

Minutes

ATTENDANCE

Select Board

Present: Alisa Brewer, Connie Kruger, Doug Slaughter, Andy Steinberg, Jim Wald

Absent: None

Staff: Peter Hechenbleikner, Temporary Town Manager

Other: Attorney Thomas Reidy, Heather Sutherland, Property Owner Jeffrey Brown.

Meeting called to order by Ms. Brewer at 6:01 p.m.

6) Action and Discussion Items

a. Londonwest Company LLC Liquor License Public Hearing Continued from 4/19/2016

Attorney Thomas Reidy appeared for the applicant Heather Sutherland. Based on a review with ABCC and with other licensees in Amherst, the applicant decided that it was best to ask that the entire premises, including the basement storage area, be the licensed premises. The applicant presented revised plans to show the licensed area as the 1000 square foot retail floor plus the 133 square foot basement storage area.

The applicant also presented the management plan. The Select Board commended the applicant on the management plan, and several questions by the Select Board and the Temporary Town Manager were reviewed. The applicant represented that there would always be at least 2 employees on premises at a time, and that they would be trained in serve-safe for food and alcohol service before they started work on the premises. The Select Board recognized that they could not require adherence to the management plan, but asked that the applicant let the Select Board know if there were and significant changes. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:25 PM.

On motion by Kruger, seconded by Slaughter, the Select Board unanimously approved the application of Londonwest LLC d/b/a Londonwest for a new annual all alcohol on premise liquor license on the premises of 35 South Pleasant Street, described as consisting of 1,000 square feet on one floor with one entrance and one exit, and the 133 square foot basement storage - no outdoor area included; Heather Sunderland, Manager.

6b) Voting and Assignment Select Board positions on Town Meeting Warrant Articles

The Select Board considered whether or not to revise their position on Article 43. The Select Board had previously voted not to recommend this article. Following discussion, the Select Board decided not to reconsider its previous position. Although the motion offered is not strictly advisory, the consensus of the Select Board was that there were valid reasons why Town Meeting members were exempt from the conflict of interest regulations.

7) Licenses

On motion by Steinberg seconded by Wald, the Select Board unanimously approved a Common Victualler license for Londonwest LLC d/b/a Londonwest, 35 South Pleasant Street with hours of operation on Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Heather Sutherland, Manager.

On motion by Slaughter seconded by Wald, the Select Board unanimously voted to approve a Special All Alcohol License for Top of the Campus Inc. for a reception at the Library Courtyard (rain location 1st floor Learning Common) on May 23, 2016 from 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.; Jennylyn Fontaine, Director.

8) Approval of Minutes

On motion by Steinberg, seconded by Slaughter, the Select Board unanimously voted to approve Executive Session minutes of March 24, 2016, with the minutes being publically released, and meeting minutes of May 2, 2016, as presented.

2b) Temporary Town Manager's report.

The Temporary Town Manager gave the report dated 5-9-16 to the Select Board.

2c) Select Board report

The following items were reported by members of the Select Board:

Wald – The Library is having an information session on the plans for expansion, and he will attend on behalf of the Select Board. Hope the cow has been relocated

Slaughter – The Pioneer Valley Regional Transit Authority has submitted application for 2 electric busses. Mr, Slaughter noted that he signed an application on behalf of the Town of Amherst, and will give a copy to the Select Board.

Brewer – Andy Steinberg is doing research on Medical Marijuana Dispensaries and will have the results of the research for the Select Board prior to the 6-6-16 Select Board meeting. The Town Manager is working on developing host agreements for Select Board supported MMD's and will give an outline of the agreements to the Select Board prior to the 6-6-16 Select Board meeting. The goal will be to have these to the Select Board at least a week before the meeting. Because the Select Board is having a hearing on 6-6-16 on a 4th MMD, we should let the applicant know that the Select Board may consider deferring a decision on their application until the following meeting on 6-20-16. The Select Board has received information from the Board of Health regarding the Mayors Against Illegal Guns, and at their meeting on 5-16 will discuss how the Select Board wants to proceed on this issue. This will be a procedural discussion, not a substantive one, but we will let the Board of Health know that it is scheduled.

10) Executive Session

On advice of Select Board members Steinberg and Slaughter the Select Board determined that there was no need for Executive Session at this time.

ADJOURN - The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Peter Hechenbleikner, Temporary Town Manager