

**TOWN OF LAKEVILLE
Select Board Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2023 – 6:00 PM**

**Lakeville Police Station Meeting Room
323 Bedford Street, Lakeville, MA**

On October 10, 2023, the Select Board held a meeting at 6:00 PM at the Lakeville Police Station Meeting Room. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Day. Members present were Chairman Day and Member Carboni; Member Fabian was absent. Also present were Ari Sky, Town Administrator and Tracie Craig-McGee, Executive Assistant to the Select Board and Town Administrator. LakeCAM was recording the meeting for broadcast.

Select Board Announcements

Chairman Day read the Select Board announcements.

Town Administrator Announcements

Mr. Sky read the Town Administrator Announcements.

Discuss and possible vote to approve Select Board Minutes of September 18, 2023

Member Carboni noted an amendment on page 2 to add an “e” at the end of sentence paragraph 3, sentence 16. This item was tabled until October 30, 2023.

Public hearing for transfer of Off Premises All Alcoholic Beverages Package Store license for 157 Bedford Street – Tamarack Liquors to Kantara, Inc., dba Towne Liquors

Present for the discussion was John Mooradian, Esquire, of DeMakis Law Offices, P.C. and Kirit Patel. Chairman Day read the legal notice into the record, which was published on September 28, 2023.

Upon a motion made by Member Carboni and seconded by Chairman Day, it was:

VOTED: To open the public hearing for the transfer of the Off Premises All Alcoholic Beverages Package Store license for 157 Bedford Street, Lakeville, MA.
Unanimous in favor.

Attorney Mooradian said that Kantara, Inc. has purchased the package store known as Tamarack Wine & Spirits located at 157 Bedford. Mr. Patel currently owns a package store and this is his second store. We anticipate having three (3) to four (4) employees that will be TIP certified. The operating hours will be 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM Monday through Saturday and 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM on Sundays. Mr. Patel has had no alcohol related violations.

Upon a motion made by Member Carboni and seconded by Chairman Day, it was:

VOTED: To close the public hearing for the transfer of Off Premises All Alcoholic Beverages Package Store license for 157 Bedford Street, Lakeville, MA.
Unanimous in favor.

Upon a motion made by Member Carboni and seconded by Chairman Day, it was:

VOTED: To approve the transfer of the Off Premises All Alcoholic Beverages Package Store license from Tamarack Liquors to Kantara, Inc., dba Towne Liquors.
Unanimous in favor.

Discuss and possible vote on access agreement for Free/Lake Softball to make improvements to John Paun Park

Melisa Turcotte, Chair of the Park Commission, was present for the discussion. Ms. Turcotte said in the spring of 2022, Free/Lake Softball asked for permission to rebuild Field 2 at John Paun Park and the Park Commission approved. They are ready to proceed, but the Town Administrator said we needed an agreement as they are working on public property. They are going to redo the dugouts like Field 1 and extend the backstop with nettings. Chairman Day noted the license is good until June of 2024. Ms. Turcotte said they are going to apply for the building permit since they want it done by the beginning of June.

Upon a motion made by Member Carboni and seconded by Chairman Day, it was:

VOTED: To approve the access agreement for Free/Lake Softball to make improvements to John Paun Park.
Unanimous in favor.

Discuss and possible vote on request from DPW Director for Snow Plow Contractor Rate Changes

Franklin Moniz, DPW Director, was present for the discussion. Mr. Moniz said this increase is putting the rates in line with MassDOT. The 8' plow rate is higher than MassDOT as it is more important to us. We added one (1) more hour as a bonus for paperwork submittal prior to the contractor meeting and two (2) hours for the contractor meeting. Mr. Moniz said these contractors are very important to us.

Upon a motion made by Member Carboni and seconded by Chairman Day, it was:

VOTED: To approve the request from the Department of Public Works Director for snow plow contractor rate changes.
Unanimous in favor.

Discuss and possible vote to appoint Lacey Marshall as Human Resources Director

Lacey Marshall was present for the discussion. Mr. Sky said John Viarella left his position as Human Resources Director in August and the position for advertised. We received 53 application

and interviewed 6 with 2 finalists. Mr. Sky said the interview committee consisted of the himself, the Town Clerk, Fire and Police Chiefs, DPW Director and Town Accountant. It was the group's unanimous recommendation for Ms. Marshall. Mr. Sky summarized her qualifications and experience. He is recommending that Ms. Marshall be hired with a salary of \$92,298.

Member Carboni thanked the interview committee, but she is not ready to make the appointment this evening until there is a full Board because this is such an important position for the Town. Chairman Day agreed to wait for a full Board. He asked Ms. Marshall if she wanted to speak. Ms. Marshall said she spent 24 years in the National Guard and has a Master's Degree in public administration. This opportunity is perfect as she is a Lakeville resident and would be serving her community. Mr. Sky asked the Board Members to reach out to Ms. Marshall with any questions. Chairman Day said this would be tabled until the next meeting on October 30th.

