

TOWN OF ACTON SELECT BOARD MEETING

April 24, 2024

6:00pm

MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING - Barn Lights

Public Hearing open for Barn Lights at 6:05pm.

Barbara Schnurbusch, House Manager, Barn Lights:

Roux advised that there were multiple contact attempts made to Scott, via contact information provided, messages were also left at the number for Barn Lights directly, with no response. The town has a protocol that needs to be followed: the Fire Chief needs to complete inspections prior to recommendations being made.

Roux recommends tabling the review of the application but continuing with the public hearing currently.

The Sheriffs department has no concerns. The Code Enforcement Office has no concerns.

Public Comment: n/a

Public hearing closed at 6:07pm.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Winchell, Jr. called the meeting to order.

2. WARRANTS/BILLS

Signed.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Walsh made a motion to approve the agenda; seconded by Norwood. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Norwood made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 27 and April 10 meetings; seconded by Walsh. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

Roux confirmed the Select Board received and reviewed the Row Bridge report that was submitted.

Discussion occurred regarding changing the franchise fee with Breezeline and communication has taken place with Breezeline: now that the Town Meeting has come and gone, we will need to create a resolution for the Select Board to sign, changing the fee to zero. It will take effect 90 days from the date of the resolution.

Update on the demolition of the old gym: everything is in place. CMP has not come yet to disconnect power.

The Superintendent sent a letter, in respect to the Fire Department, relating to the school. The fire alarms were down the week of the 8th, from the storm, and the school reached out to Chief Ham to discuss how to proceed. The Fire Department put a fire watch in place at the school to keep the school open while the fire alarm was down. The school expressed thanks and gratitude to Chief Ham and the Fire Department staff for their support in keeping the school open.

Roux addressed the echo during the meetings, advising the Mike Corey will be troubleshooting to make changes to the system to eliminate the echo.

6. DEPARTMENT HEAD / COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES

n/a

7. LIAISON UPDATES

McGurty: Municipal Management / Warrant & Finance, APAT, Cemetery

n/a

Walsh: Fire Department, Transfer Station, Lincoln School

n/a

Norwood: School Department, Conservation / Forest, Mary Grant

n/a

Winchell: Roads & Road Committee, Recreation Committee

n/a

8. OLD BUSINESS

n/a

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Barn Lights Liquor License

Tabled

B. Rum Runners Application for Catered Function

Roux advised Rum Runners, LLC., is based out of Bar Harbor. They are a licensed caterer participating in an event on May 11-12, held at Kelly Orchards. Roux spoke with the State of Maine liquor enforcement regarding one day events and how to proceed. This is informational for the Select Board. McGurty questioned if this is a private or public event. Roux advised this is public. Mr. Kelly is present and can share information regarding the event.

McGurty made a motion to approve the license for a Rum Runners event on May 11-12, on the condition of receipt of payment and insurance; seconded by Norwood. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Blossom and Bloom Festival Special Taste Testing Event License

Mr. Kelly advised that the orchard is in transition, the people that are interested in purchasing the orchard have planted a half an acre of tulips (hoping they will bloom with the apple blossoms). The potential new owners would like to host pick your own, as well as direct marketing agrotourism. The event host has created a swing to place in the tulips for a photo-op. The event will take place on Mother's Day weekend and the following weekend. Rum Runners will be present the first weekend and the second weekend will be a taste testing for a hard cider.

McGurty made a motion to approve the license for the Blossom and Bloom Festival for May 11-12 and May 18-19, on the condition of receipt of payment and insurance; seconded by Norwood. All in favor. Motion carried.

D. Municipal Release Deed

The town's attorney's office contacted Roux advising in the late 90s, early 2000's, the town put various tax liens on a property. The property name and property on the deed didn't match clearly. The release deed is to Arthur Kelly verses Kelly Orchards. In the software, it's listed as Kelly Orchards; per the Deed the owner is Arthur Kelly. Per the attorney the release is in the wrong name. Joe Lenkowski has reviewed this and completed a Municipal Release Deed, which releases all the properties filed at the registry which will clean up all the history and allow for no issues with the sale of the properties.

McGurty made a motion to approve a Municipal Release Deed for Arthur Kelly at 82 Sanborn Road; seconded by Walsh. All in favor. Motion carried.

E. Executive Session 405 - 6 A -1 Personnel Issue

McGurty made a motion to go into Executive Session 405 6 A-1 Personnel Issue; seconded by Walsh. All in favor. Motion carried.

Norwood made a motion to come out of Executive Session 405 6 A-1 Personnel Issue at 6:57pm; seconded by Walsh. All in favor

McGurty advised that three months ago, Lauren Hazekamp was appointed to the Town Treasurer position, with the departure of Kelly Burgess. The Select Board would like to offer a six-month appointment, allowing an opportunity to continue to develop skills in the position and establish comfort in a career track for the position.

Roux has also been doing a fair amount of work handling treasury work along with Marc Roy and Hazekamp. The Board offers thanks to Roux for wearing multiple hats.

F. Appointment

McGurty made a motion to appoint Lauren Hazekamp, as the Treasurer, for a period of six months, until 10/31/2024; seconded by Walsh. All in favor. Motion carried.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jon Denekamp: announced that there will be a town cleanup this Saturday. Starting at the Town office at 830am, with coffee and donuts, and finishing up around 11:30am, for lunch. Denekamp advised last year, we collected 144 bags of trash. This year, we have more people signed up. We have 10 high school students from Sanford and Maple Stone signed up. We currently have more than 50 people signed up. Vests will be provided for volunteers to wear.

Walsh made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Norwood. All in favor. Motion carried.

11. PENDING

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS
On Website

13. MEMBERS PRESENT: David Winchell, Jr., Tom McGurty, Ed Walsh, Daniel Norwood, Jennifer Roux

14. ATTENDANCE: Jon Denekamp, Hope Denekamp, Joyce Baski, Arthur Kelly, Barn Lights