

**Board of Selectmen
September 6, 2022
Veterans Memorial Hall, Sturbridge Town Hall
308 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566**

Present:

Mary Blanchard, Chair
Selectman Mary Dowling, Clerk
Selectman Jamie Goodwin

Absent:

Selectman Ian Dunnigan
Chase Kaitbenski, Vice Chair

Staff:

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

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

Moment of Silence

For all those affected by war, fires, Covid-19 and the flooding.

Public Hearing

- A. Thai Place for a liquor license transfer from Thong Inthavongsa to Debby Sundara, an approval of an alteration of its premises, a change in class from Malt/Wine to an All Alcohol license, and to change the liquor license manager to Debby Sundara for the premises located at 371 Main Street, Sturbridge MA 01566.

Motion: To close the public hearing

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Dowling

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

Motion: To approve Thai Place for a liquor license transfer from Thong Inthavongsa to Debby Sundara, an approval of an alteration of its premises.

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Dowling

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

Motion: To approve Thai Place for a change in class from Malt/Wine to an All Alcohol license.

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Dowling

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

Motion: To approve Thai Place to change the liquor license manager to Debby Sundara for the premises located at 371 Main Street, Sturbridge.

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Dowling

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

- B. Forrest Cutting Plan and Notice of Intent under M.G.L Chapter 132 a petition of Craig Masterman-Yankee Woodlands for a forest cutting plan for 45 acres of land on 18 Ladd Road, Sturbridge, MA 01566 owned by Ann M. Jablonski Trust

Motion: To close the public hearing

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Dowling

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

Motion: To approve the forest cutting plan and notice of intent for 45 acres of land on 18 Ladd Road, Sturbridge, MA 01566 owned by Ann M. Jablonski Trust. With the restrictions of dusk to dawn and by-law restrictions of coordination with bus route, sunrise and sunset, no Sundays or major holidays and bond amount to be set by the Department of Public Work.

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Dowling

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

I. Continuation of Public Hearing

- A. Concord Brewery Inc., d/b/a/ Rapsallion 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.

Motion: To continue the public hearing regarding Concord Brewery Inc., d/b/a/ Rapsallion 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 to September 19, 2022 at 6:35p.m.

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Dowling

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

II. Continuation of Public Hearing

- A. Transfer of a Class II and Class III dealer's license from Curboy Auto Inc., to Braca LLC/IAA Corp for 71 Mashapaug Road, Sturbridge.

Chair Blanchard stated she wanted to be fair to everyone that we can continue this one more time.

Robin Grimm, Ph.D., Town Administrator stated she would reach out to the Attorney for the buyer to see what the status is on their end if they would still like to move forward with the application.

Selectman Dowling stated she would not be in favor of another continuance past this one. She feels the Board has been more than reasonable.

Motion: To continue the public hearing for Transfer of a Class II and Class III dealer's license from Curboy Auto Inc., to Braca LLC/IAA Corp for 71 Mashapaug Road, Sturbridge to September 19, 2022 at 6:45p.m.

By: Selectman Dowling

2nd: Chair Blanchard

Vote: 2-1-0 (Selectman Goodwin objected: Vice Chair Kaitbenski and Selectman Dunnigan absent)

III. Town Administrator Update

- A. Discussion of continuation of Publick House TIF agreement, votes may be taken.

Michael Glick, General Manager, stated their incentive was to hire ten full-time employees and then fourteen more. The Public House staffing was severally affected by COVID and currently have twenty open positions. Due to lack of staff they are unable to meet the TIF Agreement requirements.

Chair Blanchard feels that it would be great if the Town Administrator would go and help Publick House and attend the hearing.

Selectman Dowling stated it would help Publick House if they have the full support of the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Glick stated he spoke with Todd Smola and Publick House has his support as well.

Moton : To support the letter by the Town Administrator and to have the Town Administrator attend the hearing.

