Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF MEETING – January 4, 2022 (ZOOM MEETING)

Present: Patricia D. Carlino, Chair and Sean Regnier and Bob Jones, Board of Selectmen.

Also Present: Christopher Brittain, Interim Town Administrator

Chairperson, Patricia Carlino called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, stating that pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, this is an audio recording with a roll call vote of members present by ZOOM.

Patty Carlino	here
Sean Regnier	here
Bob Jones	here

1. **Approval of Minutes**: Upon a motion duly made and seconded and by roll call vote, the Board members voted unanimously to approve the Open Session Minutes of December 21, 2021.

AYES NAYS

Patty Carlino none
Sean Regnier
Bob Jones

2. **Public Hearings**: a) The Avocado Café, Inc., d/b/a The Avocado Café – New §12 (On Premises) Restaurant All Alcohol License – Owner: Ivan Carrera - The Board members were presented with the application for a new §12 Restaurant liquor license presented by Ivan Carrera by his attorney, Bethany Ralph. The Board reviewed and discussed Mr. Carrera's application. After a brief discussion regarding TIPS certification, and upon a motion duly made and seconded and by roll call vote, the Board members voted unanimously to grant an All Alcohol License to Mr. Carrera for the The Avocado Café located at 5 Railroad Street, Lee, Massachusetts.

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
Patty Carlino	none
Sean Regnier Bob Jones	

b) Transfer of §12 (On Premises) All Alcohol License from Chez Nous, Inc., to D & G Hospitality, LLC (Gilbert & Rebecca Clerget) d/b/a Café Triskele — The Board members were presented with the application for the transfer of a §12 Restaurant liquor license from Chez Nous, Inc. to D & G Hospitality, LLC d/b/a Café Triskele, Gilbert Clerget (new owner), by their Attorney Lori Robbins. The Board discussed their purchase of the property, reviewing their application and presenting a Certificate for Successfully completing the Alcohol Awareness Course (TIPS) Program. Upon a motion duly made and seconded and by roll call vote, the Board members voted unanimously to approve the application for the Transfer of the §12 Restaurant Liquor License from Chez Nous, Inc. to D & G Hospitality, LLC, d/b/a Café Triskele located at 150 Main Street, Lee, Massachusetts.

AYES NAYS

Patty Carlino none
Sean Regnier
Bob Jones

3. **Public Comments:** Kathy Hall came before the Board to inform everyone that the ice-skating rink is not ready for use yet.

4. General Business:

- All Master Plan / Open Space & Recreation Plan: The Board members reviewed the Open Space and Recreation Plan and Master Plan Cost Estimate and Proposal from Thomas Matuszko at Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC). The estimated cost for these services is \$65,000.00, with details contained in the Proposed Scope of Work. A lengthy discussion was had with townspeople and Thomas Matuszko regarding BRPC's proposal. The Board members were asked why would we hire BRPC when they were part of the proposed toxic waste dump. Member, Bob Jones stated that he has received a number of phone calls regarding BRCP's proposal and their part in the toxic waste dump. After long discussion, it was voted 2 (Bob Jones/Sean Regnier) to 1 (Patty Carlino) to not hire BRPC and to put the Master Plan/Open Space & Recreation Plan out to bid.
- b) <u>Appalachian Trail Community</u>: The Board members discussed the Appalachian Trail Community and asked anyone who might be interested in being a member to contact the Selectmen's Office and we would appoint them to an Appalachian Trail Community Committee.
- c) <u>Conservation Commission</u>: After a lengthy discussion, at the recommendation of the Conservation Commission, the Board members voted 2 (Patty Carlino/Sean Regnier) to 1 (Bob Jones) and by roll call vote to appoint Mark Navin as a member of the Conservation Commission and to appoint Clare Lahey as an alternate member of the Conservation Commission.

<u>AYES</u> <u>NAYS</u>

Patty Carlino Bob Jones Sean Regnier

- 5. Pending Business: None.
- 6. <u>Town Administrator</u>: a) FY 2022 Revenue and Expense Reports for the period ended <u>December 31, 2021</u> Interim Town Administrator Christopher Brittain, reported to the Select Board members that the FY 2022 Revenue and Expense Reports for the period ended December 31, 2021 are available for their review in the Selectmen's Office.

Interim Town Administrator Chris Brittain, stated that the first proposal for ARPA funding is forthcoming and he will bring the proposal to the Board members when he receives it. He will be meeting with the Finance Committee to begin budget meetings for FY 23. He also stated that he added a new section to the website with Town Meeting information.

Also COVID test kits are available and the Tri-Town will have drive-thru testing and anyone can sign up for the testing on the Town website.

- 7. **Next Regular Meeting**: Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 18, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.
- 8. <u>Motion to Adjourn</u>: Upon a motion duly made and seconded and by roll call vote, the Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM.

AYES NAYS

Patty Carlino none Sean Regnier Bob Jones

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy L. Bigelow,
Administrative Assistant

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