

# BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

**June 1, 2021**

Chair Maureen Dwinnell; Selectman Stephen A. Matellian; Selectman Brett A. Simas; Town Manager, Derek S. Brindisi; Executive Assistant, Sandra Hakala

## **Public Comment**

None

## **Reorganization of the Board**

Mr. Simas asks for a Motion to appoint the Executive Assistant Sandra Hakala, as temporary Chair for the purpose of reorganization of the Board.

**Motion #1:** Member Matellian motioned to appoint Executive Assistant Sandra Hakala as temporary Chair for the purpose of reorganizing the Board of Selectmen.

Second: Member Simas, Unanimous Member Dwinnell.

The Temporary Chair opens the nominations for Chair of the Board of Selectman and asked if there are any nominations. Member Simas motioned to nominate Ms. Dwinnell.

Temporary Chair Hakala asks if there are any other nominations. Hearing none, Temporary Chair then closed nominations and asked Selectman Simas for a Motion to appoint Maureen Dwinnell, Chair of the Board of Selectmen.

**Motion # 2:** Member Simas motioned to nominate Maureen Dwinnell, Chair of the Board of Selectmen.

Second: Member Matellian, Majority Action of the Board.

**Motion # 3:** Chair Dwinnell motioned to rescind the former motion appointing Executive Assistant Sandra Hakala as Temporary Chair for the purpose of reorganizing the Board.

Second: Member Matellian, Unanimous Member Simas.

## **Guest Presentations**

### ***Rushford and Son Public Hearing***

Chair Dwinnell opened the Public Hearing:

Notice is hereby given, under Chapter 138, Section 15A, of the MGLs that a Public Hearing will be held \*virtually on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at 7:05 PM on the applications of Rushford & Sons Brewhouse, LLC 8 Grove Street, Upton, MA for an alteration of licensed premise (to include the front parking lot of 8 Grove Street located at the address), change of hours and entertainment

license. Premises as follows: Single floor 2100 sf. 1500 sf taproom, 600 sf brewery/manufacturing area, 2500 sf parking lot/outside space.

**Motion #4:** Motion made by Selectman Simas to suspend the public hearing until the applicant is present.

Second: Selectman Matellian, Unanimous, Chair Dwinnell

**Motion #5:** Motion made by Selectman Simas to reopen the public hearing at 7:21 PM.

Second: Selectman Matellian, Unanimous, Chair Dwinnell

**Motion #6:** Motion made by Selectman Simas to approve the expanded licensed premise to include the parking lot.

Second: Selectman Matellian, Unanimous, Chair Dwinnell

**Motion #7:** Motion made by Selectman Simas to approve the revision of hours to Sunday thru Saturday 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM.

Second: Selectman Matellian, Unanimous, Chair Dwinnell

The Board's concern over noise and the proximity of neighbors led the Selectmen to deny the applicants request for an entertainment license at this time. Mr. Holman also voiced concern of the noise level.

**Motion #8:** Motion made by Selectman Matellian to deny Rushford & Sons application for an entertainment license.

Second: Selectman Simas, Unanimous, Chair Dwinnell

The Chair closed the public hearing at 7:42PM.

#### ***Mosquito Control Board Discussion-Community Advocates and Board of Health***

Christine Scott, Laurie Wodin, Alisa Bernat, and Marcella Stassa proposed to the Selectmen to form and appoint a group of individuals who would be able to develop a mosquito management and control policy.

They developed a mission statement, "The goal of Mosquito Control Task Force or committee is to support a mosquito monitoring and control plan in order to prevent the spread of mosquito borne diseases. This plan is intended to be presented as an alternative to aerial spraying by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and as a viable alternative to participation in the central mass mosquito control project. The plan may include options for educating the public,

monitoring, and testing mosquito's options for control of disease, carrying mosquito populations, and the proposed budget to implement the Plan on an annual basis."

**Motion #9:** Motion made by Selectman Matellian create a Mosquito Control Board to consist of 7 members with at least one representative of the Conservation Commission, a Board of Selectmen member, a Board of Health member, member of sustainable Upton, and 3 other interested individuals.

Second: Selectman Simas, Unanimous, Chair Dwinnell

**Finance Committee Update- Paul Flaherty**

Mr. Flaherty discussed the role of the finance committee with the Board. In part, he stated, "A board of selectmen in a town with an elected or appointed finance committee has no statutory role in the preparation and submission of the annual budget unless it is expressly given a role by bylaw. If not, the finance committee is responsible for preparing submitting and distributing the budget under G.L CH. 39.

The budget before town meeting is the finance committee's."

**Board Discussion Items (no public comment)**

**Vote to Approve and Execute 0 East Street Conservation Restriction**

**Motion #10:** Motion made by Selectman Simas to Approve and Execute 0 East Street Conservation Restriction.

Second: Selectman Matellian, Unanimous, Chair Dwinnell

**Discuss Update on Trust Funds**

*The Board reviewed the expenditures over the past year.*

**Discuss Funding Request from GSTroop 64528.**

**Motion #11:** Motion made by Selectman Simas to expend \$554.12 from the Risteen Beautification Trust Fund.

Second: Selectman Matellian, Unanimous, Chair Dwinnell

**Discuss Men's Club 2021 Upton Fireworks Festival Funding Request**

**Motion #12:** Motion made by Selectman Simas to expend \$6350 from the William Knowlton Trust Fund.

Second: Selectman Matellian, Unanimous, Chair Dwinnell

**Discuss Update CARES ACT**

Since releasing its initial guidance for the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds included in the American Rescue Plan Act, the U.S. Department of the Treasury continues to provide details that are bringing clarity to the program and its local uses. Treasury guidance provides flexibility for eligible uses among the four main spending categories identified in the statute:

- Response to the public health emergency or its negative economic consequences
- Provision of premium pay to eligible workers
- Revenue replacement
- Investments in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure

**Motion to Accept MED-Project LLC Grant**

**Motion #13:** Motion made by Selectman Matellian to accept the MED-Project LLC Grant.

Second: Selectman Simas, Unanimous, Chair Dwinnell

**Motion to Execute Blackstone Nursing Intermunicipal Agreement**

**Motion #14:** Motion made by Selectman Simas to Approve and Execute Blackstone Nursing Intermunicipal Agreement.

Second: Selectman Matellian, Unanimous, Chair Dwinnell

**Town Manager Report/Updates**

- The Transition Plan is expected to be complete in August.
- Litigation with CDM Smith is completed, they will reimburse the town for the Kiwanis Beach Parking lot.
- Town Planner will be seeking a 75k Grant to initiate a Master Plan.
- The Town is earmarked 75K for public safety.

**Adjourn Meeting**

**Motion #15:** At 8:44 pm Selectman Matellian made motion to adjourn.

Second: Selectman Dwinnell, Unanimous: Chair Simas

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra Hakala, Executive Assistant