

Select Board

August 24, 2021

Remote meeting via telephone conference call

Present:

- Select Board: 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 August 9, 2021. Ms. Klein seconded

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Vote: Ms. Klein made a motion to approve the minutes dated August 10, 2021. Mr. Ramsey seconded

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Signage at Bare Cove Park

Mr. Mayo reported that the Bare Cove Park Committee has been working to make the signage for the dog-walking program more intuitive and clear for visitors. Lauren Murphy, member of the Bare Cove Park Committee, explained that their goal was to make the signage more legible and easier for visitors to understand. She said that they have been working on two projects. The first is an update to the main park sign. Currently there are some park rules listed on the current sign and some others listed on the website. The new sign consolidates these rules into one spot. Ms. Murphy showed the Select Board

some pictures of the current park signs as well as the new proposed signs. The proposed new sign contains the following additions:

- The current acreage of the park
- The park's logo
- A QR code that will direct visitors to the Bare Cove Park website for more information

Ms. Murphy explained that the second project they have been working on are signs to be displayed along the Sheltry Path entrance. She noted that dogs must be on-leash at all times in the area between the Sheltry Path entrance and the yellow line in the park. She noted that the committee has received some feedback from neighbors of the park that there are many unleashed dogs within this area. The Committee has created new, clearer signage to reflect the dog-walking rules. The proposed new sign also contains a QR code that directs visitors to the off-leash program. An additional new sign also directs dog-walkers to the off-leash dog-walking rules and calls attention to the rule that dog-walkers must have a Town of Hingham permit in order to walk off-leash, in accordance with the "every other day" rule. There was some discussion regarding changing the wording on the sign to make the language a little bit clearer. Mr. Fisher felt that the new signs were a positive step forward. Ms. Murphy also noted for the Board that the new signs would be made of aluminum, similar to a typical road sign. Ms. Klein commented that she liked that the public could easily access the Bare Cove Park website through the QR codes on the signs.

Beals and Thomas Contract

Contract with Beals and Thomas, Inc. for engineering services associated with infrastructure resiliency improvements to the seawall on Martin's Lane

Mr. J.R. Frey, Town Engineer, explained that this contract would allow the Town to complete any outstanding permitting and to provide the final design and bid documents so that the project can go out to bid for construction. He noted that there is currently \$400,000 remaining in the account previously approved by Town Meeting to complete the work. Mr. Frey reported that the local permits have been extended, due to Covid, which would allow for more time to complete the work. Mr. Frey said that some objectives of the project would include:

- Making repairs
- Extending the existing wall
- Raising the height of the wall a marginal amount across the entire frontage, with the purpose of protecting Martin's Lane

Mr. Ramsey asked for the location of the seawall. Mr. Frey said that the seawall in question serves generally the area of Martin's Lane, which extends to the Trustees property, World's End. Mr. Frey commented that this area is subject to some flooding and said that the height of the seawall would be increased by 1.5 feet. The new height of the wall at the northern end would be increased to 9.5 feet and to 12.7 feet at the southern end.

Mr. Fisher asked how long the deadlines have been extended. Mr. Frey said that the Conservation Commission's order for conditions was extended until April of 2023 and the special permit has been extended, allowing work to be started by October 2022. He anticipates work would be started in January or February of 2022 and preferably completed during the wintertime. Mr. Ramsey asked if

there had been any concerns from residents after receiving abutter notices. Mr. Frey commented that abutters were notified and all were in favor of the proposed work.

Ms. Anne Smith-White, Portfolio Director for the Trustees for the South Shore, asked if Mr. Frey anticipated any impact to the Trustees' property. Mr. Frey said that, with respect to the reconstruction of the wall, he did not anticipate any impact to their property. He said that he did not think it would be helpful to raise the height of the wall adjacent to the Trustees property because, in the event of a storm surge, the water would go around the end of the wall at the end of the Trustees' property and into the right of way.

