

Select Board

August 31, 2020

Remote meeting via telephone conference call

Present:

- Select Board: Mr. Joe Fisher (Chair), Mr. Bill Ramsey (Acting Chair), and Ms. Liz Klein
- Ms. Michelle Monsegur, Assistant Town Administrator

Call to order: 4:15 pm

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. Ramsey announced that members of the Select Board participating remotely were himself, Ms. Liz Klein, and Mr. Joe Fisher. He asked if any participants were recording the meeting. There were no responses.

To consider approval of the issuance of a Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages license to Geoffrey Pedder on behalf of Zelus Beer Company for the Fall Festival at Weir River Farm to be held on Saturday, September 25, 2021 from 10 am to 5 pm

Geoff Pedder said that the Weir River Farm has held a fall festival for the past several years and Zelus Beer Company would like to serve beer from their brewery. Police Chief Jones had no concerns regarding the event. He noted that they have worked with Mr. Pedder before on previous events. Ms. Klein asked if there would be an opportunity to recycle plastic cups. Mr. Pedder said that they would provide receptacles for recycling. Ms. Anne White-Smith of the Trustees also said that improved recycling messaging is an important initiative that they are looking to implement.

Vote: Ms. Klein made a motion to approve the issuance of a Special (One Day) Wine and Malt Beverages license to Geoffrey Pedder on behalf of Zelus Beer Company for the Fall Festival at Weir River Farm to be held on Saturday, September 25, 2021 from 10 am to 5 pm.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Mr. Ramsey: 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>)

Vote: Ms. Klein made a motion to appoint Leon Merian to the Fourth of July Parade Committee for a one-year term ending July 31, 2022. Mr. Ramsey seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Vote: Ms. Klein made a motion to appoint Mark Buonagurio to the Weir Estuary Park Committee for a three-year term ending June 30, 2024. Mr. Ramsey seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

COVID-19 Update

COVID-19 cases continue to rise. The most recent DPH data published on August 26th indicates a total of 50 new COVID-19 cases reported in Hingham in the two weeks prior. As a comparison, there were 29 new COVID-19 cases in the two-week period reported on August 12th.

As of last week, approximately 71% of Hingham residents are fully vaccinated. If you look at only vaccine-eligible individuals in town (people age 12+), the percent of fully vaccinated eligible residents rises to 83%.

Last week, we reported that the CDC has 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. 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.

Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

Town Administrator/Select Board Reports

There were no reports at this time.

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

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

The meeting adjourned at 4:27pm.

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