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Town Hall**

AMENDED

Present:

Mary Blanchard, Chairman
Mary Dowling, Vice Chairman
Selectman Ian Dunnigan
Selectman Chase Kaitbenski

Absent:

Selectman Michael Suprenant

Staff:

Jeff Bridges, Town Administrator
Andrea Mensen, Administrative Assistant

Chair Blanchard called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm

The Selectmen led the Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Blanchard read through the agenda.

Chair Blanchard read the following statement: Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting law, G.L. c. 30A Section 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Sturbridge Board of Selectmen will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation can be found on the Town's website at <https://www.sturbridge.gov/town-administrator/pages/how-access-virtual-meeting>. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen and or watch the meeting either online via the Town's on demand video broadcast, on cable television on channel 191, or dial into the meeting at 774-304-1455, enter 1428# for the meeting number and 12345 for the access code. (This phone number is only active for the public during public meetings). No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post of the Town's website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of the proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

Chair Blanchard welcomed Selectman Ian Dunnigan to the Sturbridge Board of Selectmen, and expressed the Board and the Town's appreciation to Pricilla Gimás, who had served on the Board of Selectmen for several years.

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Review and possible action on amending the description of the licensed premises for currently licensed establishments for the approval of outdoor serving of alcohol

Jean Bubon, Town Planner, informed the Board that consistent with Governor's order, policies were provided to the local restaurants so they would be able to serve food outside. She explained that further guidance came out that the Board of Selectmen could approve of the expansion of the premises for the purpose of serving alcohol outdoors. Mrs. Bubon stated that all the restaurants that wished to begin outdoor dining had been signed off on by herself, the Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Building Inspector. She stated that Homefield Brewery has a full kitchen, so they were signed off on, Rapsallion won't need a change in premises since they already serve outside, and Altruist will need to work with the Board of Health.

Selectman Dunnigan stated that he will be abstaining from the votes because he is directly involved with the selling of alcohol.

Selectman Kaitbenski asked when this will go into effect. Chair Blanchard stated that as soon as they vote and the meeting is over the licenses will be passed out to the restaurants.

Vice Chair Dowling stated that she thinks it's great that the restaurants are going to be open for outdoor dining and be able to sell alcohol. She said she feels a final inspection should be done to each restaurant to make sure the six foot guidelines are all being met, but she will contact the Board of Health to mention this suggestion.

Chair Blanchard read through the list of the restaurants looking to expand their premises and sell alcohol on the expansion site.

The Barn at Wight Farm and Cedar Street Café

The Whistling Swan DBA The Duck & Avellino

Enrico's Brick Oven Pizza

Teddy G's Pub & Grille

Thai Place Restaurant

Saw Dust Coffee House

Sturbridge Porterhouse

Sturbridge Seafood

Stonewall Grill

Uno Pizzeria and Grill

Homefield Brewery

**Motion: To approve the change in description of the premises for the establishments listed in accordance with the staff report and recommendations By: Selectman Kaitbenski
2nd: Vice Chair Dowling**

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Roll Call Vote: Vice Chair Dowling: YES, Selectman Kaitbenski: YES, Selectman Dunnigan: ABSTAINED, Chair Blanchard: YES
Vote: 3-0-1 (Selectman Dunnigan abstained) (Selectman Suprenant Absent)

Motion: To approve the Chair to sign the licenses on behalf of the Board By: Selectman Kaitbenski
2nd: Vice Chair Dowling
Roll Call Vote: Vice Chair Dowling: YES, Selectman Kaitbenski: YES, Selectman Dunnigan: ABSTAINED, Chair Blanchard: YES
Vote: 3-0-1 (Selectman Dunnigan abstained) (Selectman Suprenant Absent)

Motion: To add Altruist Brewery to the list of approvals contingent on the Board of Health's approval By: Selectman Kaitbenski
2nd: Chair Blanchard
Roll Call Vote: Vice Chair Dowling: YES, Selectman Kaitbenski: YES, Selectman Dunnigan: ABSTAINED, Chair Blanchard: YES
Vote: 3-0-1 (Selectman Dunnigan abstained) (Selectman Suprenant Absent)

Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn at 4:27pm By: Selectman Kaitbenski
2nd: Vice Chair Dowling
Roll Call Vote: Vice Chair Dowling: YES, Selectman Kaitbenski: YES, Selectman Dunnigan: YES, Chair Blanchard: YES
Vote: 4-0 (Selectman Suprenant Absent)

Adjourned at 4:27pm

Minutes prepared by: Andrea Mensen

Clerk of the Board:  **Date signed:** 09-18-2020