Ms. Klein asked if the cost of this project was part of the FY21 budget. Mr. Frey clarified that the funds for this contract and for the reconstruction of the wall were approved at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

Vote: Mr. Ramsey made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the contract with Beals and Thomas, Inc. for engineering services associated with infrastructure resiliency improvements to the seawall on Martin's Lane in an amount not to exceed \$70,000. Ms. Klein seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Pomroy Associates LLC Contract

Contract with Pomroy Associates LLC for Phase II and Phase III of the South Shore Country Club Maintenance Facility and Pool Projects

Mr. Kevin Whalen, Executive Director of the South Shore Country Club, explained that the proposed amendment would allow the SSCC to proceed with the project managers services for phase 2 of both projects: the pool and the maintenance building. He noted that there has been an amendment for a \$13,145 change order for geotechnical services for the maintenance building that was outside the scope of the original proposal from Pomroy Associates. With this new amendment, the total cost of the project would be \$127,845. Mr. Whalen went over some financials for the Board, including the following:

- \$2.2 million was appropriated by the Annual Town Meeting for the maintenance building project
- A \$400,000 shortfall is anticipated to be presented to the 2022 Annual Town Meeting

Mr. Whalen reminded the Board that the SSCC is an enterprise fund, would borrow the project's funding and would pay it back over the 20-year term.

Mr. Whalen also told the Board that the maintenance facility has been designed to allow a future solar array to be built on the building. The design also allows for filtration at the wash-down station, designed to recycle water.

Vote: Ms. Klein made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the amendment to the contract with Pomroy Associates LLC for Owners Project Management Services for Phase II and Phase

III of the South Shore Country Club Maintenance Facility and Pool Projects in an amount not to exceed \$127,845.00. Mr. Ramsey seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Schmidt Equipment, Inc. Contract

Contract with Schmidt Equipment, Inc. for a John Deere 310SL HL Loader/Backhoe for the Public Works Department

Mr. Randy Sylvester, DPW Superintendent, explained that the purchase of the loader/backhoe was part of his FY21 budget and he plans to purchase it through a State contract. The new vehicle would replace their 2005 backhoe that is currently in use. The current backhoe has 7,090 hours of use. The new vehicle is in excellent condition, with only 600 hours of use. The new vehicle comes with a 3-year warranty. The price of the new vehicle is \$114,900 with a total cost of \$98,900 after the \$16,000 they anticipate receiving for their trade-in. Mr. Sylvester advised that the backhoe would be used at the Transfer Station on a daily basis. He anticipated a lifespan of approximately 12 years for this backhoe.

Vote: Mr. Ramsey made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the contract with Schmidt Equipment, Inc. for a John Deere 310SL HL Loader/Backhoe for the Public Works Department in an amount not to exceed \$98,900.00. Ms. Klein seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Special (One-Day) License “The Green at Derby Street Shops”

Mr. Fisher explained that the Board would consider a replacement of the Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages License issued for Sunday, August 22, 2021 to Mike Dyer on behalf of Untold Brewing for “The Green at Derby Street Shops”, with the issuance in its place of a Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages License for Friday, October 22, 2021, and to approve the issuance five (5) Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages Licenses, for August 27 and 28, September 10, 11 and 17, as “rain date” licenses in place of five previously issued licenses not exercised by the Applicant.

Mr. Mike Dyer of Untold Brewing explained that they had previously been issued five Special One-Day Liquor Licenses for days that they were unable to operate due to rain. (July 2, 3, 4, 9 and 18) An upcoming date of August 22 that has been cancelled in advance due to the forecasted storm (Hurricane Henri). Ms. Klein asked if the proposed future dates would have the same set-up as the previous dates. Mr. Dyer said that they did not have plans for heaters and that the set-up would be the same. Mr. Dyer added that this would be the final proposed change to their events. If any of the proposed dates happen to be rained out, they would not ask for a change of date. Police Chief Jones reported that they have not had any issues with any of the past events hosted by Untold Brewing and did not anticipate any issues with the newly proposed dates. Mr. Ramsey said that he was able to attend one of the events on

the Green and he was very impressed with the set-up. He liked that Untold Brewing partnered with the Derby Street restaurants to serve take-out food to visitors.

