura Trust. The company will redeem that interest because it holds the liquor license. He said that they are requesting approval of the liquor licensing authority for the updated ownership changes. Mr. McKenna also said that the application also shows the existing

ownership and the proposed new ownership, as well as other interests held by those entities. They would like to change the percentages held by the existing owners based upon retiring the Vanzura Trust and would not add any new owners.

Voted: Mr. Ramsey made a motion to approve the request of Paragon Funding Group III, LLC's d/b/a Wahlburgers, 19 Shipyard Drive, for a Change of Ownership percentage interests as outlined in their ABCC Application dated May 13, 2021; subject to the approval of the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission. Mr. Fisher seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Ms. Klein: abstain

Mr. Fisher: yes

Request to Transfer the Annual Entertainment License from Legal Sea Foods, LLC d/b/a Legal C Bar to LSF Hingham, LLC d/b/a Legal C Bar, 94 Derby Street

Donna Cruz, Paralegal, Legal Sea Food explained that Legal Sea Foods LLC has been bought out by LSF Hingham. She said that they are seeking approval to transfer the entertainment license from the old company to the new company. Mr. Ramsey asked when the purchase took place. Ms. Cruz noted that it took place on December 22, 2020.

Vote: Mr. Ramsey made a motion to approve the transfer of the Annual Entertainment License from Legal Sea Foods, LLC d/b/a Legal C Bar, 94 Derby Street to LSF Hingham, LLC d/b/a Legal C Bar, 94 Derby Street. Ms. Klein seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Ms. Klein: abstain

Mr. Fisher: yes

Review of an application for Outside Table Service from Locales Tacos, 6 Crow Point Lane - Request for Outside Table Service and modification of liquor license

Brian McLaughlin, Manager, explained that they are seeking an outdoor seating permit for the opening of a new restaurant. He proposed that eight parking spots on the west side of the building be converted into outdoor seating for 40 people. They plan to protect the area with jersey barriers and have received positive feedback from the neighbors. Ms. Emily Wentworth said that the Restaurant Reopening Group met to discuss the project. She noted that the group consists of representatives from the Police, Fire, Health, Building and Zoning Departments, as well as the Select Board and Special Real Estate Counsel. The group reviewed it for public safety and public health code compliance, handicapped accessibility. Ms. Wentworth noted that the Zoning Department reviewed the displacement of parking spaces to make sure that it would not affect the overall capacity of the properties in the area. She reported that no significant concerns were raised by the Restaurant Reopening Group and that their recommendations included the standard conditions that have been imposed on other outdoor table service areas. There was some additional discussion regarding the pending termination of the Governor's State of Emergency and potential modifications to existing permits. Mr. Fisher encouraged Locales Tacos and other restaurants to be proactive to take whatever steps necessary so that they can

continue operation of their outdoor table service. Ms. Wentworth also showed a map of the location of the proposed seating. She noted that, according to ABCC requirements, the patio area would be surrounded by a fence, but noted that there is also an additional seating area where alcohol would not be served.

FIRST VOTE: Mr. Ramsey made a motion that the Board approve the Outside Table Service (OTS) Application submitted by Locales Taco, LLC d/b/a Locales Tacos y Tequila in accordance with the plan attached hereto (the “Approved Plan”), as modified by the Applicant’s representations made May 26, 2021, and subject to the following conditions:

A. Site Specific Conditions:

1. Curb stops in the parking spaces displaced by the westerly OTS area may need to be removed to allow handicapped access to the building adjacent to the proposed host station. The Applicant shall request an inspection by building officials to confirm prior to opening the OTS area.

B. General Conditions:

1. Outside Table Service shall be permitted in compliance with the Approved Plan, as modified by this Approval.

2. The location, size, and layout of the OTS Premises approved herein may not be modified without further approval. Any request for modification must be submitted in writing, with detail as to the proposed modifications, to restaurantopening@hingham-ma.gov.

3. No amplified sound nor other entertainment shall be permitted in the OTS Premises.

4. In accordance with the OTS Policy, the OTS Premises shall close no later than the earlier of (i) 10:00 p.m. on Sundays - Thursdays and 11:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays or (ii) one hour after the kitchen of the establishment closes for food service.

