



# Select Board

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## Select Board Meeting Minutes December 6, 2021

### Open Meeting

**Quorum present:** Eric Shimelonis, Select Board Chair, Roger Kavanagh and Kathleen Keresey, Select Board Members, and Marie Ryan, Town Administrator.

Eric called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM and listed Select Board members present.

### Approval of Minutes:

Roger requested more time to review the minutes from November 15 to be approved at the next meeting, the Board agreed.

### Town Administrator Update:

Marie informed the Board that on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at night, the Parks and Recreation Committee held the Sparkles event. This event had a terrific turnout of about 60 kids and it all went extremely well. The Fire Department decked out their trucks with colored lights, the Police walked in the parade with the kids from the Congregational Church to the Town Hall and the DPW helped decorate the Town Hall. Marie thanked the Committee for all their hard work for a great community event. On behalf of the Town, Eric thanked the Balestro family for their donation of the tree.

The shared Human Resource position has been advertised one more time. The committee has received 10 promising applicants of which they will be interviewing 6 applicants on Thursday of this week. Marie will let the Board know the results of this at the next meeting.

The FY23 budget spreadsheets have been sent to all the Departments and Boards and are due January 15<sup>th</sup>. Roger asked that the spreadsheets include the spending from the previous year for the Finance Committee and the Select Board to view. Marie will include that column once she gets the sheets back from the Departments.

Marie would like to have the Community Preservation Committee get appointed. She will send an ad to the Local Yokel and place information on the website to ask for applicants for the Citizen at Large positions on the committee. Marie stated that this committee has a very specific list of the type of members it must have, including members from several of the Town Boards/Committees. Marie will ask for recommendations or nominations for one member from the Planning Board, one member from the Conservation Commission, one member from the Historical Commission, one member from the Parks Commission, one member from the Housing Authority, and four members from the general public (citizens at large).

Since the Town does not have a Housing Authority, Marie will find out how we should fill that seat.

The Board also asked about when did the Town begin collecting taxes for the CPA and what amount has been collected to date.

### **Approval of 2022 Licenses –**

Eric ask the Board to vote on the licenses for 2022 by category.

He then asked if the Board had any comments or concerns for the following Liquor Licenses;

Truc Orient Express	All Alcohol Beverages – Restaurant
WS Public Market	All Alcohol Beverages – Package Store
Queensboro Wine & Spirits	All Alcohol Beverages – Package Store
Rouge	All Alcohol Beverages – Restaurant
Rogue	Wine & Malt – Package Store
Foundry	All Alcohol Beverages – General on Premises

The Board had no concerns. Kathleen made a motion to approve all the 2022 liquor licenses, seconded by Roger.

Roll Call Vote:

Roger	Yes
Kathleen	Yes
Eric	Yes

All liquor 2022 liquor licenses are approved for renewal.

Eric asked if the Board had any comments or concerns for the following Auto Class II, Auto Class III and Taxi Licenses;

Troy's Garage	Class II and Class III License
William Kie	Class II and Class III License
William Kie	Taxi Service

Roger made a motion to approve the 2022 Class II, Class III and Taxi Licenses. Kathleen stated she had a concern with the description of the premises on the licenses as neat and orderly. She said that many citizens have expressed concern at William Kie's property and wondered if the Board had any control over compliance for the condition of the property. Roger referred to the Building Inspector's comment provided to the Board that there are currently no zoning violations for any of the licensees and other then that, the Board has no reason to not approve the licenses. Eric also reminded the

Board that last year they had a bylaw on the Annual Town Meeting warrant to give the Town more oversight over Class II and III licensed properties, and it was decisively voted down. Eric feels that the Board has given this issue its due diligence, but the town voted clearly to maintain the status quo. Eric is willing to have a discussion with Bill Kie and try to affect some cleanup though diplomacy. Kathleen mentioned that his business is in a residential zone, but Eric stated that the business is grandfathered as there were no zoning requirements at the time he started the business. Eric also reminded the Board that if they approve his license, it can still be revoked it for cause at any time.

Eric went back to Roger's motion and seconded it.

Roll Call Vote:

Roger	Yes
Eric	Yes
Kathleen	No

All 2022 Class II, Class III and Taxi licenses are approved.

Eric asked if the Board had any comments or concerns for the following Entertainment Licenses;

TurnPark	Annual License
Foundry	Annual License

Roger had several questions he wanted answered about the Annual Entertainment License for TurnPark. The Board decided to vote on the Foundry's license and then discuss the license for TurnPark.

Roger made a motion to approve the 2022 Annual Entertainment License for the Foundry with the attached conditions from the 2021 Special Permit approved in September, seconded by Kathleen.

Roll Call Vote:

Roger	Yes
Kathleen	Yes
Eric	Yes

The 2022 Annual Entertainment License for the Foundry is approved.

The Board asked the manager at TurnPark, Jared Gelomino, to discuss this license. Jared stated that TurnPark plans on holding fewer large events than last year. They plan on one large scale event and several smaller ones. Some of these events will require them to request a one-day liquor license as well. Roger noted that there may be a possibility that if they are holding several events with liquor licenses, this may be a change of use through the zoning bylaws. He also requested that the Board hold a community meeting prior to approving the license to get abutters input. He understands that this license does not require a public hearing but is suggesting it may help to include abutters prior to approving the license. Kathleen thought this was a good idea. Eric expressed to Jared the Board's support of TurnPark, and pointed out that establishing this new license properly is in the best interest of all involved. The Board will do its research and outreach before continuing with the approval process.

### **Select Board Speak:**

Eric informed the Board that the Town has received its first installment from the Green Communities grant. The new LED lighting will be delivered this week and they will begin to replace the lighting in all

the Town buildings.

**Citizen Speak:**

There were no requests.

Eric made a motion to adjourn the open session and enter into executive session and not to return to open session, seconded by Roger:

Anticipated executive session in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A Paragraph 21 (a)(6), to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the Chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Select Board (Merritt Way)

Roll call vote;

Kathleen Yes

Roger Yes

Eric Yes

Open Meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marie U. Ryan*

Town Administrator

Documents:

-Select Board Meeting Minutes of November 15, 2021

-Applications for 2022 License renewals