

Select Board

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Select Board Meeting Minutes May 17, 2023

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

Kathleen called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Citizen Speak:

Chris Powell, Wayne Marzotto and Planning Board Chair Dana Bixby discussed their concern in regards to the agenda item at the Select Board meeting on April 24, 2023 about abandoning certain roads in town. Kathleen noted their concern and explained that this issue was just the beginning of a process to evaluate the roads and look in to the feasibility of abandoning some roads in Town. She stated there will be more meetings that will include community input before any decisions are made.

Appointment of Complete Streets Advisory Committee:

Kathleen explained that Town Counsel has suggested that the Complete Streets Committee be officially appointed by the Select Board and held to the Open Meeting Law requirements to include minutes and agenda postings.

Andy Krouss made a motion, seconded by Andy Potter, to appoint the members of the Complete Streets Advisory Committee.

Andy Potter discussed his concern in regards to the opposition of the Committee accepting assistance from Truc Nguyen. He suggested that she be appointed as a full member. Andy had requested a determination if Truc could assist and be a member of this Committee with Town Counsel. He did not get an answer to this inquiry and would like this appointment be tabled until he gets an answer from Town Counsel. Andy Krouss withdrew his motion to appoint the members.

Kathleen made a motion, seconded by Andy Potter, to table these appointments. All were in favor.

At this time, Kathleen recused herself from the remainder of the agenda items. She requested that Andy Potter take over as the Chair, he accepted and Kathleen left the meeting.

Annual & Sunday Entertainment License for Heirloom Lodge:

The Heirloom Lodge Attorney Jeffrey Lynch told the Board that the Heirloom Lodge would like to be approved for an Annual & Sunday Entertainment License. He explained that the manager, Matthew Straus, will be required to have all licenses contain the provisions associated with the Zoning Board of Appeals Special Permit. These conditions would be attached to all licenses:

Condition 3: There will be no amplified music during outdoor events.

Condition 4: The applicant will limit outdoor events to 8 per year.

Condition 5: Outdoor non-amplified music will end at 10:00 PM Sunday through Thursday and 11:00 PM on Friday & Saturday.

Condition 6: Outdoor events will be limited to 100 people exclusive of staff. It is anticipated the 13 quests rooms will be booked to person attending the outdoor event.

Andy Krouss made a motion, seconded by Andy Potter, to approve the Annual and Sunday Entertainment Licenses.

Both were in favor.

Motion Passed.

Public Hearing: Heirloom Food & Wine LLC DBA: Heirloom Lodge Alcohol License:

Andy Potter opened the Public Hearing of the Heirloom Food & Wine LLC, DBA: Heirloom Lodge for a Hotel All Alcohol Beverage License. Heirloom Lodge Attorney Jeffrey Lynch explained to the Board that all the same conditions from the Zoning Board of Appeals Special Permit will be attached to this License if approved. The drinks will be served in the restaurant as well as an adjacent patio/deck area. The Heirloom manager, Matthew Straus, plans to focus mainly on serving wine but would like to be able to serve all alcoholic drinks. Attorney Lynch said that Matthew's business plan is to primarily focus on the restaurant and not so much as an event space.

Andy Potter closed the Public Hearing.

Andy Krouss made a motion, seconded by Andy Potter, to approve the All Alcohol License for Heirloom Food & Wine LLC.

Both were in favor. Motion passed.

Select Board Speak:

Andy Krouss stated that there are many layers to the Broadband issue in the area but that Wylie Goodman from Berkshire Regional Planning Commission has been working hard on this issue. Andy will ask Wylie to attend a meeting to explain the process and get community input.

Andy Potter made note of the following members of the community that have recently passed away;

Connie Ingeni Stephan Green Bruno Balestro Andy Krouss made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Andy Potter at 7:02 PM. All were in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Town Administrator