5. Addition of amenities, such as tents or outdoor heating units, is subject to further review and approval. Requests for such amenities shall be sent in writing to restaurantopening@hingham-ma.gov.

6. Approval holder shall be responsible for regular cleaning of trash and food in the OTS Premises and shall not allow trash, food, or other nutrients to accumulate or be deposited (intentionally or unintentionally) into storm drains.

7. Approval holder shall fully comply with all applicable state and local laws, regulations, and standards, including without limitation:

(a) Town of Hingham Covid-19 Temporary Policy Regarding Restaurant Outdoor Table Service.

(b) Massachusetts COVID-19 Mandatory Workplace Safety Standards

(c) Massachusetts COVID-19 “Safety Standards and Checklist: Restaurants”

(d) ABCC Advisory Regarding Guidelines for Extension of Premises to Patio and Outdoor Areas

8. This Approval may be subject to additional public safety conditions to ensure the safety of the diners, pedestrians, and vehicles, if determined by the Town that an unsafe condition exists once Outside Table Service is in operation.

9. The establishment may be subject to periodic inspection for compliance with this Approval. Failure to comply with this Approval may result in suspension or revocation of this Approval and in fines in accordance with Massachusetts law. Ms. Klein seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

SECOND VOTE: Ms. Klein made a motion that the Board approve the request of Locales Taco, LLC d/b/a Locales Tacos y Tequila, 6 Crow Point Lane, pursuant to COVID-19 Order No. 35, to temporarily alter the Licensed Premises under Liquor License #05675-RS-0528 to expire on the date that is 60 days after the end of the State of Emergency, or the date COVID-19 Order No. 50 is modified or rescinded by State Action (as defined in the OTS Policy), whichever is earlier. Mr. Ramsey seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Approval of Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages Licenses to Mike Dyer on behalf of Untold Brewing for “The Green at Derby Street Shops,” to be offered on Friday, Saturday, and Sundays beginning on June 18, 2021 (Mike Dyer, Untold Brewing, Victoria Maguire and, & Emily Wentworth)

Sherri Shuler, WS Development Derby Street Shoppes, explained that they are looking to bring a family-friendly beer garden to the green space at the Derby Street Shoppes, located between Kohl’s and REI, on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays this summer. She said that they have received letters of support from the two largest sit-down restaurants as well as retail tenants and Hingham residents. Mr. Fisher clarified that this request is not dependent on any Covid-19 related State requirements.

Ms. Wentworth, Zoning Administrator, reported that members of the Restaurant Reopening Group have reviewed this request for public health and safety, even though it is not a request for outdoor table service. She noted that the request has also been reviewed for Zoning compliance. Her determination was that the request generally complies with Zoning as well as with parking permits issued by the Planning Board and wastewater treatment plans and permits with very minor exceptions. She noted that Zoning Board permits require a six-foot wide pathway be maintained as well as several standard conditions that are often required of community events. Because this is a new type of event, she suggested that the Select Board take a phased approach to permitting the one-day licenses. She felt that this approach would allow the Board to gauge how the events are operating so that they can evaluate if they are compatible with the surrounding businesses. Mr. Fisher agreed on approving the licenses on an incremental basis. Mike Dyer of untold Brewery cited several concerns regarding a phased approach, particularly weather closures and staffing.

There was some additional discussion regarding the food being served. Ms. Victoria Maguire of the Derby Street Shoppes said that customers could either get take-out from one of the restaurants or partake in snacks provided by the brewery. Ms. Wentworth also noted that the applicant has requested

the maximum number of special one-day liquor licenses that are allowed in a calendar year to one applicant, which is 30. There was additional discussion regarding ADA compliance. Ms. Klein reported that the Board has received many letters of support for the project from businesses in the Derby Street Shoppes. Additionally, there was conversation regarding weather-related closures and whether permits could be extended beyond the current dates presented. Mr. Fisher anticipated holding another hearing on June 29, 2021 for approval of the remaining 18 permits.

