



Select Board

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Select Board Meeting Minutes January 29, 2024

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

Kathleen opened the meeting at 6 PM.

Kathleen requested approval of the minutes be postponed until the next meeting.

Treasurer Break in Service – Ben Gelb

The current Treasurer, Ben Gelb explained that he is working in two different Towns that use two different county retirement systems. He must retire from one and resign from the other for a 1 month break before he can start earning wages again. He will still work for the Town for the one month break without pay. After the 1-month period is over, the Board will need to officially appointed Ben again.

Kathleen made a motion, seconded by Andy Potter to accept Ben's break in service for 1 month.

All were in favor, motion approved.

Acquevo, LLC Annual All Alcohol Liquor License Public Hearing

Kathleen opened the public hearing for an Annual All Alcohol liquor license for Acquevo, LLC. Acquevo, LLC's attorney, William Martin introduced the applicants Liza and Valentino Pagliari, who were on zoom. Liza stated that the family style restaurant will be open for lunch and dinner, from 12 PM until 11 PM. They would like to have outdoor seating as well, which was permitted on the original special permit for the restaurant.

Andy Potter made a motion, seconded by Andy Krouss to approve the liquor license for Acquevo, LLC.

All were in favor, motion approved.

Designer for Moscow Road Property – Kathleen Keresey

Kathleen requested that the Board approve her to apply for Community Preservation (CPC) funds for seed money to get the Moscow Road park area project started and help cover some

of the cost to develop the Town owned parcel. The Town had previously received design plans for that property during COVID, however there has been no movement on the project since then. She will present the design plans to the Board for approval and then using the CPC funds, begin to have the property developed.

Andy Potter made a motion, seconded by Kathleen, to apply for \$25, 000 in CPC funds for the development of the Moscow Road property.
All were in favor, motion approved.

Wiseacre Farm Annual Report and Update – Jon Piasecki

Jon informed the Board that Byers Scientific has worked with Wiseacre Farm to develop an odor mitigation plan. Jon has purchased a large specialized fan to direct any odor away from the neighborhoods towards the swamp area. He will add fencing to seal the area as well. The plan calls for the fan to also blow micro sized molecules containing water and organic plant-based enzymes into the air that will capture the odor molecules. Jon stated these chemicals are completely environmentally safe and will cause no hazards.

This year Byers will test the air and send samples to the lab for analysis. They will also install a weather station that will monitor the odor and get real time odor compound levels. This will also be available on an app as well and Jon can see what the odor levels are at any given time. These plans will all be in place in August prior to the flowering season.

Jon plans to continue to hold community meetings and invite Byers employees to attend for questions and answers. He will plant more aromatic plants to mask the odor as well. He said this mitigation plan is continuing and ongoing and can change as advancements happen in the odor mitigation field. He hopes for fewer complaints as time goes on but does not expect total elimination of the odor.

The Board stated that they would like an independent third-party consultant to review the plan. Jon and his attorney, Aaron DuBois, agreed that Wiseacre would pay the cost for that consultant but would like to be included in the process. Jon specifically suggested that the Board use an Industrial Hygiene Engineer to evaluate the mitigation plan.

Select Board Speak:

Andy Krouss informed the board that the Town has earned the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) designation. This will allow the town to apply for more grant money offered by the State.

Andy Potter stated that the Library Trustees have developed and approved a Collection Policy. He also thanked the Department of Public Works on their great job clearing the roads during the last snow storm.

Kathleen made a motion, seconded by Andy Potter, to adjourn at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Y. Ryan

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Town Administrator