



Select Board

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Select Board Meeting Minutes April 9, 2024

Quorum present: Select Board Members; Kathleen Keresey (Remotely attended), Chair, Andrew Krouss, Andrew Potter, and Town Administrator Marie Ryan.

Kathleen opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Kathleen made a motion, seconded by Andy Potter to approve the minutes from March 25, 2024.

All were in favor, minutes approved.

TurnPark Request to amend 2024 Annual Entertainment License- **Jared Gelormino, Manager**

Jared spoke on behalf of TurnPark to request that the Select Board amend their 2024 Annual Entertainment License. He asked the Board to approve their license to allow for entertainment events on Monday through Saturday from 10 AM until 10 PM with an allowance of up to 6 events with amplified music until 10 PM. Currently the Board had approved Monday through Saturday 10 AM until 9 PM.

Jared thanked the residents and the Board for their support of TurnPark. He stated that when the Board approved the Annual Entertainment Licenses there had been a question in regard to TurnPark's original Special Permit which was approved as a restaurant and museum and if entertainment is allowed. After speaking with the Brian DuVal, Building Inspector, a museum has the right to have entertainment, therefore their Annual entertainment License is legal. Jared expressed that TurnPark always tries to be respectful to the neighbors and if they receive a complaint, they always turn down the sound. They also have measured sound at the property line several times during their events and their highest reading was 55 decibels. He noted that the only bylaw pertaining to sound is a one-day entertainment license which includes a sound limit of 70 decibels.

Jared said that TurnPark could limit their sound limit to 70 decibels, the same as the one-day entertainment license bylaw.

Andy Made a motion, seconded by Andy Krouss to approve the amendment to TurnPark's 2024 Annual Entertainment License.

All were in favor, amendment approved.

Department of Public Works Update – Director of Public Works Curt Wilton

Curt informed the Board that he held a bid opening recently for the paving of Iron Ore Road, Iron Mine Road, Bobolink Road, Cone Hill Road, Furnace Road and Silver Mine Road. The low bidder was DeSignore Paving with a total project quote of \$300,319. At the 2023 Annual Town Meeting the project was approved for \$422,267, therefore, the bid was under the budgeted cost.

Curt updated the Board that the employees of the Highway Department along with Marie and Elaine Markham, Town Accountant, completed two recent trainings. The trainings were for Confined Space and Hazardous Awareness and for Municipal & Capital Budgeting.

Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Grant Update –DPW Director Curt Wilton

Curt informed the Board that he and Marie have been working with Weston & Sampson Engineering to apply for two grants through the MVP Program. One of the grants will allow the Town to be shovel ready to repair the culvert on Willson Road. Once shovel ready, that would allow the Town to apply for any grant that becomes available to assist in the total cost to repair the culvert. Curt explained that the culvert on Willson Road is in such disrepair that the road floods about four to five times a year and need to be replaced.

Another grant they are applying for could cover the cost to conduct an assessment for construction of a new resilient multi-department facility to replace the current Highway Department and Fire Station which currently is located in a flood zone. The new facility would protect the departments from natural hazards and expand emergency shelter capacity.

The MVP Program requires the Town to pay for 10% of the total cost. If awarded these grants, the MVP Program would require the Town to cover a total of \$74,690. Curt explained that there is a warrant article for this coming Town Meeting on May 6th for the culvert asking the voters to approve \$100,000 which would cover the town's 10% cost. Curt asked the Board to sign a letter to state that the Town would cover the required 10% of the project and support the grant application. The Board agreed and thanked Curt and Marie for their work.

Select Board Speak:

Andy Potter thanked Senator Paul Mark for the informational meeting he held in Lenox recently. Andy said in attendance were several Senate members and the Lieutenant Governor. The meeting was an informative with news and updates on several issues involving municipalities. Andy will be attending a Massachusetts Municipal Association meeting this week on Policy for Energy & Environmental issues in Boston. He will update the Board with any information he receives at the meeting.

Kathleen made a motion, seconded by Andy Potter, to adjourn at 6:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie y. Ryan

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Town Administrator