



Select Board

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Select Board Meeting Minutes October 30, 2023

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

Kathleen opened the meeting at 6 PM.

Approval of Minutes:

Kathleen made a motion, seconded by Andy Krouss, to approve the minutes from October 16, 2023.

All were in favor, minutes approved.

Citizen Speak:

None.

Introduction of New EMT Tanelle Ciempa- Austin White

Austin White, EMT Coordinator, introduced the new EMT Tanelle Ciempa to the Board. She has been an EMT for 3 years and on the Fire Department for 6 years. She is currently working on additional certifications which will allow her to assist Fire Chief Steve Traver with inspections.

The Board thanked Austin for hiring Tanelle and thanked Tanelle for joining our Department. Tanelle also thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve the community.

Public Hearing – Transfer of Liquor License for Public Market:

Kathleen opened the Public Hearing. Attorney Mark Brennan introduced himself and his client, Jugpal Singh, the new owner of the Public Market. He explained that Jugpal is asking for approval of a transfer of the Public Market Liquor License from Timothy Walsh. Jugpal has a lease in place with the owner of the building, Bernie Fallon. He also has a purchase and sale agreement with Tim Walsh. Jugpal has owned and operated JB Pipe and Tobacco in Pittsfield for 6 years. He also has over 17 years of experience in retail alcohol sales.

Andy Potter asked if there will be any changes in the operation of the business such as a continued deli counter and grocery sales. Attorney Brennan stated there are no plans for any changes in the business at this time.

Andy Potter made a motion, seconded by Kathleen to approve the transfer of the Liquor License to Jugpal Singh.

All in favor, motion approved.

Select Board Speak:

Andy Krouss informed the Board that the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission held a Kick-Off session to move forward on the broadband issues in Berkshire County. They have assigned a representative, Bob Ireland to West Stockbridge. Andy stressed that the State needs more residents to fill out the survey. Marie will put the link back on the website again to try to get more responses. Andy said the more responses the State receives from our residents, the better they will be able to assist the Town.

Kathleen made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session and not to return to open session:

“Anticipated executive session in accordance with G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(2), to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel (Police Chief).”

Roll Call Vote:

Andy Krouss	Yes
Andy Potter	Yes
Kathleen	Yes

The Board adjourned open session and entered into Executive Session at 6:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie y. Ryan

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Town Administrator