

Tuesday, March 30, 2021
Virtual Meeting – 143TV and Zoom

- Select Board:** Diane Kennedy, Chair
Keri Thompson
Paul Schubert
Jack Creighton
Corey Evans
- Others Participating:** Christopher Senior, Town Manager
Attorney Jim Lampke

Chairperson Kennedy called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Present, Corey Evans-Present, Diane Kennedy-Present, Paul Schubert-Present, Keri Thompson-Present.

Pledge-Recited.

Public Comment-Darin Souza-70 Blackrock Road advised the Board that CYBSA has received further positive feedback from the CYBSA community regarding lights and facilities. The dialogue has been helpful to many.

Community Update-Vaccine Update-Health Director Pam Fahey gave an update on the rollout of the vaccines within in each age group in the Town of Cohasset. She updated the Board on the cases in town and warned that they are starting to creep back up. There was one case at a nursery school that resulted in a large group of people that were close contacts. Select Member Schubert stated hospitalizations are up. Chief Silvia advised the Board the State has entered Phase 4 Step 1. He reviewed the public and private gathering limits which are from the State not the Town of Cohasset.

Update on Outside Seating at Restaurants during pandemic-The Board had a brief discussion. **Motion by Select Member Evans to move to confirm that in approving the renewal of any Alcohol, Common Victualer, and Entertainment licenses the renewals included any approved extended description under Covid-19 Order No. 35 and Covid-19 Order No. 50 which includes outdoors and that the amended descriptions remain in effect until 60 days after the Governor’s Declaration of Emergency ends subject to any further laws allowing the amended descriptions and/or extending the time for some, seconded by Select Member Schubert. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.**

Use of Town Common-Chairperson Kennedy stated they have received two requests for use of the Town Common for private businesses from Balance Studio and South Shore Conservatory. The Board had a brief discussion. Chairperson Kennedy will work with Jennifer Oram and draft a policy to bring to the Board for a future discussion. Chief Silvia recommended they include other public places in Town.

Public Hearing Alteration of the Licensed Premises-Corner Stop Eatery-235 Hull Street-Chairperson Kennedy read aloud the public hearing notice and reviewed the process for the hearing tonight. Owner and applicant Ronald Vale reviewed his request for permanent patio space. The Board discussed the request and took questions and comments from public.

Motion by Corey Evans to approve the application for the Alteration of Premises for the Corner Stop Eatery to include permanent patio space with 8 tables accommodating up to 32 guests with the stipulation that total capacity for the restaurant including indoor and outdoor dining does not exceed the 120 persons that is currently permitted and include that there is a clearing out of the patio at 10 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday and 11:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, seconded by Select Member Schubert. The Board had some discussion about the closing times for the patio space. Select Member Creighton made an amendment that the patio be closed at 9:30 p.m. Monday through Sunday, seconded by Select Member Schubert. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Nay, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Nay. Motion approved.

Select Member Evans made an amendment that the patio be closed at 10:30 on Friday and Saturday, seconded by Select Member Schubert. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans, Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye. Motion approved.

Chairperson Kennedy stated the Board will now vote on the motion “To approve the application for the Alteration of Premises for the Corner Stop Eatery to include permanent patio space with 8 tables accommodating up to 32 guests with the stipulation that the total capacity for the restaurant including indoor and outdoor dining does not exceed the 120 persons that is currently permitted and include that the patio closes at 9:30 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday and 10:30 on Friday and Saturdays”. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.

Motion by Select Member Schubert to close the hearing, seconded by Select Member Thompson. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.

Alternative Energy Update-Chair of AEC Tanya Bodell gave an update on their existing initiatives. She reviewed new initiatives including a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new charging stations, an Electric Car Procession, exploring a possible tri-town programs to educate & incentivize residents to ‘Go Electric’, looking at electric buses and Green Communities funding. The Board had a lengthy discussion.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant-Vote to Recommend Articles to ATM-Article #6-Unpaid Bills from Previous Years-Motion by Select Member Evans to recommend Article #6-Unpaid Bills from Previous Years to ATM, seconded by Select Member Schubert. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.

