



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Date: June 11, 2018 – Business Meeting
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: McCourt Social Hall, Memorial Town Hall, Spencer, MA
Present: Chair Pepe, Vice Chair Woodbury, Clerk Monette,
Members Hicks and Berthiaume, and Administrator Gregory

At 6:00 p.m. Vice Chair Woodbury called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcement

Any members that are participating remotely in accordance with Regulation 940, CMR 29.10 of the Open Meeting Law

None

Reorganization

A motion to nominate Mr. Woodbury as Chairman (Monette/Hicks) passed 4/0

A motion to nominate Dr. Hicks as Vice Chair (Monette/Woodbury) passed 4/0

A motion to nominate Ms. Berthiaume as Clerk (Monette/Hicks) passed 4/0

Meeting Minutes: Vote to approve the minutes of May 7 & May 14, 2018

A motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 7 & May 14, 2018 (Hicks/Monette) passed 4/0.

Citizen Input

Harold Rondeau, 40 South Spencer Road said he asked to be on the Board's agenda to discuss unresolved issues and his request was denied. Chairman Woodbury explained that the Board does not discuss personnel issues in a public meeting. The Board deals with matters of policy and Administrator Gregory is in charge of employees.

Communications:

None

New Business:

6:00 pm – Public Hearing Class I Auto License Application: Alpha Cars & Ural – 116 Main St.

The Hearing opened at 6:04 pm.

Dmitry Bykhovsky, owner of Alpha Cars and Motorcycles was present to request a Class I Auto Dealer License. He informed the Board that he's been in the car sales business for thirty years. He plans to sell new and preowned cars and also side car motorcycles and will display a selection in a museum style showroom. He currently owns a dealership in Boxboro and is active in that community and is looking forward to operating in Spencer.

The Hearing closed at 6:18 pm

A motion to approve the Class I Auto License Application for Alpha Cars at 116 Main St.

(Hicks/Berthiaume) passed 3/0.

Mr. Monette recused himself.

Chairman Woodbury noted that having a Class I license authorizes the sale of new vehicles as the primary business and used vehicles may be sold as a secondary business.

Action Item: Request of Reliable Bud for an Entertainment License for Events to be held at the Spencer Fairgrounds in 2018 on June 23, July 21, August 18, September 15, & October 13

Rhiannon Snyder and Chris Pagel were present to request an Entertainment License for events to be held at the Fairgrounds on June 23, July 21, August 18, September 29, & October 13. An event map was provided and they are planning to have a DJ, live music from local bands and ribbon dancing.

Dr. Hicks pointed out that recreational marijuana sales are illegal in Spencer and asked about the edible samples. Ms. Snyder said marijuana is not being sold and everything is within the Town Bylaws. The edibles do not contain THC and is legal in the US.

A motion to approve the request of Reliable Bud for an Entertainment License for Events to be held at the Spencer Fairgrounds in 2018 on June 23, July 21, August 18, September 29, & October 13 (Berthiaume/Hicks) passed 4/0.

Action Item: Approve 1-day Alcohol License for Fr. Isaac Keely for the St. Joseph Abbey Brewery on June 22 & June 23, 2018

Fr. Isaac was present to request a 1-Day Alcohol License for the sale of Malt Beverages for the Brewery Open House.

A motion to approve a 1-day Alcohol License for Fr. Isaac Keely for the St. Joseph Abbey Brewery Open House on June 22 & June 23, 2018 (Hicks/Monette) passed 4/0.

Vote to Approve/Sign the Solar PILOT Agreement with Citizens Energy (if finalized)

Administrator Gregory reported that the PILOT agreement captures the tax obligation for the value of the equipment and the land. This will generate new revenue for FY19 estimated at \$160,000.

Dr. Hicks asked about the noise level of the solar inverter and expressed concern over the impact to the neighborhood. Mr. Gregory will contact Citizens Energy and report back. The installation must comply with Zoning Bylaws.

A motion to approve the Approve/Sign the Solar PILOT Agreement with Citizens Energy subject to confirmation of compliance with Town Bylaws (Hicks/Woodbury) passed 4/0.

Town Administrator's Report

Review SEBRSD FY18 Budget Amendment-Appropriation of \$561,700 in Excess & Deficiency Funds

This item will be moved to the June 18th agenda.

Update on Elimination of Blight

Administrator Gregory noted that two blight studies have been completed and forty-eight parcels appeared in both studies, nine of which are now vacant. A new bylaw can be developed that will

eliminate blight with regard to vacant property and also provide incentives for property owners to improve their buildings. He asked PVPC to develop a façade improvement program.

Discuss Scheduling of Selectmen's Workshops

Mr. Gregory asked the Board to consider a change with workshop scheduling. Currently, business meetings and workshops are being handled in the same manner. He suggested maintaining the two business meetings per month and only schedule workshops as needed. This will allow time for policy discussions. The Board agreed to the change which will take effect on September 1st.

Board Liaison Reports

Mr. Monette reported that Parks and Rec will have grand opening at Luther Hill Park on July 1st.

Citizen Input

None

Board Member and Staff Comments

Dr. Hicks said he believes the Wall Street stop line appears too close to the intersection of Main Street. Mr. Gregory will check into the situation and report back.

Mr. Monette asked about the status of the Browning Pond Gate. Mr. Gregory has a meeting scheduled with the Treasure Valley Scouts to determine how to move forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Savoie
Administrative Assistant

Referenced Materials – Citizens Energy PILOT Agreement