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Dowling

3-0-0 (Vice Chair Kaitbenski and Selectman Dunnigan absent)

A. Department Reports - Conservation Department

Rebecca Gendreau, Conservation Agent, gave a detailed description of her department report. A copy of which is on file in the Town Administrators office.

Action Items:

- A. Consideration and possible action on a Common Victualler License for Whoopie-Doo and Cupcakes Too LLC/Carrie Nadelman, Owner.

Motion: To approve a Common Victualler License for Whoopie-Doo and Cupcakes Too LLC/Carrie Nadelman, Owner.

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Dowling

Vote: 3-0-0

- B. Consideration and possible action to re-appoint Roxann Smith and Edward Cornely to the Sturbridge Cultural Council for a term to expire September 6, 2025.

Motion: To re-appoint Roxann Smith and Edward Cornely to the Sturbridge Cultural Council for a term to expire September 6, 2025.

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Dowling

Vote: 3-0-0

- C. Consideration and possible action to re-appoint Brandon Goodwin to the Trails Committee for a term to expire September 6, 2025.

Motion: To re-appoint Brandon Goodwin to the Trails Committee for a term to expire September 6, 2025.

By: Selectmen Dowling

2nd: Chair Blanchard

Vote: 3-0-0

- D. Consideration and possible action on the selection of a Board of Selectmen representative to sit on the Municipal Affordable Housing Partnership Committee for a term to expire September 6, 2024.

- Hold until all Board Members are present

- E. Consideration and possible action on the appointment of Wally Hersee and Kathy Neal to the Housing Partnership Committee for a term to expire September 6, 2023.

Motion: To consider and act on the appointment of Wally Hersee and Kathy Neal to the Housing Partnership Committee for a term to expire September 6, 2023.

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Dowling

Vote: 3-0-0

- F. Consideration and possible action on the appointment of Kadion Phillips, Robin Lucchesi, Jose Andrade and Alan Menard to the Cable Advisory Committee for a term to expire September 6, 2025.

Motion: To approve the appointment of Kadion Phillips, Robin Lucchesi, Jose Andrade and Alan Menard to the Cable Advisory Committee for a term to expire September 6, 2025.

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Dowling

Vote: 3-0-0

G. Consideration and possible action on the re-appointment of Dane LaBonte and Sue Waters to the Planning Board for a term to expire September 6, 2027.

Motion: To re-appoint of Dane LeBonte and Sue Water to the Planning Board for a term to expire September 6, 2027.

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Dowling

Vote: 3-0-0

H. Consideration and possible action on the re-appointment of Marge Cooney for the Zoning Board for a term to expire September 6, 2025.

Motion: To re-appoint Marge Cooney for the Zoning Board for a term to expire September 6, 2025.

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Dowling

Vote: 3-0-0

Old Business

Retreat date for Fall? Decide at next meeting.

New Business

Correspondence

Approval of Minutes

February 7, 2022

Motion: To approve the Minutes as amended

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Dowling

Vote: 3-0-0

July 18, 2022

Motion: Hold only three Board members present

By: Chair Blanchard

2nd: Selectman Goodwin

Vote: 3-0-0

August 1, 2022

Motion: To approve the Minutes as amended

By: Selectman Goodwin
2nd: Chair Blanchard
Vote: 3-0-0

August 15, 2022

Motion: To approve the Minutes as amended
By: Selectman Goodwin
2nd: Chair Blanchard
Vote: 3-0-0

August 22, 2022

Motion: To approve the Minutes as written
By: Selectman Goodwin
2nd: Chair Blanchard
Vote: 2-0-1 (Selectmen Dowling abstained)

Executive Session: Per M.G.L. c.30A, Sec. 21(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union 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.

Motion: To move into Executive Session and not to reconvene an open session
By: Chair Blanchard
2nd: Selectmen Goodwin
Vote: Selectman Goodwin – Yes, Selectman Dowling- Yes, Chair Blanchard - Yes

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Michelle Garman

Clerk of the Board: Mya Dowling

Date signed: Aug 2 '23