

The Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Community Room at the Walpole Police Station. Ms. Ragosta was absent. The following members were present.

Eric Kraus, Chairman
Mark Gallivan, Vice Chairman
Nancy Mackenzie, Clerk
David Salvatore

Mr. Kraus talked about the official open house for the Police Station on May 12, 2018. This facility was at no cost to the Taxpayers. He hopes the moral is high and hope the officers who put their life on the line for the Town are enjoying this. The time for the Open house has been changed to 9:30a.m.

APPOINTMENTS

5-1 Transfer of all alcoholic Common Victuallers License for Raffael's to Estate on Main d/b/a Avenir

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to open the public hearing for the transfer of the All alcoholic license, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

Attorney Jim Brady 1068 Main St, Walpole representing the application. He explained this is for a Transfer of license from Raffael's to Jonathon Saphire. Ronald is going to be the manager of record. Joe Bartucca has been a fixture in the town and sad to see them go but good to have some new people in. Jonathan owns the Saphire group and owns facilities in both Sharon and E. Bridgewater. His parents owned the facilities and he has now taken them over. They ran a clean facility. No complaints in either facility. He is looking at Raffael's to enter Walpole.

Ronald Porzio has been in the business for over 30 years. He would be the manager of record. We ask that you approve the transfer of the liquor license. We understand that Walpole takes serving minors very seriously. They have very strict polices.

Mr. Kraus noted the pkg. of information is very through. This is a bittersweet item, because we cannot say enough stuff about Joe. His generosity to the town has been great. He has been a pillar in the community. We can't thank you enough and I hope you are going to more fun times. We have new ownership coming in we will work hard with you to make you successful. Please do not come before this Board on an alcohol violation. We hope to have to come in and talk about expanding. That is the only request we have.

Mrs. Mackenzie noted that Joe has been an awesome neighbor and community partner. He is always giving back. This is sad. You guys can come and strive to be like Joe. I

do know that Joe feels good about this and he was telling me about you and he feels he found a good fit. He wanted a good fit, because he cares about Walpole.

Attorney Brady commented on Cindy and Kristine and how helpful they are.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to close the hearing seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the transfer of the All alcoholic Common Victuallers license from Raffael's Banquets & Conference Facility to Estate on Main LLC d/b/a Avenir and approve Ronald Prozio as the manager of record, seconded by MR. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the request for a Sunday Entertainment and Annual Weekday Entertainment license to Estate on Main, LLC d/b/a/ Avenir seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

5-2 Application for Hotel License Home 2 Suites , 2375 Providence Hwy

This is the hotel close to the Foxboro line near the old gas station and Eastern Pearl.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to grant a Hotel License to Home 2 Suites located at 2375 Boston Providence HWY, subject to all approvals being met by Board of Health and Building Department. The Town will hold the license until such time that approvals have been met, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

Naming of Training Room at Police Station after Richard Stillman

Chief Carmichael stated the ribbon cutting will be at 9:30 a.m. We are so proud to have this facility. It is amazing to come into the building and see the smile on their face. I worked in the old bldg. for 22 years. We see how much safer this facility is. Mr. Kraus you go from deplorable to wonderful overnight. We have been proponents of this. It is really great. When you give tours people are going to be thrilled. Has the necessary protection. The holding cells are nice. Chief Carmichael as part of the administration it is great the most satisfaction is seeing the officers and dispatchers being able to work here. Mr. Kraus I got a quick tour, went into the locker room. Why do they have locks on them? The chief explained because of the guns.

Chief Carmichael noted that Chief Stillman worked hard to get a new police station and I know he worked hard with different members of the Board. It was very important to him. The tough thing to swallow is he is not here. We want to name this room in his honor name it Chief Richard B Stillman Community Room,

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the request to name the Training room the Chief Richard B. Stillman Community Room seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

We will mention that at the Ribbon Cutting.

Town Hall Reuse Committee

Mr. Kraus we asked that you come in as we wanted a brief update on where you are. We were talking about putting the parking lot back to green space.

Richard Pilla acknowledged Roger Turner. Mark Trudell and myself met with Mr. Johnson and Mr. Shield to let them know where we are. It is the landmark in town, historic gem. The bldg. has a lot of challenges. We have come up with some uses. One of the things is in order for us to go forward, we need to know the condition of the building. We went out and got a proposal for an audit of the bldg., the extent of the facility, to look at the systems, can they be reused, if not at what cost. Speaking with a demolition company, preserving all of the architectural of the bldg. and determine what was added on what walls were put up. Last summer a Walpole resident volunteered his time and talent and over a period of a couple months came up with a plan. In order to evaluate the uses that has been suggested. Take a closer look at the bldg., what wall can be removed. The 3 things that we need to do, environmental assessment, look at all the systems, to bring the building back down to a point to build out to accommodate a variety of uses.

It may be a large problem or small problem. What is the real cost? It is no small project. It has tremendous potential. How do we work around those? We do not know if some of these are feasible. What it will take to reuse that building that many have said what they want to see.

Mrs. Mackenzie have you identified source for funding. Mr. Johnson it is part of capital. Mrs. Mackenzie will it go out as an RFP? Mr. Johnson stated yes. Mrs. Mackenzie when we did the municipal facilities study we did a preliminary plan. Mr. Pilla if the town decides to keep it or not. If you decide to sell it. Mrs. Mackenzie when you are presenting it at town meeting you should reference the study.

Mr. Gallivan would like to see the bldg. reused. The bldg. and site have issues. We appreciate you digging deep. I think you are on the right track. The work that has been done to date has been great. Whatever we can do to facilitate.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to support the Town Hall Reuse committee with the environmental assessment, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

NEW BUSINESS

5-3 OPS Temporary Parking

Mr. Johnson is seeking direction from the Board on what to do with the Fire temporary ops parking in front of the Blackburn Hall when it is completed.

Mr. Kraus it was my vote to return it back to green space

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to return the Fire Dept. temp ops space back to green space, seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie

Mr. Salvatore agrees with that. Selectmen Ragosta was concerned about parking facility. A decision has to be made tonight. I think given the votes it would not change if she was present.

Mr. Johnson wanted to recognize Chris Johnson who did a lot of the work on this. Hopefully with police being here, that should open some space up. Mr. Johnson reminded Chris that Mr. Salvatore had asked about the wall in the parking lot near the hair salon. They are working on it.

VOTED 4-0-0

5-4 Memorial Day

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to grant permission for the Veterans' Agent to use the Commons on May 28, 2018 from 9am to 2pm for Memorial Day observance and to block the area between Elm Street and the commons from 11am to 2pm for vehicle display seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

5-5 Road Race for R.A. D

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to approve the Run for R.A. D. race for Sunday June 24, 2018 starting at 9am on the approved route by Police seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 4-0-0

5-6 Eversource, seeking relocation of pole for new fire station

Mr. Johnson that is the pole in front of the Fire Station. So this is just to move that pole back more.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the request to relocate existing pole 29/3 on Stone Street to provide electric service to the New Fire Station, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

TOWN ADMINISTRATORS UPDATE

Fincom –may 3 public hearing. They did vote last night and vote on the remaining articles.

Parking- no update as of the temps ops

Town Meeting- Are all set to go for Monday night at the High School

Secretary Jay Ash- is coming Friday in this room we will be hosting it. He told them who has been invited,

MOTION by moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to adjourn at 7:45pm, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0