Discuss and possible vote on the Warrant for the November 13, 2023 Special Town Meeting

Marc Resnick, Town Planner, was present for the discussion. Chairman Day said the Board received the slightly edited version of the warrant from Town Counsel. Mr. Sky said the most significant edits were to the Fire Alarm By-law. Member Carboni asked about the Planning Board Hearings. Marc Resnick, Town Planner, said they are scheduled for October 12, 2023. Member Carboni said the Planning Board Hearings are a chance for residents to hear the reasoning for the changes and is more in depth than what we do at warrant review. Chairman Day said he would like to see some kind of visual aids before Town Meeting. Mr. Sky said they will be ready for warrant review. Mr. Resnick said he can provide short explanations and some pictures of different types of subdivisions. Chairman Day said the warrant will be read on October 30th at warrant review. Member Carboni said any article sponsor should attend warrant review.

Upon a motion made by Member Carboni and seconded by Chairman Day, it was:

VOTED: To approve the warrant as presented with Town Counsel changes as provided for the November 13, 2023 Special Town Meeting.
Unanimous in favor.

Chairman Day noted that there were minor changes to the warrant in the packet compared to the warrant posted in the Board's packet.

Discuss and possible vote to approve and sign the Bond Anticipation Note for the second borrowing for the Assawompset Elementary School window project

Erika Correia, Treasurer/Collector, was present for the discussion. Mr. Sky noted that there are four (4) windows left to be replaced and they have started work on the doors. They cannot do the doors on night shift so they are doing them on the weekends, but the weather has been rainy. The contractor stated they will be done by the target date. Ms. Correia noted this has a 5% interest rate with and \$11,220 premium.

Upon a motion made by Chairman Day and seconded by Member Carboni, it was:

VOTED: To adopt the vote prepared by bond counsel in connection with the sale and approval of the Town's October Bond Anticipation Notes.
Unanimous in favor.

Discuss and possible vote to approve Public Way License Application for Charles River Wheelers for the Cranberry Ride on October 15, 2023

Chairman Day said the fee has been collected and all responses received.

Upon a motion made by Member Carboni and seconded by Chairman Day, it was:

VOTED: To approve the Public Way License for the Charles River Wheelers for the Cranberry Ride on October 15, 2023 at 8:00 AM.
Unanimous in favor.

Discuss and possible vote to approve Public Way License Application for Mullein Hill Christian Academy for Veterans 5k on November 4, 2023

Chairman Day said the fee has been collected and all responses received. He asked about any past problems. Member Carboni said they changed their route slightly this year.

Upon a motion made by Member Carboni and seconded by Chairman Day, it was:

VOTED: To approve the Public Way License for Mullein Hill Christian Academy for the Veterans 5K on November 4, 2023 between 8:00 AM and 12:00 PM.
Unanimous in favor.

Discuss and possible vote in regards to notice from Massachusetts State Lottery Commission regarding Keno License for Joe and Chloe Gas – 33 Bedford Street

Chairman Day said the owner of 33 Bedford Street has applied for a Keno License. If we have no objection, no action is needed. The Board had no objections to the application.

Discuss and possible vote on request of Girgis Automotive Services to revise the name on their Class II Auto Sales License

Chairman Day noted there is a minor change to the business name to make it the same as the business license.

Upon a motion made by Member Carboni and seconded by Chairman Day, it was:

VOTED: To approve the change of name on Class II Auto Sales License for Girgis Automotive Services, dba Sha-Nic Auto to match their business certificate.
Unanimous in favor.

Discuss and possible vote to approve request to connect to Taunton Water – 35 Myricks Street

Chairman Day said the Board has received an application to connect to Taunton Water for three (3) houses at 35 Myricks Street. The Planning Board has approved this subdivision. He noted that Ms. Craig-McGee revised the gallonage number after speaking with the applicant.

Upon a motion made by Member Carboni and seconded by Chairman Day, it was:

VOTED: To approve the request to connect to Taunton Water for the property located at 35 Myricks Street with a 1,320-gallon daily usage.
Unanimous in favor.

Discuss and possible vote to approve request for one-day Beer and Wine License for Harper Lane Brewery for Elliot Farm Fall Festival on October 14, 2023

Chairman Day said all documents have been received. Member Carboni noted the hours are the same as last year.

Upon a motion made by Member Carboni and seconded by Chairman Day, it was:

VOTED: To approve the one-day Special Beer and Wine License for Harper Lane Brewery for Elliot Farm Fall Festival on October 14, 2023 from 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM.
Unanimous in favor.

Discuss and possible vote to revise the special one-day liquor license for Decanted, Inc. for the rescheduled Angers Conway Farm Event on October 14, 2023

Chairman Day said this request is to change the date on the special one-day liquor license as the event was rescheduled due to weather.

