

The Select Board met on Tuesday March 12, 2024 beginning at 7:00pm in the Main Meeting Room of Town Hall. The following members were present:

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

Also participating  
James Johnson, Town Administrator  
Aoife Kelly, Executive Assistant

### Appointments

#### Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

#### Continued Public Hearing for transfer of All Alcoholic Beverage Common Victualler License with Pledge of License from Red Wing Diner Inc. to Blondie's Barbecue LLC, 2235 Providence Highway (vote expected)

Attorney Michael Cabral and Blondie's Barbecue owners Peter and Patricia Crowley were present. Attorney Cabral introduced his clients to the Board and the request to transfer the license from Red Wing Diner to Blondie's Barbecue LLC, with the purchase and sale set to close later this month. Attorney Cabral introduced his clients to the Board and their experience in the business.

On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted to close the public hearing. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted to approve the request to transfer the All Alcoholic Beverage Common Victualler License with Pledge of License from Red Wind Diner Inc. to Blondies Barbeque LLC at 2235 Providence Highway. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted to approve an entertainment license with non-live music & one television. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

#### Vote request of Shantae Holmes to use the Town Common and close off sections of Elm and Front Streets on Wednesday, June 19, 2024 with Live Entertainment from 2-6pm for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Juneteenth Celebration

Be Inclusive Board member Jenn Karnakis was present. Jenn provided some information to the Board on the history of the Juneteenth Celebration and provided an update on the event for this year. Jenn recognized Shantae's hard work on the Committee.

On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted to approve request of Shantae Holmes to use the Town Common and close off sections of Elm and Front Street on Wednesday, June 19, 2024 with Live Entertainment from 2-6pm for Walpole's 5<sup>th</sup> Juneteenth Celebration. Motion Massed (5-0-0).

#### Introduction and Vote to appoint Ian Rogers to the position of Veteran's Agent and Director of Veteran's Services

Ian Rogers was present and spoke a little bit about himself and his passion for Veteran services. The Board welcomed Ian to the Town and were impressed with his passion for the role and his ideas. The Board congratulated Ian and look forward to working with him. On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted to appoint Ian Rogers to the position of Veteran's Agent and Director of Veteran's Services effective March 25, 2024. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

### Open Forum

Andrew Gilmore 15 Shufelt Rd., Walpole – spoke about the possibility of a quiet zone on Summer Street.

Kathleen Cleary 3 Shufelt Rd., Walpole – spoke about adding the discussion of a quiet zone to a Select Board agenda.

### New Business

#### Vote DPW Director Mattson requests:

On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted to declare the emergency generator as surplus. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted to release \$2,006.30 from the Perpetual Care Fund for the purchase of a sign to memorialize the Infant Burial Lot section of Maple Grove Cemetery. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

### Unfinished Business

#### Continued Discussion on Spring 2024 Town Meeting Articles (votes expected)

On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted No Action on Article 4. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted Favorable Action on Article 5. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted Favorable Action on Article 6. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted No Action on Article 7. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

### CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted to approve the consent items as listed on the March 12 agenda

John & Linda Sheehan to Library Material Gifts	\$100
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Various Donors to Smiling Eyes Financial	\$70
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Various Donors to 300 <sup>th</sup> Celebration Donations	\$125
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Various Donors to Night Before the Fourth	\$180
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Walpole Cooperative Bank to Recreation Community Events	\$5,000
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Request of Harry Brousaides to use the municipal lot at Stone Field on April 28 from 8am-2pm for a classic car show

Request of Norwood Evening Garden Club to use Adams Farm on May 9, 10 & 11, 2024 for a plant sale

Request of Juli Renquin to use Adams Farm on July 26 & 27, 2024 for a mountain bike race and on May 15, 29, June 12 & 26 and July 10 & 24 from 5pm-8pm for cycling training events

Request of Tracy Firth to use Adams Farm on May 18 for a plant sale

Motion Passed (5-0-0).

### Town Administrator's Update

#### Route 1A Update

I hadn't heard anything back from MassDOT until this evening and they advised us that they have yet to receive a formal start date from the contractor. The official schedule says early April, and I've asked Carl Balduf and MassDOT to hold a meeting this month to just get an update on the status of the project.

#### Bird Pond Dam

I'm working with the project manager who came in before you in November or December. They are looking at possibly an April meeting date, to get caught up with the Board and look for some direction. They have asked me to get any questions that you may have in writing to them.

### Town Meeting

We continue to make our way through the warrant, I except Finance Committee to vote on the FY25 budget motion at their meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

### MBTA Communities

Planning Board is set to hold their public hearing on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Patrick is hosting a community forum on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Council on Aging and Finance Committee are set to discuss it on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 7:28pm. Motion Passed (5-0-0).