

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
June 22, 2020

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Vice Chairman Alicia Cannon at 7:06 PM, virtually using Zoom Video Communication (Video Conferencing App) at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81116229574?pwd=ZDdmYWVhVRi95dUlSTTh2cytrcGpVQT09>

Meeting ID: 811 1622 9574; Password: 982075; Dial by Phone: 1-646-558-8656. Board Members Present: Ampagoomian, Cannon, Melia and Nolan. Chairman Athanas entered the meeting shortly after the start. Also Present: Adam D. Gaudette, Town Manager.

Vice Chairman Cannon asked all attendees to mute their microphones unless they are speaking or wish to speak. Inappropriate comments and/or disruptive behavior would result in immediate dismissal.

Call Meeting to Order: Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order concerning imposition on strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, meetings of the Northbridge Board of Selectmen will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. 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 as provided for in the Order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/None

PUBLIC HEARING/None

Chairman Athanas entered the meeting at this time.

APPOINTMENTS/By the Board of Selectmen: 1) Constables - Officer Thomas DeJordy and Officer Levon Derkosrobian/Vote to appoint. A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Melia to appoint Thomas DeJordy and Levon Derkosrobian as Constables. Vote yes/Unanimous.

2) 2020 Annual Reappointments/Vote to reappoint [per the list enclosed in agenda packet]. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mrs. Cannon to approve the 2020 Annual Reappointments by the Board of Selectmen as indicated on the list provided in the agenda packets. Vote yes/Unanimous.

APPOINTMENTS/By the Town Manager: 2020 Annual Reappointments/Vote to affirm [per the list enclosed in agenda packet]. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Nolan to affirm the 2020 Annual Reappointments by the Town Manager as indicated on the list provided in the agenda packets. Vote yes/Unanimous.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT/None

Therecka Inc. d/b/a Grille 122 - Request permission to extend the licensed premises on a temporary basis. Town Manager Gaudette explained the extension for licenses is allowed by Board approval only in an attempt to get businesses open again for outdoor dining. Selectman Melia asked why he is looking to change his hours for the outdoor seating to 1 AM. Mr. Therecka stated he often has parties for birthdays and other functions and wants to be able to offer alcohol for more hours, but not necessary that he will be having patrons at the Restaurant. Town Manager requested clarification on the request and if it is two separate requests, one for the outdoor seating and a second for a change in hours. Mr. Therecka replied that is correct. The Town Manager stated that tonight's vote should be for only the temporary outdoor seating and the Board should revisit the expansion on hours at a later date. Selectman Nolan asked if the outdoor

seating would allow for use of the restrooms. Mr. Therecka responded that patrons will be allowed use the restrooms as long as they wear a mask when walking to and from the restroom and added patrons are able to remove their masks once they are seated. A motion/Mr. Athanas, seconded/Mr. Melia to approve Therecka Inc.'s request to extend the licensed premises to include the outdoor area as indicated on the application and seating plan but with the current approved hours of 11 AM to 10 PM, to be in effect until November 1, 2020 or until the Order is rescinded and subject to completion of any outstanding items due the Town. Vote yes/Unanimous.

Purgatory Beer Company/Request permission to extend the licensed premises on a temporary basis.

Mr. Mulvehill stated that they are hoping to get permission to expand their premises with outdoor seating, utilizing the three parking spots as shown in the application. He also said they hope to utilize a tent, so they are able to stay open during inclement weather. Mr. Mulvehill explained that on the application he used the hours of the current approved license, but likely would only operate until 9 PM the latest. He stated that the use of restrooms will be allowed with a clearly marked path and will include more frequent cleaning of the restrooms as well. Selectman Ampagoomian asked about the food preparation being an issue with the Board of Health and if an application has been submitted to obtain a food permit. Mr. Mulvehill responded that they did send in the application a week and a half ago. A motion/Mr. Nolan, seconded/Mr. Melia to approve Purgatory Beer Company's request to extend the licensed premises to the outdoor area as indicated on the application with the current approved hours, to be in effect until November 1, 2020 or until the Order is rescinded and subject to completion of outstanding items due the Town. Vote yes/Unanimous.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT 1) **Town Meeting Update.** Town Manager Gaudette stated that Town Meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, June 23, 2020 at 7 PM, at the Northbridge Middle School. He explained that there are safety protocols to be followed for Town Meeting attendees, which have been posted on the Town's website and a Code Red call that went out last night. The Town Manager advised that those attending the meeting spread out, according to the layout, and keep six feet apart while checking in. Attendees are required to wear a mask as well. He continued stated that there are housekeeping articles, prior year bills, balancing the current budget, FY 21 budget, capital requests, MSBA project for the Middle School boilers, and the Fire Station project on the Spring Town Meeting warrant. Vice Chairman Cannon asked if Town Manager Gaudette could explain why the meeting is not able to be relocated, as she has received many inquiries about that. He explained that the meeting has already been posted for the Middle School Auditorium, and it cannot be changed per M.G.L. but it can be within the same location. Town Manager Gaudette stated that the gym provides for better safety protocols, with any overflow being placed in the auditorium. 2) **Town Election Update.** Town Manager Gaudette announced that the Town Election is scheduled for Tuesday, June 30, 2020 from 7AM to 8 PM at the Northbridge High School Field House. Town Manager Gaudette reminded residents to wear a mask and practice social distancing. He stated that there is one ballot question in regard to the Fire Station pending Town Meeting approval for the borrowing, and the ballot question is to authorize the debt exclusion to increase the tax levy above 2.5% to pay for the debt for that project. 3) **Town Hall Reopening Update.** Town Manager Gaudette explained that the Town Hall staff is currently returning to the office staggered and will reopen for limited hours upon the opening of the governor's orders for Phase III. The State has mentioned the possibility of June 29, 2020 being the opening date for Phase III, however with the election, we felt it is safer to begin July 6, 2020 at reduced hours to the public.

SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS: Selectman Melia congratulated Selectman Nolan on his retirement from the Board of Selectmen and said it has been an honor to serve with him. Selectman Athanas stated he appreciates everything he has done for the Town as a Selectman and it's been fun being on the Board together. Selectman Cannon thanked Mr. Nolan for his many years of service and for his guidance and support and wished him well with his free time. Selectman Nolan expressed his sincere gratitude for the opportunity to serve the town as a Selectman. He stated he truly appreciates all the other members of this Board and was honored to work with each of them as well as former board members: Selectmen Bill

Audette, Jack Davis, Joe Montecalvo, and Jim Marzec. Mr. Nolan thanked the town manager for his assistance and the leadership he has shown and will leave feeling secure that the Town is in good hands. Mr. Nolan thanked the office staff, both current and past, who have made the meetings run smoothly and kept the Board organized. Selectman Nolan thanked the Departments Heads, who he has had the pleasure of knowing and working with. He said a final thanks to the citizens of Northbridge who have allowed him the opportunity to serve on the Board for 12 years. Mr. Nolan expressed his gratefulness and that he is humbled by all the trust put in him and proud of what the town has become. He wished everyone the best of luck.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA/None

CORRESPONDENCE/None

EXECUTIVE SESSION/None

Vice Chairman Cannon announced that the next meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2020.

A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mrs. Ampagoomian to adjourn the public meeting. Vote yes/Unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:38 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Nolan, Clerk

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LIST OF DOCUMENTATION

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING - OPEN SESSION

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The public is invited to attend/join this meeting from your computer, phone or tablet.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81760884697?pwd=L1c2TzMyZDlaaFg4SGhlN05sRU1Cdz09>

Meeting ID: 817 6088 4697

Password: 827066

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- I. **Call Meeting to Order: Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order concerning imposition on strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, meetings of the Northbridge Board of Selectmen will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. 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 as provided for in the Order.**
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- III. **PUBLIC HEARING**
- IV. **APPOINTMENTS:**
 - A. **By the Board of Selectmen: 1) Constables - Officer Thomas DeJordy and Officer Levon Derkosrobian/Vote to appoint-No documentation.**

2) **2020 Annual Reappointments/Vote to reappoint [per the list enclosed in agenda packet]**
-Copy of Annual Reappointments listing by the Board of Selectmen

B. **By the Town Manager: 1) 2020 Annual Reappointments/Vote to affirm [per the list enclosed in agenda packet]**
-Copy of Annual Reappointments listing by the Town Manager
- V. **CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT**
- VI. **DECISIONS**
 - C. **Therecka Inc. d/b/a Grille 122/Request permission to extend the licensed premises on a temporary basis**
-Copy of application for outdoor seating expansion
-Copy of sample enclosure fencing to be used
-Copy of certificate of liability
-Copy of table layout
-Copy of building and outdoor seating layout
-Copy of memo listing additional requirements

-Copy of license routing slip

D. Purgatory Beer Company/Request permission to extend the licensed premises on a temporary basis

- Copy of application for outdoor seating expansion
- Copy of reopening plan details
- Copy of outdoor seating layout
- Copy of approval from lessee permitting use of the parking spaces
- Copy of Certificate of Liability
- Copy of image of area for outdoor seating
- Copy of memo listing additional requirements
- Copy of license routing slip

VII. DISCUSSIONS/None

VIII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

E. 1) Town Meeting Update

- Copy of Safety Protocols for Town Meeting

2) Town Election Update/No documentation

3) Town Hall Reopening Update

- Copy of Town Offices Reopening Plan

IX. SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS/No documentation

X. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA/None

XI. CORRESPONDENCE/None

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION/None