Vote: Mr. Fisher made a motion to approve the issuance of twelve (12) separate Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages Licenses to Untold Brewing, LLC (the “Applicant”) for a series of events known as “The Green at Derby Street Shops” to be held on the consecutive Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays beginning on Friday, June 18, 2021 and ending on Sunday, July 11, 2021 or such subsequent date as may be allowed by rain dates provided in the permit applications. The hours of the events shall be limited to Fridays and Saturdays from 12 pm to 9 pm and Sundays from 12 pm to 7 pm, and such licenses shall be further subject to the following conditions:

- **The event location is shown as the “The Green” located between REI and Kohls at The Derby Street Shoppes, which space is approved for use for community events by the Modified Special Permit issued by the Zoning Board of Appeals, dated August 20, 2020, issued to WSM Hingham Properties, LLC, and shown on the Restricted Use Area Plan, dated March 9, 2020 and approved in connection with the Special Permit.**
- **In order to comply with the Special Permit, the event location shall be modified in order to provide a minimum 6’-wide pathway between the rear and main parking fields.**
- **Access shall be maintained to the fire sprinkler connection on the Kohl’s building façade.**
- **All applicable permits shall be obtained from the Board of Health.**
- **The Applicant shall request, and representatives of the Hingham Restaurant Reopening Working Group shall conduct, an inspection prior to the first event date.**

Mr. Ramsey seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

To file a petition with the General Court to amend the Town Administrator Special Act (Chapter 263 of the Acts of 2016) to replace the words “Board of Selectmen” with “Select Board” in accordance with 2021 Annual Town Meeting Article 21

Ms. Monsegur explained that this agenda item follows up on action taken by the Annual Town Meeting to change the term “Selectmen” to “Select Board” in the Town of Hingham Bylaws, in the Town Administrator Special Act and in other Town documents and communications, as well as to use more gender-neutral terms going forward. The Town Meeting Article authorized the Select Board to file a petition with the State Legislature to change the Town Administrator’s Special Act, so an additional action

beyond the Town Meeting vote is required to make this change. The Town Administrator's Office would take care of submitting the necessary documents to the State Representatives to get that process started.

Vote: Ms. Klein made a motion to file a petition with the General Court to amend the Town Administrator Special Act (Chapter 263 of the Acts of 2016) to replace the words "Board of Selectmen" with "Select Board" in accordance with 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 21. Mr. Ramsey seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

To proclaim June 2021 as Pride Month in the Town of Hingham

Mr. Fisher made some remarks regarding Pride Month including the following: "Pride month is celebrated annually in June to honor the 1969 Stonewall Riots and works to achieve equal justice and equal opportunity for persons who identify as lesbian, gay, bi, trans, queer, or questioning plus. Memorials are held this month for those members of the community who have been lost to hate crimes or HIV/AIDS. One of the purposes of the commemorative month of June is to recognize the impact that LGBTQ+ individuals have had on history locally, nationally, and internationally."

Ms. Klein also made the following remarks: Pride Month "is a time for honoring those who have bravely fought for equality for LGBTQ+ people over many years. It is a time for celebrating our LGBTQ+ neighbors who make our community a better place and recognizing the progress we have made as a society. It is a time to embrace and affirm our LGBTQ+ community. This particular June we remember that 52 years ago, the uprising at the stone wall in New York City sparked a movement, a call to action, and that continues to inspire us to live up to our nation's promise of liberty and justice for all. This June we also celebrate the anniversary of Boston Pride and we mark, with sadness, the 40th anniversary of the AIDS epidemic in the United States, which affected so many in the LGBTQ+ community. This Pride Month 2021, the Select Board affirms our commitment to uphold the dignity of all people. We will reaffirm our commitment every June and pledge to take action every day of every month until every member of our community feels welcome, included, and respected for who they are.

Mr. Ramsey echoed the words of his colleagues and said that it is wonderful to see all the Pride flags on display around Hingham and to see all of the support for the local Pride Project.

