

**Board of Selectmen
November 21, 2022
Town Hall
Veteran's Memorial Hall, Town Hall
308 Main Street, Sturbridge**

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Present:

Mary Blanchard, Chair
Mary Dowling, Clerk
Selectman Jamie Goodwin

Absent:

Chase Kaitbenski, Vice Chair
Selectman Ian Dunnigan

Staff:

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

**Chair Blanchard called meeting to order at 6:30p.m.
The Selectmen led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

Moment of Silence

Public Service Announcements

Happy Thanksgiving from the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman Dowling wanted to thank everyone involved in the Home of the Brave Run.

The Board of Selectmen would like to extend their sympathy to the family of Arnold Wilson. Mr. Wilson devoted several years of service to the Town of Sturbridge, he was on the Tantasqua School Committee, Finance Committee and a member of the Board of Selectmen.

Public Hearing

An applicant has been filed by Brush It Off, LLC for a Change or Alteration of Premises Information for the Premises located at 559 Main Street, Suite 104, Fiskdale to 559 Main Street, Suites 103-104, Fiskdale, MA 01518.

Motion: To continue to the public hearing filed by Brush It Off, LLC for a Change or Alteration of Premises Information for the Premises located at 559 Main Street, Suite 104, Fiskdale to 559 Main Street, Suites 103-104, Fiskdale, MA 01518 to December 5, 2022 for proponent to appear.

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Dowling

Vote: 3-0-0 (Vice Chair Kaibenski Absent and Selectman Dunnigan Absent)

Motion: To reconvene public hearing

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Dowling

Vote: 3-0-0 (Vice Chair Kaibenski Absent and Selectman Dunnigan Absent)

Ms. Denise Morgan, Owner Brush-it off told the Board of Selectmen her plans for the expansion of her current location.

Selectman Goodwin, questioned the expansion with regard to the hallway and patio area for the license.

Ms. Morgan, stated this is a wing 103 was at the end and 104 was at the beginning. She is hoping to put some tables out in the hallway area.

Chair Blanchard, indicated the floor plan was difficult to read and it did not include dimensions.

Ms. Morgan, will add dimensions to floor plan.

Motion: Approval of the Brush It Off, LLC for a Change or Alteration of Premises Information for the Premises located at 559 Main Street, Suite 104, Fiskdale to 559 Main Street, Suites 103-104, Fiskdale, MA 01518. Subject to the condition that the fire department approves the egress.

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Chair Blanchard

Vote: 3-0-2 (Vice Chair Kaibenski Absent and Selectman Dunnigan Absent)

Motion : To close the public Hearing

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd Chair Blanchard

Vote: 3-0-2 (Vice Chair Kaibenski Absent and Selectman Dunnigan Absent)

Department Report- Police Department

Chief Dessert gave a detailed description of his department report, a copy of which is on file in the Town Administrators office.

- Missy's Day Spa a female was charged with prostitution the police department worked with Department of Homeland Security and Human Trafficking. Owner charged with Prostitution and fined.

Consideration and possible action on the confirmation of the appointment of Derek Ames as a full-time Police Officer with Sturbridge Police Department effective November 22, 2022 at the hourly rate of \$31.31 and benefits of a one-year employee.

Chief Dessert gave a detailed description of Derek Ames background.

Motion: To confirmation of the appointment of Derek Ames as a full-time Police Officer with Sturbridge Police Department effective November 22, 2022 at the hourly rate of \$31.31 and benefits of a one-year employee.

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Chair Blanchard

Vote: 3-0-0 (Vice Chair Kaitbenski Absent and Selectman Dunnigan Absent)

Town Administrator Update:

Administrator Grimm, mentioned the Home of the Brave 5K Road Race it raised money is Veteran's for food, fuel, oil assistance for those Veterans that do not fall below poverty level.

Tree Lighting on the Common will be November 25, 2022.

Sewer lines that are compromised on Route 20 are being repaired.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Action Items:

- A. Consideration and possible action to authorize the Chair to sign the Notice of Intent to discharge the Medium WWTF General Permit.

Motion: To authorize the Chair to sign the Notice of Intent to discharge the Medium WWTF General Permit.