Article #7-Supplemental Appropriation for Fiscal 2021-Motion by Select Member Thompson to recommend Article #7-Supplemental Appropriation for Fiscal 2021 to ATM, seconded by Select Member Schubert. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.

Article #8-Stabilization and other Special Funds-Motion by Select Member Evans to recommend Article #8-Stabilization and other Special Funds to ATM, seconded by Select Member Thompson. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.

Article #10-Departmental Revolving Funds-Annual Special Limits-Motion by Select Member Schubert to recommend Article #10-Departmental Revolving Funds to ATM, seconded by Select Member

Thompson. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.

Article #11-Allocation of Funds for One Time Costs-Mr. Senior advised the Board there is one project that has changed from Tennis Study to Athletic Site Analysis for \$40,000. He asked the Board to revoke. Chairman Kennedy asked that they wait for Advisory to vote and then the Select Board can vote at the next meeting.

Article #12-Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 91 Liability-Motion by Select Member Evans to recommend Article #12-MA General Laws Chapter 91 Liability to ATM, seconded by Select Member Schubert. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.

Article #13-Additional Real Estate Exemptions-Annual Renewal-Motion by Select Member to recommend Article #13-Additional Real Estate Exemptions-Annual Renewal to ATM, seconded by Select Member Thompson. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.

Mr. Senior advised the Board that Article #19-Possession of Alcohol by Persons under 21 Bylaw is being taken off the Warrant at the request of Safe Harbor Cohasset Coalition.

Vote to Place on Warrant for ATM-Article #20-Debt Authorization for South Shore Regional Vocational School District-Motion by Select Member Schubert to place Article #20-Debt Authorization for the South Shore Regional Vocational School District, seconded Select Member Evans. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.

Mr. Senior reviewed the schedule of meetings with warrant articles over the next couple of weeks.

Treat's Pond Update-Mr. Senior advised the Board the existing pipe will be extended further out at a safe depth for swimmers. The specs are being worked out. Town Counsel is working on easement language and an article for Annual Town Meeting. The hope is that this will solve the issue and have a public meeting soon. It has been a very long but productive process. The draft article should be ready within the next two weeks.

Town Manager Update-Mr. Senior advised the Board Earth Day is on 4/24/2021 and Arbor Day is 4/30/2021. The Town has new charging stations. The Town was notified by GFOA that Cohasset has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for 2021.

Select Board Comments-Select Member Creighton suggested the Town consider having a virtual opening of the Teen Center. Mr. Senior stated the center should be open in September and things should be better by then. There is a contest right now with the eighth-grade class to name the center. Chairperson Kennedy stated she has received calls and emails from residents about the Beechwood sidewalks, speeding on Lamberts Lane and parking in certain neighborhoods. There is a meeting on 4/15/2021 with the Elm Street Corridor Working Group and she encouraged everyone to attend. She reminded members of the Select Board to stop by Town Hall to sign the police contract. She asked if the Board was interested in doing a walk through at the Red Lion Inn to email Tracey Connors with the date and time. Chairperson Kennedy suggested the Board craft a diversity statement for the community in response to the recent event in Duxbury.

Minutes-Motion by Select Member Thompson to approve the minutes of 2/23/2021, seconded by Select Member Schubert. Vote; Corey Evans, Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye. Jack Creighton abstained from the vote until such time that the Town has proper electronic records of the meeting minutes.

Select Member Evans stated a few months ago there was an event in Town that involved a party with youth and alcohol. Safe Harbor is proposing residents take a pledge against underage drinking at home. He asked that the Board learn about it and take the pledge.

Motion by Select Member Creighton to adjourn, seconded by Select Member Schubert. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Kennedy, Chair

Documents

Corner Stop Eatery Alteration Application

Letters re; Corner Stop Eatery

AEC Update

Draft ATM Warrant

Minutes