Vote: Ms. Klein made a motion to replace the Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages License issued for Sunday, August 22, 2021 to Mike Dyer on behalf of Untold Brewing (the “Applicant”) for the event known as “The Green at Derby Street Shops”, which License the Applicant has certified to the Board was not exercised by the Applicant, in place thereof, with the issuance of a Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages License for Friday, October 22, 2021, subject to the hours of operation and conditions set forth below; and

To approve five (5) separate “rain date” Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages Licenses to the Applicant for a series of events known as “The Green at Derby Street Shops” to be held on August 27 and 28, September 10, 11 and 17, which rain date Licenses are issued in place of the Licenses issued for July 2, 3, 4, 9 and 18 which Licenses the Applicant has certified to the Board were not exercised by the Applicant. Such Licenses are issued subject to the hours of operation and conditions set forth below:

- The hours of the events shall be limited to Fridays and Saturdays from 12 pm to 9 pm.
- The event location is shown as the “The Green” located between REI and Kohl’s at The Derby Street Shops, 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 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.
- Any future rain dates shall be subject to further approval of the Select Board.

Mr. Ramsey seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Special (One Day) License – Burkes Brewing Company

Mr. Brian Burke of Burke’s Brewing Company explained that they were invited by the Trustees to participate in the World’s End “Summer Send-Off” event to take place on August 28, 2021. While this is a new event for World’s End, Burke’s Brewing has taken part in some of the summer events at Weir River Farm and will plan to follow all protocols in terms of safety and responsibility. Ms. Anne White-

Smith of the Trustees commented that this event would be similar to the Summer Solstice event that has taken place at World's End for many years. She noted that the event will be family-friendly and would feature several bands as well as three breweries and a food truck. Police Chief Jones has no issues or concerns. Ms. Klein noted that there is a scheduled rain date for rain date of August 29, 2021.

Vote: Mr. Ramsey made a motion to approve the issuance of a Special (One Day) Wine and Malt Beverages license to Brian Burke on behalf of Burke's Brewing Company, Inc. for the World's End Summer Send-Off to be held on August 28, 2021 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm with a rain date of August 29, 2021 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Ms. Klein seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Special (One Day) License – Vitamin Sea Brewing, LLC

Mr. Rich Di Bona of Vitamin Sea Brewery and Ms. Anne White-Smith of the Trustees commented that the brewery has been invited to take part in the Summer Send-Off Event at World's End to be held on August 28, 2021, with the same details as the request by Burke's Brewery. Police Chief Jones had no issues with the event.

Vote: Mr. Ramsey made a motion to approve the issuance of a Special (One Day) Wine and Malt Beverages license to Rich DiBona on behalf of Vitamin Sea Brewing, LLC for the World's End Summer Send-Off to be held on August 28, 2021 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm with a rain date of August 29, 2021 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Ms. Klein seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Special (One Day) License – Stellwagon Beer Company

Mr. Michael Snowdale of Stellwagon Beer Company and Ms. Anne White-Smith of the Trustees commented that the brewery has been invited to take part in the Summer Send-Off Event at World's End to be held on August 28, 2021, with the same details as the request by Burke's Brewery and Vitamin Sea Brewery. Police Chief Jones had no issues with the event.

Vote: Ms. Klein made a motion to approve the issuance of a Special (One Day) Wine and Malt Beverages license to Michael Snowdale on behalf of Stellwagon Beer Company for the World's End Summer Send-Off to be held on August 28, 2021 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm with a rain date of August 29, 2021 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Mr. Ramsey seconded.

Mr. Rich Di Bona of Vitamin Sea Brewery and Ms. Anne White-Smith of the Trustees commented that the brewery has been invited to take part in the Summer Send-Off Event at World's End to be held on August 28, 2021, with the same details as the request by Burke's Brewery and Vitamin Sea Brewing. Police Chief Joes had no issues with the event.

