

Select Board Special Meeting
Monday, June 8, 2020 - 6:00 p.m.
REMOTE

Arrangements for remote participation by Select Board members and members of the public were made in accordance with Governor Baker's Emergency Order Modifying the State's Open Meeting Law. Participation in the meeting was done remotely via Zoom.

Select Board Present via Zoom: Chair Marie Angelides, Mark Gold, Richard Foster, Marc Strange, and Tom Lachiusa

Also Present via Zoom: Town Manager Lyn Simmons, CFO Paul Pasterczyk, Debbie House, Lou Massachi, and Jeannette Norman

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair Marie Angelides. Due to COVID-19 concerns and the Governor's executive order changes to Open Meeting Law remote participation, this meeting was held remotely with residents having the option of calling in or sending in their comments. All votes were taken by roll call. LCTV was also utilized to broadcast and record the meeting.

Chair Angelides confirmed that all members and persons anticipated on the agenda were present and could hear and be heard throughout the meeting. Ensuring public access does not ensure public participation unless such participation is required by law. The meeting allowed for public comment.

1. Process for approving outdoor restaurant dining service in accordance with the Governor's order #35 – Phase 2 of the Governor's reopening plan allows for outdoor dining table service starting today. The Governor gives the towns/cities sweeping authority over this. Some towns have given the authority to their Town Managers/Administrators to review and approve plans submitted by restaurants for outdoor dining. Plans would also be reviewed by the Health, Fire, and Building Departments. Liquor license approval would come before the Select Board. The outdoor dining approvals are only temporary and are only effective until November 1, 2020.

Mr. Foster made the motion to grant the authority to approve outdoor dining service to the Town Manager. Mr. Lachiusa seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Gold asked how the Town Manager envisions the restaurants that have no space for outdoor dining. Ms. Simmons noted that there is nothing in front of us yet from businesses that do not already have outdoor areas. She does not want to overthink this and will address each individual situation as it arises. All food establishments in town have been contacted regarding the Governor's order. Posto and Max Burger may temporarily expand their existing outdoor service. The Governor's order streamlined the process to approve applications just until November 1. Ms. Simmons asked the Board their feelings on tents, if a business were to request any.

Mr. Gold made the amendment to the original motion that any outdoor dining granted by the Town Manager be communicated to the Select Board within 24 hours. Mr. Foster seconded the amendment.

Roll call vote on the amendment: Ms. Angelides-no, Mr. Foster-yes, Mr. Strange-no, Mr. Gold-yes, Mr. Lachiusa-no Vote on the amendment failed 3-2

Roll call vote on the original motion: Ms. Angelides-yes, Mr. Foster-yes, Mr. Strange-yes, Mr. Gold-yes, Mr. Lachiusa-yes Vote on the original motion passed 5-0

2. The Meeting House application for a temporary extension of premises – The Meeting House submitted a temporary extension of premises request for the patio. The Planning Board approved the patio area last year but, due to an oversight, The Meeting House did not come back to the Select Board or Board of Health for a review and approval of food and alcohol service. If this temporary extension of premises is granted, the patio hours would be 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Meeting House will be required to go

through the whole ABCC approval process to make this permanent. Owners Lou Massachi and Jeannette Norman called in to the meeting. They will serve food and alcohol on the patio, safety and sanitation procedures will be in place, tables will be 6' apart and handwashing/sanitizing will be available. They will not be requesting a tent as the parking lot is restrictive.

Mr. Lachiusa made the motion to approve the temporary extension of premises for The Meeting House to include the patio as submitted to the Select Board until November 1, 2020. Mr. Strange seconded the motion. Ms. Angelides-yes, Mr. Foster-yes, Mr. Strange-yes, Mr. Gold-yes, Mr. Lachiusa-yes

3. Health partnership shared services agreement with East Longmeadow – The draft shared services agreement was presented to the Select Board. Ms. Simmons has been in front of the Board of Health twice already and will be again on June 11 asking for approval of the draft. If the BOH approves the agreement on the 11th, the agreement will go to the Select Board on June 15. The Department of Public Health is pushing for BOHs to move to shared services, grants are available. Longmeadow and East Longmeadow have already received \$50,000 for COVID-19 assistance. Once the agreement is approved there will be a July 1 launch, 6-month transition, and as of January 1 Longmeadow will be part of a full shared service district. Beverly Hirschhorn will retire and the Health Director in East Longmeadow will become the Director of the district. Mr. Gold asked about fundamental changes being made to the agreement. Ms. Simmons stated that it is not too late to make changes and any suggestions should be sent to her as soon as possible for review.

Ms. Simmons is still reviewing the Governor's orders on reopening and will have a formal plan for the Select Board on June 15. She would like to open a customer service area in the Community House for July 1. The guidelines for camps, daycare, and pools will make it very difficult to open them. Ms. Simmons and Bari Jarvis are talking to other communities to see how they are handling this.

Mr. Gold made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:45 p.m. Mr. Lachiusa seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Angelides-yes, Mr. Foster-audio issue, Mr. Gold-yes, Mr. Strange-yes, Mr. Lachiusa-yes

Documents:

Agenda

Governor's Order #35

ABCC Advisory-LLA Approval of Outdoor Seating

ABCC Advisory-Guidelines for Extension of Premises to Patio and Outdoor Areas

Draft Inter-Municipal Agreement Public Health Partnership