Upon a motion made by Member Carboni and seconded by Chairman Day, it was:

VOTED: To approve the change of date for the one-day Special Beer and Wine License for Decanted Inc. for the rescheduled Angers Conway Farm Festival scheduled for October 14, 2023.
Unanimous in favor.

Discuss and possible vote on request from the Council on Aging to appoint Rosemary Duclos as Alternate Member on the Council on Aging Board of Directors

Chairman Day said we have a letter from the Council on Aging Board requesting Rosemary Duclos to be appointed as an Alternate Member to the Council on Aging.

Upon a motion made by Member Carboni and seconded by Chairman Day, it was:

VOTED: To appoint Rosemary Duclos as Alternate Member on the Council on Aging Board of Directors until July 31, 2024.
Unanimous in favor.

Revisit discussion on Town Hall operating hours

Member Carboni said we walked away without a clear directive on what the next steps should be. She would like to table this until maybe October 30th to do some research on what we have done in the past and work with the Town Administrator on a solution to present to the Board review as the Select Board is the authority to decide the Town Hall operating house. This item was tabled to a future meeting.

Building Committee Updates:

Senior Center Feasibility Study

Mr. Sky said that the next meeting is October 18th. There will be further refinement of the schematic design.

Fire Station Building Committee

Member Carboni said they reviewed the submittals for the architect design firm and identified the top three (3) and are meeting on October 18th to interview the three (3) firms. Hopefully we will have a vote that night to bring a recommendation back to the Select Board for approval. We will also be meeting with the Park Commission on October 19th to discuss the feasibility study results regarding the site location recommendation. There were three (3) locations on the Parks land that were identified, so it is important that the Park Commission needs to be part of the conversation moving forward. Chairman Day said he understood that the Committee had engaged Natural Heritage. Mr. Sky said some preliminary work has been done on the identified sites.

Old Colony Feasibility Study

Chairman Day said the Committee met last week and the next phase is a Request for Services (RFS) for the project. They are looking for comments or questions by tomorrow. The publication of the RFS is November 8th and they will put an estimated cost of \$110 to \$220 million depending on the scope. That could be leaving the project as is; adding a few programs like HVAC and plumbing, or add more. SBA has said the district can be anywhere from 560 – 800 plus students to determine what is the right size for the school. He asked if that was the final number, including things not reimbursed by the State. The RFS contains questions from other vocational schools that have gone through this. Mr. Sky said the effective reimbursement will be about 40%. Chairman Day said they are pushing to get the program to realize that vocational schools are different.

New Business

Chairman Day said the Open Space Committee has requested SRPEDD hours to help finish up the Open Space Plan, so we will put this on the October 30th meeting. Mr. Sky said 20 hours will not be enough to finish the Plan. Member Carboni said we need to determine if the 20 hours will bring the plan to a point of being approved or if additional hours are needed. She would like to get this finished. This is an important plan. It might be worth having a brief meeting on where we are now, and what is needed to finish it and the time frame. Chairman Day said we could do a remote meeting. Mr. Sky asked if the Board wanted to meet with the whole Open Space Committee.

Member Carboni said to ask Amy Knox what she would like to do. Chairman Day said they should come with a proposal to look at. Perhaps Ms. Knox and the Town Planner can prepare this.

Old Business

There was no Old Business discussed.

Correspondence

1. Letters from the Lakeville Arts Council regarding 2023 Arts & Music Festival
2. Letter from Comcast regarding Programming Advisory
3. Letter from Comcast regarding Video on Demand Name Change

Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Member Carboni and seconded by Chairman Day, it was:

VOTED: To adjourn the Select Board Meeting at 6:59 PM.
Unanimous in favor.

List of documents provided at the Select Board Meeting of October 10, 2023

1. Agenda page
2. Agenda page; Town Administrator announcements
3. Agenda page Select Board Minutes of September 18, 2023
4. Agenda page; ABCC application for transfer of license and associated documents
5. Agenda page; Select Board Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2023
6. Agenda page; memo from DPW Director; proposed rate changes
7. Agenda page; memo from Town Administrator; resume of candidate
8. Agenda page; warrant for Special Town Meeting; draft warrant with Town Counsel revisions
9. Agenda page; memo from Treasurer/Tax Collector
10. Agenda page; email from Park Commission with request form; Public Way Use Application
11. Agenda page; Public Way Use Application
12. Agenda page; letter from Massachusetts State Lottery
13. Agenda page; email from David Girgis
14. Agenda page; Taunton Water Connection application; email from Planning Board Clerk
15. Agenda page; application for one-day special beer and wine liquor license
16. Agenda page; email from Decanted, Inc. requesting date change for one-day special beer and wine license
17. Agenda page; letter from Council on Aging Board of Directors; interest form from candidate
18. Agenda page
19. Agenda page
20. Agenda page
21. Agenda page
22. Agenda page; letters from Lakeville Arts Council; letters from Comcast