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Chair Blanchard

Vote: 3-0-0 (Vice Chair Kaitbenski Absent and Selectman Dunnigan Absent)

- B. Consideration and possible action on an application for a one-day liquor license for Alice Rainka/Alices Fitness and Dance at 179 Main Street, Sturbridge for dance shows on January 21, 2023, March 25, 2023 and May 20, 2023 from 7:00p.m. to 11:00p.m for beer and wine on premises.

Motion: To approve application for a one-day liquor license for Alice Rainka/Alice's Fitness and Dance at 179 Main Street, Sturbridge for dance shows on January 21, 2023, March 25, 2023 and May 20, 2023 from 7:00p.m. to 11:00p.m for beer and wine on premises.

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Chair Blanchard

Vote: 3-0-0 (Vice Chair Kaibenski Absent and Selectman Dunnigan Absent)

- C. Consideration and possible action to accept a change in ownership name from Caregiver-Patient Connect to Local Roots NE Inc., with an understanding that all of the ownership and control is the same as Caregiver-Patient Connect. The change has been approved by the Cannabis Control Commission.

Motion: To accept a change in ownership name from Caregiver-Patient Connect to Local Roots NE Inc., with an understanding that all of the ownership and control is the same as Caregiver-Patient Connect. Based upon the approval by the Cannabis Control Commission.

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Chair Blanchard

Vote: 3-0-0 (Vice Chair Kaibenski Absent and Selectman Dunnigan Absent)

- D. Consideration and possible action to authorize the Chair to sign the contract with ICON Architecture, Inc. acting as Project Architect or Project Engineer in the amount eight hundred seventy-three thousand five hundred dollars (\$873,500.00).

Motion: To authorize the Chair to sign the contract with ICON Architecture, Inc. acting as Project Architect or Project Engineer in the amount eight hundred seventy-three thousand five hundred dollars (\$873,500.00).

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Chair Blanchard

Vote: 3-0-0 (Vice Chair Kaibenski Absent and Selectman Dunnigan Absent)

- E. Consideration and possible action on an application filed by Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc., d/b/a Cracker Barrel for a change of hours to Monday-Saturday 8:00a.m. to 1:00a.m., Sunday from 10:00a.m. to 1:00a.m.

Motion: To approve application filed by Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc., d/b/a Cracker Barrel for a change of hours to Monday-Saturday 8:00a.m. to 1:00a.m., Sunday from 10:00a.m. to 1:00a.m.

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Dowling

Vote: 3-0-0 (Vice Chair Kaibenski Absent and Selectman Dunnigan Absent)

- F. Consideration and possible action to accept a donation from Country Bank in the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to the Sturbridge Senior Center to be deposited in the gift account for the Senior Center.

Motion: To accept a donation from Country Bank in the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to the Sturbridge Senior Center to be deposited in the gift account for the Senior Center with gratitude.

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Dowling

Vote: 3-0-0 (Vice Chair Kaibenski Absent and Selectman Dunnigan Absent)

- G. Consideration and possible action to accept a donation of four-hundred fifty-five dollars (\$455.00) in local grocery store gift and eight (8) turkeys from QQLA – Don Taft.

Motion: To accept a donation of four-hundred fifty-five dollars (\$455.00) in local grocery store gift and eight (8) turkeys from QQLA – Don Taft.

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Dowling

Vote: 3-0-0 (Vice Chair Kaibenski Absent and Selectman Dunnigan Absent)

- H. Consideration and possible action to accept a donation from Mary Wallace of twelve (12) prepared meals that will be delivered to homebound residents on Wednesday, November 23, 2022 by the Leslie Wong, Director of the Senior Center.

Motion: To accept a donation from Mary Wallace of twelve (12) prepared meals that will be delivered to homebound residents on Wednesday, November 23, 2022 by the Leslie Wong, Director of the Senior Center.

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Dowling

Vote: 3-0-0 (Vice Chair Kaibenski Absent and Selectman Dunnigan Absent)

Old Business:

New Business:

Correspondence:

Approval of Minutes:

Citizen's Forum:

Adjourn:

Motion: To Adjourn

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Dowling

Vote: 3-0-0 (Vice Chair Kaitbenski Absent and Selectman Dunnigan Absent)

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Michelle Garman

Clerk of the Board:

Mary Dowling

Date signed:

Nov 6 '23