

The Select Board met on Tuesday April 26, 2022 beginning at 7:00pm in the Main Meeting Room of Town Hall. Board member Mackenzie was absent. The following members were present:

Mark Gallivan, Chair
Benjamin Barrett, Vice Chair
Glenn Maffei, Clerk
James O'Neil

Also participating
James Johnson, Town Administrator

Appointments

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Gallivan called the meeting to order at 7pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Show Cause Hearing May Wah Inc. dba Kihei Dynasty, 743 Main Street (Continued from October 26, 2021)

Business owner Lisa Chiu was present. On motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted to open the public hearing for May Wah Inc. dba Kihei Dynasty for failure to provide the public with the services contemplated by the license. Motion Passed (4-0-0). Lisa shared that the buyer they previously had interested fell through and requested three-month extension as they explore other avenues. On motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted to approve the three-month extension request. Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Public Hearing for Kaly LLC dba Kosmos for an All Alcoholic Beverage License with Common Victualler at 944 Main Street

On motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted to open the public hearing for Kaly LLC dba Kosmos for an All Alcoholic Beverage License with Common Victualler. Motion Passed (4-0-0). Attorney Joanne DiPietro was present and spoke on behalf of the business owner. She provided information on the two owners, Angelos and Stavros, a pair of brothers who already own another establishment in Woonsocket, RI. With no communication on this matter from the public, on motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted to close the public hearing. Motion Passed (4-0-0). On motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted to approve request of Kaly LLC dba Kosmos for an All Alcoholic Beverage license with Common Victualler located at 944 Main Street subject to the applicant obtaining final inspections from the Building and Health Departments. Motion Passed (4-0-0). On motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted to approve request of Kaly LLC dba Kosmos for an Entertainment License for TVs, non-live music, and occasional live music. Motion Passed (4-0-0).

ARPA Update & Vote on Revenue Replacement Allowance Option

Finance Director Jodi Cuneo and Certified Public Accountant Jim Powers were present. Jim Powers explained the revenue replacement option for ARPA funds, which would allow for the replacement of certain funds lost due to the COVID pandemic. He advised that it would be fiscally smart to take advantage of this option. Jodi Cuneo stated that the Town's auditors are also in support of the revenue replacement option. On motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted to authorize the Town Administrator and Finance Director to elect the Revenue Replacement Allowance Option in Accordance with the Final Rule. Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Open Forum – No one present.

New Business

Vote to sign the 2022 Annual Town Election Warrant

Town Clerk Elizabeth Gaffey was present. Before COVID, the June 4th Town Election was held from 8:00AM to 8:00PM, but the last two years the Town decided to close the polls at 5:00PM. Board member O'Neill felt that it was time to extend the hours back to 8:00am -8:00pm again. On motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted to sign the 2022 Annual Town Election Warrant with hours adjusted from 8:00AM to 8:00PM. Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Vote to award Bid/Contract 2022-17 Delaney Water Treatment Plant Sludge Collection Upgrade to MECO Environmental Services

Jim Johnson stated that the DPW Director and Water Superintendent recommend favorable action and authorize the Select Board to sign the contract documents. On motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted to award Bid/Contract 2022-17 Delaney Water Treatment Plant Sludge Collection Upgrade to MECO Environmental Services and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign all related documents. Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Discussion and Vote to amend Section 804 – Use of Adams Farm Policy and Procedures in the Select Board Policies & Procedures.

The Adams Farm Committee wishes to clarify the rules by adding that “groups of any size who wish to use the barn or pavilion for their activity must apply for permission” and “groups of 15 or more who wish to use any part of the farm for activity must apply permission.” On motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted to amend Section 804 – Use of Adams Farm Policy and Procedures by adding a clearer definition of a group. Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Vote to renew the Junk Dealer & Junk Collector Licenses for the following:

On motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted renew the Junk Dealer and Junk Collector Licenses as listed on the agenda. Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Vote request of WHS Cross Country/Track & Field Booster to hold the 49th Annual Walpole Labor Day Road Race on Monday, September 05 beginning at 9am.

On motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted to approve the Annual Walpole Labor Day Road Race. Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Vote request of Erik Auerbach, TAPPED Beer Truck for two One Day Wine & Malt Beverage Licenses at Rodman Arena (2130 Providence Highway) on May 6 and 7, 2022

On motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted to approve two One Day Wine & Malt Beverage Licenses at Rodman Arena (2130 Providence Highway) on May 6 and 7, 2022, licenses will only be issued when final review and approval has been received by Walpole Police Department. One Day Wine & Malt Beverage Licenses. Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Vote request of Andrew Bevilacqua for a One Day All Alcoholic Beverage License on April 29, 2022 from 7pm-11pm in the enclosed outside area of 109 Stone Street

On motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Vice Chair Barrett, voted to approve the One Day All Alcoholic Beverage License on Friday, April 29, 2022 from 7pm-11pm in the enclosed outside area of 109 Stone Street. Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Unfinished Business

Continued Discussion and Vote on remaining Spring 2022 Town Meeting Articles

Jim Johnson announced that the Finance Committee voted no action on Articles 6 & 8. On motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted to recommend no action on Article 6. Motion Passed (4-0-0). On motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted to recommend no action on Article 8. Motion Passed (4-0-0). Jim Johnson stated that the Finance Committee approved an amended version of Article 7 motion which reduced the amount of the budget that was funded by retained earnings. Clerk Maffei pointed out that the decrease in retained earnings would be compensated with increased user fees, so the Town would have to raise water rates. On motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted to recommend favorable action on Article 7 as per the Finance Committee vote. Motion Passed (4-0-0). Jim Johnson stated that the Finance Committee approved an amended version of Article 9 motion that would not take money from the Morningside Drive Project funds and also requested that the Select Board consider allocating \$296,500 from the ARPA funds into the Morningside Drive Project. Jim Johnson proposed a scheduling a joint meeting in June for the Select Board, Finance Committee, School Committee, and other important committees and members of the community to discuss what to do with our ARPA funds. On motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted to recommend favorable action on Article 7 as per the Finance Committee vote. Motion Passed (4-0-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted to accept with gratitude the following donations:

Multiple Donors to Night Before the Fourth Gift Account	\$12,791.31
Karl West to COA Gifts	\$75

Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Minutes

On motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted to approve the Minutes of March 29 and April 12, 2022 as presented in our packet. Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Town Administrator's Update

Town Meeting

Everything is all set for the 2022 Spring Town Meeting at the Walpole High School at 10:00AM on Saturday, May 7th. There will also be a Finance Committee Public Hearing on Monday May 2nd at 7:30pm in the Finance Committee Room at Town Hall.

Route 1A

Jim had a meeting with MassDOT, members of the Town DPW, and the project's contractor. He stated that there needs to be a solution to help the many businesses negatively affected by the nearby construction. They might resort to some night-work to help ease daytime traffic.

Norfolk County Solar Public Hearing

The Public Hearing originally scheduled for next week has been postponed to May 16th at 7:00pm.

On motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 8:15pm. Motion Passed (4-0-0).