The Select Board read the following proclamation:

*Hingham Select Board
Lesbian Gay Bi Trans Queer or Questioning Plus (LGBTQ+) Pride Month Proclamation*

Whereas, Hingham is a community that values diversity and inclusion, and is committed to equal rights and opportunities for all its residents; and

Whereas, Hingham recognizes the important contributions of its LGBTQ+ residents to the Town's history, culture, economy, and civic life; and

Whereas, June 28, 2021 marks the 52nd anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, an event that gave rise to the beginning of the Gay Rights Movement in the United States; and

*Whereas, June is now recognized across the country and in the Commonwealth as Pride Month; and
Whereas, we celebrate the accomplishments of the LGBTQ+ community towards securing important rights and freedoms, often through struggle and adversity; and*

Whereas, we remain vigilant against continued oppression and discrimination against the LGBTQ+ community, and against any new political efforts to overturn these accomplishments; and

Whereas, we affirm our support for our LGBTQ+ residents, including our students and our employees, vendors, and visitors and stand with them to protect their civil rights and ability to live openly without fear; and

Whereas, we congratulate the members of the Hingham Pride Project for their efforts to increase LGBTQ+ visibility and to support LGBTQ+ citizens, particularly our LGBTQ+ youth, through the distribution of over 4,000 Pride flags to individuals, families, and organizations throughout Hingham; and

Whereas, we acknowledge the important efforts of the Hingham School Committee, the School Department leadership, teachers and staff to support our LGBTQ+ students and to help all students meet core educational competencies that prioritize social-emotional learning, health and safety and respect for others;

Now, therefore, we the Select Board of the Town of Hingham, do hereby proclaim June 2021 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

Voted this 8th day of June 2021.

*Joseph M. Fisher, Chair
William C. Ramsey
Elizabeth F. Klein*

Vote: Mr. Fisher made a motion to proclaim June 2021 as Pride Month in the Town of Hingham. Mr. Ramsey seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Update on South Shore Country Club Maintenance Facility Project

Mr. Kevin Whalen, Executive Director of the SSCC, Chris Rotti, the designer, Taylor McDonald, the Owner's Project Manager, and Christine Smith, Chair of the Country Club Management Committee and

Town Engineer J.R. Frey were present. Mr. Whalen provided an update on the SSCC maintenance facility project. He said that the project has been scaled down to a 7,000 sf maintenance building. He reported that, due to rising construction costs, it has been difficult to keep the project within the \$2.2 million budget that had been approved by the 2020 Annual Town Meeting. He noted that the replacement of a maintenance facility is an emergency project. After consulting with the Town Administrator, Mr. Whalen requested that the Board approve moving forward with the project with the following conditions:

- The project would be split in half.
- Site work would be completed first.
- Bidding would take place in January or February to allow construction markets and material costs to stabilize.

He said that they might need to ask Town Meeting for additional funds. He also noted that interest rates are currently more favorable than when the project costs were projected and the financial position of the Country Club is significantly better than a few years ago.

Mr. McDonald clarified the two phases as follows:

- Phase 1a: completion of site work
- Phase 1b: construction of the building

He said that these two phases would allow the project to continue moving forward while avoiding additional materials and construction costs. Ms. Monsegur said that the Town Administration is confident in Kevin, his team and their approach to the project. Mr. Ramsey felt that this was the correct approach to the project. Ms. Klein agreed and asked for clarification on the project's timeline. Mr. McDonald said that the site work would take place between June and August and that Phase 1b would take place after a fall Town Meeting. Mr. Whalen anticipated that most of the work would take place during the Club's off-season. Mr. Fisher also felt that this was the best approach.

To authorize the Town Administrator or the Assistant Town Administrator to sign the Seventh Amendment of Lease Agreement with Vista Verde Corp. for the restaurant at South Shore Country Club

Mr. Whalen explained that the seventh amendment to the lease would allow the company that leases the restaurant and function space another three months of rent relief that they are currently allowed. This additional relief would be in effect for three more months. He said that the restaurant would have to pay a minimum of \$2,650, no matter their revenue. He reported that they have been busy and did not anticipate a situation where they would pay only the minimum amount.

