



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Date: June 18, 2018 – Workshop
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: McCourt Social Hall, Memorial Town Hall, Spencer, MA
Present: Chair Woodbury, Vice Chair Hicks, Clerk Berthiaume,
Members Monette and Pepe, and Administrator Gregory

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

Correspondence: Thank You Note to Veterans Agent Timothy Gagnon

Spencer resident Bruce LaCross wrote a thank you letter to Veterans Agent Timothy Gagnon for taking the time to drive him into Boston for a medical important appointment. Mr. Pepe commended Mr. Gagnon for going above and beyond the call of his position and thanked him for being a great asset to all Spencer Veterans.

Review and Act on 62 Wall Street Right-Of-Way Issue

Mr. and Mrs. Connors, owners of 62 Wall Street were present.

Administrator Gregory reported that 9 feet of the existing roadway on Wall Street extends onto property owned by the Connors at 62 Wall Street and is causing their building to be struck by vehicles. After a review by Bayside Engineering, potential options to resolve include: 1) instituting a one-way on Wall Street.; 2) restricting parking directly across from the Old Train Depot building; or 3) installing new curb in front of the building. He advised the Board to choose option 2 and said angled parking could be added on the land owned by the Connors.

U & F Superintendent Steven Tyler agreed that option 2 is the best option. A fog line painted along the edge of the road will guide vehicles and away from the building and will narrow the area of roadway to improve the passage of vehicles by the building.

Mr. Gregory said an easement will allow the Town to use o the section of roadway on the Connors property. It will be prepared for the Fall Town Meeting.

A motion to move forward with changes using Mr. Tyler's discretion, and eliminating parking across from the Depot Building and striping the road to narrow to 22 feet (Monette/Hicks) passed 5/0.

Dr. Hicks suggested sending a letter notifying the neighbors of the changes as a courtesy.

Action Item: Introduction of Reliable Bud/Canna-Counter – Potential Siting of a Medical Marijuana Facility at 21 W. Main Street for Cultivation/CO-OP, Research & Development, & Processing of Medical Marijuana

Mr. Gregory reported Reliable Bud will be seeking a Cultivator's License for medical marijuana from the Mass Department of Public Health. This is an authorized use in Spencer and the property they plan to utilize is located in the Industrial Zone at 21 West Main Street. The applicant needs a Letter of Non-Opposition from the Town in order to apply for the State License. If issued, it would be contingent upon a successful host agreement. If the Board is not opposed at this time, the next step is to hold a public hearing, at which time the Board will vote on whether or not to issue a Letter of Non-Opposition.

Rhiannon Snyder, Chris Pagel, and Deneb Dollinger from Reliable Bud were present.

Mr. Pepe asked about the cultivation process with regard to the co-op and said his concern is with having a community currently at risk, and adding an additional risk to young people.

Ms. Dollinger explained a co-op is a group of growers as a united team growing for medicinal purposes only.

Mr. Monette noted that when recreational marijuana becomes legal, medical marijuana dispensaries automatically become recreational facilities. Mr. Gregory said the recreational marijuana is banned in Spencer.

Mr. Pagel said Reliable Bud is a technology company and their interest is in growing medical marijuana and performing research for the best growing practices. The facility will be secure and have double locked doors and cameras.

The next step is to have an applicant led community forum. The Board agreed to scheduled the forum on July 16th at 7 pm in the Great Hall.

Review and Act on Barnstorm US Corp Requests for Events on 24 Wall Street:

Doug Cutler was present to request approval for Barnstorm events for the remainder of 2018:

Request for an Entertainment License for Events to be held on 6/24/18; 7/21/18; 9/15/18; & 12/2/18

A motion to approve the Entertainment License for Events to be held on 6/24/18; 7/21/18; 9/15/18; & 12/2/18 (pepe/Monette) passed 5/0.

Request for Sunday Entertainment License for Events to be held on 6/24/18 & 12/2/18

A motion to approve the Sunday Entertainment License for Events to be held 6/24/18 and 12/2/18 (Pepe/Monette) passed 5/0.

