

**Board of Selectmen
July 5, 2022
Town Hall
Veterans Memorial Hall, Sturbridge Town Hall
308 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566**

Present:

Mary Blanchard, Chair
Chase Kaitbenski, Vice Chair
Selectman Mary Dowling, Clerk
Selectman Ian Dunnigan
Selectman Jamie Goodwin

Staff:

Robin A. Grimm, Ph.D., Town Administrator
Michelle Garman, Executive Assistant

**Chair Blanchard called meeting to order at 6:30p.m.
Chair Blanchard read the agenda**

The Selectmen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

For everyone affected by COVID-19, Ukraine and all the senseless gun violence.

Public Service Announcements

Chair Blanchard advised the Senior Center has started accepting applications for the Veterans/Senior work-off program applications will be accepted until December 20, 2022 or until all slots are full. The Veterans work-off program is open to all residents of the Town with no age restrictions. Requirements for the program are located on the Town's web site under the Council on Aging tab.

Covid-19 Self-test at home kits are available at the Senior Center.

Public Hearings

Concord Brewery Inc., d/b/a Rapscaillon for a change or alteration of premises information at the premises currently located at 484 Main Street, Sturbridge f/k/a 3 Arnold Road, Sturbridge.

Chair Blanchard stated there is vital information that the Board is lacking. The proponent was to go back to the Planning Board in January and that did not happen. There is nothing listed on how the outside dining area is going to be secured and that is a requirement as well as fire inspection.

The current license issued is for inside only (not including the downstairs) if they are serving outside that area is not covered by the current license. We have received several reports they are serving outside and the owners have to be reminded that they are only licensed for the inside.

Robin Grimm, Town Administrator stated if Planning Board can get to this before August 1, 2022 she would like to bring it back to the Board of Selectmen sooner so that the applicant doesn't lose the prime outside dining months.

Motion: Motion to continue to August 1, 2022 @ 6:35p.m.

By: Selectman Dunnigan

2nd: Vice Chair Kaitbenski

All in Favor (5-0-0)

Town Administrators Update

COVID-19 Test kits are available at the Joshua Hyde Library and the Senior Center

Action Items:

- A. Consideration and possible action on increasing the spending limit for the "Pay as You Throw" Revolving Account from \$20,000.00 to \$30,000.00 for fiscal year 2022 and fiscal year 2023.

Motion: To Approve increasing the spending limit for the "Pay as You Throw" Revolving Account from \$20,000.00 to \$30,000.00 for fiscal year 2022 and fiscal year 2023.

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Vice Chair Kaitbenski

All in Favor (5-0-0)

- B. Consideration and possible action on an application for a special one-day liquor license for Bay State Brewing / Shawn Rich for Cornhole Tournament – Cedar Lake Association Event on July 30, 2022 on the Town Common from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Motion: To approve application for a special one-day liquor license for Bay State Brewing / Shawn Rich for Cornhole Tournament – Cedar Lake Association Event on July 30, 2022 on the Town Common from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Two (2) detail officers are required per Sturbridge Police Department.

By: Vice Chair Kaitbenski

2nd: Selectman Goodwin

3-2-0 (Selectman Dowling and Selectman Dunnigan abstained)

- C. Consideration and possible action on an application for a special one-day liquor license for Greater Good Imperial Brewing Co./J.T.Ethier for Cornhole Tournament - Cedar Lake Association Event on July 30, 2022 on the Town Common from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Motion: To approve application for a special one-day liquor license for Greater Good Imperial Brewing Co./J.T.Ethier for Cornhole Tournament - Cedar Lake Association Event on July 30, 2022 on the Town Common from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Two (2) detail officers are required per Sturbridge Police Department.

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Vice Chair Kaitbenski

3-2-0 (Selectman Dowling and Selectman Dunnigan abstained)

- D. Consideration and possible action on Public Safety Complex generator maintenance contract.

Motion: To approve FM Generator for \$500.00 a year.

By: Selectman Dunnigan

2nd: Selectman Goodwin

All in Favor (5-0-0)

- E. Consideration and possible action on Fiscal Year 2023 gasoline and diesel contracts.

Motion: To approve the Department of Public Works to opt into the ENE 47 and ENE 8 State gas and diesel rates for FY 2023 with Dennis K. Burke Inc.

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Vice Chair Kaitbenski

All in Favor (5-0-0)

Robin Grimm, Town Administrator advised the Board that in the past the Town of Sturbridge has gone with CMPRC but as of right now the market is extremely volatile. That DPW, Facilities and the Town Administrator all agreed that for right now the best decision would be to go off the State numbers and if the pricing goes down we can look into locking into a lower rate at a later date.

- F. Consideration and possible action on the re-appoint of Mary Blanchard, Joan Chamberland, Reed Hillman and Sara Terwillinger to the Personnel Committee for a term to expire 07/05/2025.

Motion: To Approve the re-appointment of Mary Blanchard, Joan Chamberland, Reed Hillman and Sara Terwillinger to the Personnel Committee for a term to expire July 5, 2025.

By: Vice Chair Kaitbenski

2nd: Selectman Dunnigan
All in favor (5-0-0)

Old Business:

Vice Chair Kaitbenski would like to make a motion to allow Youth Football to use Turners field.

Motion: To allow Youth Football to use Turners Field with the approval of the Recreation Committee and not to use the infield.

By: Vice Chair Kaitbenski

2nd: Selectman Goodwin

All in Favor (5-0-0)

Selectman Dowling would like to have the Board reconsider the maximum amount qualified seniors can earn in the Senior Work-off Program. With taxes, increasing the Board should reconsider raising the amount from \$500.00 to \$750.00.

Chair Blanchard asked about the Cable Advisory Committee have we received any more applications interested.

Robin Grimm, Town Administrator will re-advertise on her Facebook page.

Selectman Dowling asked on the Southbridge contract.

Robin Grimm, Town Administrator advised she just spoke with the Town Manager for Southbridge today and they are going to schedule a meeting once Heather Blakeley, DPW Director returns.

New Business

No New business

Correspondence

Chair Blanchard received an email from Klaus Hachfeld, President of the Sturbridge Rotary Club thanking the Board of Selectmen for the Proclamation.

Citizen's Forum

Executive Session: Per M.G.L. c.30A, Sec. 21(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel; (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.

Adjourn:

Motion: To Adjourn and not to reconvene in open session

By: Selectman Dowling


2nd: Selectman Goodwin

**Vote: Selectman Dunnigan – Yes, Vice Chair Kaitbenski- Yes, Selectman Dowling – Yes,
Selectman Goodwin – Yes, Chair Blanchard - Yes**


The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Michelle Garman

Clerk of the Board:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary Dowling", written over a horizontal line.

Date signed:

A handwritten date "8/2/22" written in cursive script over a horizontal line.