Vote: Mr. Ramsey made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator or the Assistant Town Administrator to sign the Seventh Amendment of Lease Agreement with Vista Verde Corp. for the restaurant at South Shore Country Club. Ms. Klein seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Assistant Harbormaster Appointments (Candidates: Ryan Baring, Joseph Chase, John Crenier, Drew Galinauskas, Daniel Martini, Chris Salinas, and Darius Varmahmoodi)

Harbormaster Ken Corson explained that he relies on part-time seasonal Assistant Harbormasters to aid with waterways management and to provide law enforcement, fire, rescue, and first aid services on Hingham's waterways, islands and shorefronts. He reported that he received seven candidates and based his recommendations on their education, training experience, boating knowledge and other qualifications. All seven candidates have successfully completed the hiring process, which included an interview, a background check, psychological exam and a physical exam. He added that there are currently eight Assistant Harbormasters who are at various stages of their three-year term. After completing this process, Mr. Corson recommended the appointment of the candidates for a three-year term. Mr. Fisher asked if the hiring of three candidates would be consistent with the Town's budget. Mr. Corson said that they would not go exceed the budgeted amount for these positions.

Voted: Ms. Klein made a motion to appoint Ryan Baring, Joseph Chase, John Crenier, Drew Galinauskas, Daniel Martini, Chris Salinas and Darius Varahmoodi as Assistant Harbormasters for a three-year term ending June 30, 2024. Mr. Ramsey seconded.

Roll Call Vote:**Mr. Ramsey: yes****Ms. Klein: yes****Mr. Fisher: yes****Special Police Officer Appointments (Candidates: David Horte and Steven Wohlgemuth)**

Chief David Jones explained that they have two more appointments as Special Police Officers for a term ending in April 2022. David Horte is a retired full-time Police Officer with the Town of Hingham, where he served for well over thirty years, retiring as a Seargent. Steve Wohlgemuth is a retired State Police Sargent, who is a current defensive tactics instructor for the State and a current firearms instructor for the State. He also serves on the State Board for firearms instructors. Chief Jones felt they would be an asset to the Town. Chief Jones also noted that Special Police Officers assist with large-scale events, such as the Fourth of July Parade, as well as with construction or security details. He noted that these appointments were within the HPD budget.

Vote: Mr. Ramsey made a motion to appoint David Horte and Steven Wohlgemuth as Special Police Officers for the Town of Hingham for a term ending April 30, 2022. Ms. Klein seconded.

Roll Call Vote:**Mr. Ramsey: yes****Ms. Klein: yes****Mr. Fisher: yes****COVID-19 Update**

Ms. Monsegur gave the following report on the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic:

COVID-19 Data

As of today, confirmed COVID-19 cases in Massachusetts totaled 662,343. The 7-day average of new COVID-19 cases in the state has been trending downward since early April. The statewide positivity rate

is down to 0.52% and the 7-day average of confirmed deaths from COVID-19 has dropped to 4.5 from a peak of around 175. According to public health data from the MA Department of Public Health (DPH) released last week, the Town's designation is now "grey" for the first time, indicating 10 or fewer new cases. There have been 6 new cases of COVID-19 in Hingham over the past 14 days, and a total of 1,965 cases in Hingham since the start of the pandemic. The average daily incidence rate for the Town of Hingham dropped to 1.8 per 100,000 residents, and our percent positivity rate was 0.46% for the previous 14 days.

Vaccine Rollout

According to DPH's daily COVID-19 vaccine report, over 3.8 million people in Massachusetts have been fully vaccinated as of today. Vermont and Massachusetts continue to lead the way nationwide in terms of percent of the population that is fully vaccinated, [according to Johns Hopkins University](#), with MA at almost 53%. As of last week, over 59% of Hingham residents have been fully vaccinated. A few notes on particular age groups:

- The Hingham Health Department and School Department worked together to organize vaccination clinics with the state at Hingham High School and Hingham Middle School in recent weeks to successfully vaccinate over 400 students age 12 and up.
- 67% of Hingham residents ages 16-19 are fully vaccinated.
- However, our Health Department noticed that the vaccination rate of Hingham residents age 75+ has started to lag behind the state average. 69% of Hingham residents 75+ are fully vaccinated compared to 90% of this age group at the state level. Our Health and Elder Services staff are working together to get messages out to our seniors to ensure they know where and how to access the COVID-19 vaccine. Local options include CVS and Walgreens locations in Hingham as well as the Hingham Center Pharmacy. The state's mobile vaccine program is also an option. Residents looking for help accessing the COVID-19 vaccine should call the state's Vaccination Central Intake Line at 833-983-0485. They can also contact our Senior Center staff at 781-804-2292.