Request for a One-day Wine & Malt License for Events to be held on 6/24/18; 7/21/18; 9/15/18; & 12/2/18

A motion to approve the One-day Wine and Malt License for Events to be held 6/24/18; 7/21/18; 9/15/18; & 12/2/18 (Pepe/Monette) passed 5/0.

Request to Close Wall Street from #18 Wall to #28 Wall Street for Events on 6/24/18; 7/21/18; 9/15/18; & 12/2/18

A motion to Close Wall Street from #18 Wall to #28 Wall Street for Events on 6/24/18; 7/21/18; 9/15/18; & 12/2/18 (Pepe/Monette) passed 5/0.

Review and Act on Barnstorm US Corp Requests for Events at the Spencer Fairgrounds:

Request for an Entertainment License for a Jeep Campout Event to be held on 10/6/18 and 10/7/18 at the Spencer Fairgrounds

A motion to approve the Entertainment License for a Jeep Campout Event to be held on 10/6/18 and 10/7/18 at the Spencer Fairgrounds (Pepe/Monette) passed 5/0.

Request for a One-day Wine & Malt License for the Barnstorm Event on 10/6/18 at the Spencer Fairgrounds

A motion to approve the One-day Wine and Malt License for the Barnstorm Event on 10/6/18 at the Spencer Fairgrounds (Pepe/Monette) passed 5/0.

Review and Act on FY18 Year End Account Transfer Requests per MGL Ch. 44, Section 33B:

Transfer \$40,000 from Water Department Salaries Account (#015-15000- 51000) to Water Department Expenses Account (#015-15000- 57000)

A motion to approve the Transfer of \$40,000 from Water Department Salaries Account (#015-15000- 51000) to Water Department Expenses Account (#015-15000- 57000) (Hicks/Pepe) passed 5/0.

Transfer \$5,500 from Transfer Station Salaries Account (#010-11433-51000) to Transfer Station Expenses Account (#010-11433-57000)

A motion to approve the Transfer of \$5,500 from Transfer Station Salaries Account (#010-11433- 51000) to Transfer Station Expenses Account (#010-11433-57000) (Hicks/Pepe) passed 5/0.

Transfer \$18,000 from the Fire Department Salaries Account (#010-11220-51000) to Fire Department Expenses Account (#010-11220- 57000)

A motion to approve the Transfer of \$18,000 from the Fire Department Salaries Account (#010- 11220-51000) to Fire Department Expenses Account (#010-11220- 57000) (Hicks/Pepe) passed 5/0.

Transfer \$1,750 from Elections Salaries Account (# 010-11162-51000) to Town Clerk Expenses Account (# 010-11162-57000)

A motion to approve the Transfer of \$1,750 from Elections Salaries Account (# 010-11162-51000) to Town Clerk Expenses Account (# 010-11162-57000) (Hicks/Pepe) passed 5/0.

Review and Act on Request to Waive the 45-Day Requirement for FY2018 SEBRSD Budget Amendment

Administrator Gregory reported that Mr. Suter requests that the Board waive their 45 day requirement to hold a Town Meeting to allow the District to move forward with their capital project list.

A motion to waive the 45-Day Requirement for FY2018 SEBRSD Budget Amendment (Monette/Hicks) passed 5/0.

Review and Act/Sign Bixby Road Drainage Easement Agreement

Mr. Gregory asked the Board to approve and sign the Easement to allow the Town access for water and sewer line repairs.

A motion to approve and sign the Bixby Road Drainage Easement Road as presented (Hicks/Pepe) passed 5/0.

Review and Act/Sign on Bixby Road Water Line Easement Agreement

A motion to approve and sign the Bixby Road Water Line Easement (Berthiaume/Hicks) passed 5/0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Savoie
Administrative Assistant

Referenced Materials- Bixby Rd. Drainage & Water Line Easements