

The Select Board met on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 beginning at 7:00pm in the Finance Committee 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
Aoife Kelly, Executive Assistant

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

Business owner Lisa Chiu was present. On motion of Clerk Maffei, seconded by Board member O'Neil voted to open the hearing for May Wah Inc. dba Kihei Dynasty, 743 Main Street for failure to provide the public with the services contemplated by the license. Motion Passed (4-0-0). Lisa outlined to the Board that they have been using an agent to try and find prospective buyers, they have a listing and the landlord is also assisting with the search. On motion of Clerk Maffei, seconded by Board member O'Neil voted to continue the hearing until April 26, 2022 at 7:05pm. Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Denise Landry, Executive Director Walpole Housing Authority – Vote request to appoint James L. Delaney to the Walpole Housing Authority under M.G.L. c 121B §5 to fill the state-appointee seat

Executive Director Denise Landry, Walpole Housing Authority members Judith Conroy and Michael Teeley were present. Judith provided some information on candidate James Delaney who could not be present tonight and outlined why this appointment is before the Select Board and informed the Board that the Housing Authority has endorsed this candidate. On motion of Clerk Maffei, seconded by Chair Gallivan voted to appoint James Delaney to the Walpole Housing Authority under M.G.L. c. 121B §5 to fill the state-appointee seat for a term expiring on August 6, 2026. Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Denise provided some information to the Board on the membership, mission of the authority, how operations are sustained through rent revenue and assistance from the Commonwealth. The Board thanked Denise for the update and appreciate them coming in tonight and look forward to getting more frequent updates at Select Board meetings in the future.

Vote request of Healthy Mindset Nutrition for a Common Victualler License to operate at 947 Main Street

Business owner Israel Lebron was present and described the type of establishment he is opening in the center of town. On motion of Clerk Maffei, seconded by Board member O'Neil voted to approve request of Healthy Mindset Nutrition for a Common Victualler License to operate at 947 Main Street. Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Open Forum – No one present.

New Business

Discussion and Vote to sign a letter to Mass Housing regarding the proposed 40B Project – Neponset Village located at 5 Pleasant Street

Patrick Deschenes, Community & Economic Development Director. Patrick provided some background on this project and the recent site visit that was conducted at 5 Pleasant Street. The Board thanks Patrick for composing the letter, and support the response to Mass Housing.
On motion of Clerk Maffei, seconded by Board member O'Neil voted to authorize the Chair to sign the letter to Mass Housing regarding the proposed 40B project – Neponset Village located at 5 Pleasant Street. Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Vote to approve the MSBA Middle School Project Scope and Budget Agreement and authorize the Town Administrator to sign on the Board's behalf

Jim Johnson provided some information on this item and why it is in front of the Board and how this is been taken in anticipation of the vote next week. On motion of Clerk Maffei, seconded by Board member O'Neil voted to approve the MSBA Middle School Project Scope and Budget Agreement and authorize the Town Administrator to sign on the Board's behalf. Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Vote to accept the resignation of William Buckley Jr. from the Recreation Committee

On motion of Clerk Maffei, seconded by Board member O'Neil voted to accept with regret the resignation of William Buckley Jr. from the Recreation Committee effectively immediately. Motion Passed (4-0-0). The Board thanked him for all his hard work on various committees.

Vote to approve the 2022 Select Board meeting schedule

On motion of Clerk Maffei, seconded by Board member O'Neil voted approve the 2022 Select Board meeting schedule. Motion Passed (4-0-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Clerk Maffei, seconded by Board member O'Neil voted to accept with gratitude the following donation
Karl West to COA Gifts \$75
Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Town Administrator's Update

Town Meeting

Town Meeting was held over the weekend and was a success. Dan, Liz and the entire team involved did a great job.

Work Session

Reminder we have tentative meetings on the 9, 16 and 23 of November. On the 16 we are set to go over the ARPA funds and meet with the Police and Fire Chiefs to talk about their FY23 budgets.

Town Election

Liz is all set to go with the election, polls will be open next Tuesday from 8am-8pm. Early Voting is this week, on Wednesday & Thursday 9am-3pm and Friday 9am-11am.

On motion of Clerk Maffei, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 7:35pm. Motion Passed (4-0-0).