Special (One Day) License – Sergio Pungitore

Mr. Mayo explained that he is familiar with this event that takes place annually, to be held on Sunday September 5, 2021. Police Chief Jones also commented that he is familiar with the set-up for this event and a police detail will be present. The picnic will take place on Oak Street.

Voted, to approve the issuance of a Special (One Day) Wine and Malt Beverages license to Sergio Pungitore for Lady of the Light Picnic to be held on Sunday, September 5, 2021 with a rain date of Monday, September 6, 2021 from 1 pm to 8 pm

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Appointments (for a list of Talent Bank Applicants, please visit <https://www.hingham-ma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/12343/Talent-Bank-Vacancies-Reappointments-and-Applicants---June-23-2021>)

COVID-19 Update**Data**

We are seeing an uptick in COVID-19 cases in Hingham. The most recent DPH data published on August 19th indicates a total of 36 new COVID-19 cases reported in Hingham in the two weeks prior. As a comparison, there were 5 total cases reported in the month of June. As of last week, over 70% of Hingham residents are fully vaccinated (compared to approximately 66% statewide). If you look at only vaccine-eligible individuals in town (people age 12+), the percent of fully vaccinated eligible residents rises to 83%. The Hingham Health Department is once again publishing dashboards on the Town website with information on local cases and vaccination rates.

Additional Vaccine Doses

On August 13, 2021, the CDC recommended a third dose of the Moderna or Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for certain individuals who have moderate to severe immune compromise due to a medical condition or receipt of immunosuppressive medications or treatments. These conditions and treatments include but are not limited to:

- Active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood
- Organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Stem cell transplant within the last 2 years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)
- Advanced or untreated HIV infection
- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress your immune response

If you believe you meet the criteria for moderate to severe immune compromise, please contact your primary health care provider or call the State's In-Home Vaccination Central Intake Line at (833) 983-0485 between the hours of 9am and 5pm on weekdays. There is currently no recommendation for immune compromised individuals who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine to receive an additional dose.

Mr. Mayo said that his office is in close contact with the School Department and the decisions that they have to make. He said that his office would be rolling out additional guidance as new decisions are made. He also said that he has been working to reengage Mr. Jackson Stone to facilitate a Covid-19 testing site in a different location than the previous one on Cushing Street. He is in the process of identifying a location and facility. He is hoping to get a site up and running in the beginning of September.

Ms. Klein asked if the Town had any plans to add a vaccination clinic to the proposed testing site. Mr. Mayo advised that the State is not allowing municipalities to d vaccination clinics at this time. Ms. Klein aslos asked about details of vaccination date demographics. Mr. Mayo advised that, while the Town received some demographic breakdowns, they run into privacy concerns when specific demographic data is reported publicly. He noted that the Town is working closely with Linden Ponds and the Senior Center to ensure that seniors have the ability to received vaccines.

Mr. Ramsey asked Mr. Mayo to clarify the criteria for the mask mandate in municipal buildings, noting that he has had questions for several residents. Mr. Mayo noted that the Town is working closely with DESE, the State's Governing agency for the schools and are following their guidance, which recently called for masks for children pre-K through 12

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 nor endorsing any of the comments made during the Public Comment period."

There were no comments from the public.

Town Administrator/Select Board Reports

Mr. Mayo reported that Mr. Randy Sylvester, DPW Superintendent, has secured a sizeable grant from the Coastal Zone Management today, which is a State agency. The grant totals \$165,000 and will help Hingham design and build a sewer on Route 3. Mr. Mayo noted that Hingham is always looking for as many out of town resources and funds as possible so that the impact to the taxpayers is as low as possible. He commended Mr. Sylvester for his efforts.

Ms. Klein thanked the emergency response team, Chief Murphy, the Harbormaster, DPW and everyone who worked so hard last week during the hurricane. Mr. Ramsey echoed her comments. Mr. Fisher thanked Mr. Mayo as well for making sure the Town was prepared for the storm.

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 8:07 PM.

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