Reopening & Public Meetings

On June 1st, Town Hall and the Senior Center returned to full in-person staffing. On Monday, June 14th, Town Hall and Town Offices, the Senior Center, and the Recreation Department's Fitness Room will reopen to the public. Unvaccinated individuals should continue wearing face masks and practicing social distancing when accessing municipal facilities. Doing so will help protect themselves and others from COVID-19. On June 1st, Hingham public library opened to the public during daytime hours. On Monday, June 14th, Hingham Public Library will return to a normal operating schedule and will resume evening hours. Please visit the Library's website at <https://www.hinghamlibrary.org/> for more reopening details and guidelines. As we reported at the last meeting, Governor Baker filed a bill on May 25, 2021 to extend provisions related to the Open Meeting Law allowing public bodies to temporarily continue to meet remotely through the summer. As of today, that legislation has not yet been approved. We understand from our state officials that it may not be approved before the state of emergency is lifted next Tuesday, June 15th. Starting Tuesday, June 15th, all boards/committees should be prepared to resume meeting 100% in person unless otherwise notified by our office. We are conducting a technology review to assess our capability to potentially conduct "hybrid" meetings in the future, should the Select Board choose to adopt this option under the current provisions of the Open Meeting Law.

Mr. Fisher clarified that, starting on June 15, unless there is additional legislation, all meetings that are subject to the Open Meeting Law will be required to meet in person. Meetings should be posted as meeting in person and if it turns out that the legislation acts in a timely manner, those notices could be updated. He also questioned whether additional outreach should be made to seniors who need help with vaccinations. Ms. Monsegur noted that the Senior Center is working on several different methods to connect with seniors who need to be vaccinated. Ms. Klein noted that she would follow up with Jennifer Young from the Senior Center.

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

Ms. Fisher made the following remarks: “Last Friday, June 4th, was a sad day for Massachusetts law enforcement in the city of Worcester. Police Officer Manny Familia tragically drowned in the line of duty while valiantly attempting to save the life of a 14-year-old boy who was drowning in a large pond. Both the boy and the officer lost their lives. Closer to home, in Braintree, Police Officers as well as a canine responded to a domestic violence call, which immediately shifted to a fleeing fugitive situation in the adjoining woods. Police Officers were ambushed and fired upon by the suspect, resulting with two officers shot multiple times. Officer Matthew Donahue was released from the hospital after undergoing surgery. The other officer who was shot, Billy Cushing, is still hospitalized but is expected to fully recover from his injuries. A Braintree Police Canine kit and the suspect died of the injuries they suffered in the exchange of gunfire. These incidents are a reminder that we should not take for granted the service of our Public Safety officers. The risks they face are real. They deserve our support and our respect. Thank you.”

Ms. Klein reported that she had recently attended the meeting of the Hingham Downtown Association. She said that “Springham” at the Historical Society was a big success. The Downtown Association is currently celebrating the Hingham High School seniors in various ways, posting their pictures in shop windows, etc. The downtown merchants are also preparing for the Fourth of July Parade and summer sidewalk sales. Ms. Klein also reported that the entire Board was pleased to attend the Hingham High School graduation. She also reported that she continues to meet with various department heads at Town Hall and is grateful for everyone who has been giving her tours and spending time with her.

Mr. Ramsey reported that the Memorial Day Ceremony was a big success. He thanked Mr. Fisher and Colonel Retired Anderson for their great remarks at the ceremony. He felt that the Town was lucky to

have Sr. Chief Keith Jermyn in charge of the Veterans Affairs and thanked him for an impressive ceremony.

Mr. Ramsey also thanked all the volunteers who help with youth sports in Town. He reported that he had the pleasure of serving as an assistant coach and was thankful to all the coaches for providing some normalcy to the kids during the pandemic.

He also reported that a bear named “BooBoo” has been seen in Scituate and Cohasset and is approaching Wompatuck State Park. He encouraged residents to be vigilant while walking in the park. Mr. Fisher added that the Police have posted guidance on how residents should interact with the bear.

Mr. Fisher also reported that the Board is conducting Talent Bank interviews in the next several weeks. He encouraged residents to access the Talent Bank application at www.hingham-ma.org.

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

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

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