



Select Board

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Select Board Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2020

21 State Line Road, Town Hall

6:00 PM: Open Meeting

Quorum present: Select Board Members: Bernie Fallon, Chair; Eric Shimelonis, Member, Town Administrator Marie Ryan, and Police Chief Marc Portieri.

Review and act on previous meeting minutes.

Agenda Items/Action/Discussion Items: Meeting Opened at 6 PM

Vote/Discussion approval of Rouge Restaurant for Temporary Outdoor Dining:

Bernie began by stating that the State and the ABCC have released a new permission for Temporary Additional Outdoor Dining in the state due to the Pandemic. He then asked Police Chief Marc Portieri to explain any concerns that he would have with the plan that Maggie Merrell from Rouge has presented to the Board for approval.

Chief Portieri began by asking where are all the cars going to park if the restaurant uses all the parking spots. Jeremy Kenny, Rouge Manager, stated that they could use the two municipal parking lots as well as Baldwin's Hardware parking lot. Jeremy also explained that they would not use any of the road just the parking spots directly in front of the restaurant. They would create barriers all the way around the spots for safety, the tables will all be separated at a safe

distance as well. The conversation ensued back and forth in regards to closing the whole road or possibly one lane, but Marc Portieri stated he would prefer the road to stay open.

Chief Portieri also said that he would require a police officer on patrol there always during the time that they are open for safety. Maggie had concerns that the Officer would be intrusive and standing over the customers but the Chief stated they would just be around the area and up and down the street not just in one spot watching. The Chief said that the restaurant would have to cover the cost of a detail police but then decided he could pay someone for a ½ shift out of his budget and the Town can try to recoup the money from the COVID-19 Relief Funds that the towns can receive.

Chief Portieri also asked if the tables, chairs and barriers would remain set up in the parking spots all the time. He is concerned about vandalism and how the DPW would like that. Jeremy stated that the barriers are extremely heavy and it would be a burden and very difficult for the stuff to be removed each night plus they have no place to store it all in between shifts.

Bernie brought up a discussion about if the street could just be closed and asked Chief Portieri if that would be an issue. The Chief said not really but that each time if happens you have to contact Dispatch in regards to all possible 911 calls for re-routing vehicles. The Chief stated that his main point is that if the road is closed or not, they have to have a Police Officer on duty there for safety. As far as the equipment staying in the spots all the time, the Chief expressed his concern about other businesses thinking it isn't fair to them and may create an issue in Town. He then asked Maggie if they own those spots and she responded yes, so the Chief said well, you can do what you want then with the spots but be aware you may have vandalism.

Bernie asked about lighting when it gets dark and Jeremy said that there are the streets lights near the public bathroom as well as Baldwins and that they will have lights around the barriers as well as the umbrellas on the tables.

Chief Portieri said he is Ok with the plan as long as they communicate with him when they will be open so he can schedule an Officer to be present during those hours and that he would do a walk through with them prior to opening to make sure everything is safe.

Bernie made a motion to approve the Temporary Outdoor Dining request, Eric seconded and all were in favor. Marie then mentioned to Maggie that they need to be in constant communication with the Police Chief.

Miscellaneous:

Bernie asked if there were any other issues to discuss. Marie made note that this was Bernie's last meeting as a Select Board member and thanked him for his service and said she would miss him. Eric agreed and thanked Bernie as well.

Bernie open for citizen speak time and no one spoke.

Bernie made a motion to adjourn, Eric seconded, the Select Board adjourned at 6:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Y. Ryan

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