

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

September 11, 2023

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chairman Collins at 7:00 PM, Northbridge Town Hall, 7 Main Street, Whitinsville, MA. Board Members Present: Ampagoomian, Begin, Collins, and Paulhus. Selectman Melia was absent and it is duly noted. **Also Present:** Town Manager Adam D. Gaudette.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present. The Board of Selectmen asked that the audience remain standing and have a moment of silence in remembrance of September 11<sup>th</sup>.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES/None

Chairman Collins moved to appointments as it was not yet 7:05 PM for the posted hearing.

**APPOINTMENTS: By the Board of Selectmen: 1) Jill Patnode-Krause, Disability Commission/Present: Bruce Frieswick.** Mr. Frieswick introduced Ms. Patnode-Krause and feels that her background is incredible and believes she will be extremely helpful to the Commission. Ms. Patnode-Krause stated that she is an at-home physical therapist and works with a wide range of people including those with injuries and disabilities. A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian seconded/Mr. Begin to appoint Ms. Patnode-Krause to the Disability Commission. Vote yes/Begin, Paulhus, Ampagoomian and Collins.

**2) Kam Dealey, Cultural Council/Present: Christine Johnson, Chairman.** Ms. Johnson was not present at this meeting. Mr. Dealey stated that he lives in Northbridge and has been a teacher for about a year and hopes to use the skills that he has to serve on this board. A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian seconded/Mr. Begin to appoint Mr. Dealey to the Cultural Council. Vote yes/Begin, Paulhus, Ampagoomian and Collins.

**PUBLIC HEARING / 7:05 PM: Transfer of the All-Alcohol Package Store License from Friendly Discount Liquors, Inc. dba Macy's Liquors of Whitinsville [Sook Hyunh, Mgr.] located at 1167 Providence Road, Suite 7, Whitinsville, MA to XForce, LLC dba Friendly Fine Wine & Spirits [Anita Patel, Mgr.].** Chairman Collins read aloud the public hearing notice. A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Begin to open the public hearing. Vote yes/Begin, Paulhus, Ampagoomian and Collins. Mrs. Patel explained that she and her husband currently own two liquor stores; one in Attleboro and one in North Attleboro. She lives in Uxbridge and has had her eye on this location for some time hoping to take it over with her business partner and really good friend, Lindsey Fulbrook. Selectman Ampagoomian asked if the hours of operation would remain the same. Mrs. Patel replied that they would be the same. He also asked if the other locations ever had any violations. Mrs. Patel replied they have not. Chairman Collins asked if the staff will be TIPS certified and Mrs. Patel said they will. Chairman Collins then asked if any abutters were present to speak. There being no further comments, a motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Begin to close the public hearing. Vote yes/Begin, Paulhus, Ampagoomian and Collins. A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Begin to approve the transfer to the All-Alcohol Package Store License from Friendly Discount Liquors, Inc. dba Macy's Liquors of Whitinsville [Sook Hyunh, Mgr.] located at 1167 Providence Road, Suite 7, Whitinsville, MA to XForce, LLC dba Friendly Fine Wine & Spirits [Anita Patel, Mgr.]. Vote yes/Begin, Paulhus, Ampagoomian and Collins.

### CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT/None

**Whitin Community Center Greenway Challenge / Request permission to hold a portion of the Greenway Challenge Road Race event in Whitinsville on Saturday, September 30, 2023; subject to the safety requirements of the Northbridge Police Department. Present: Charles Thompson, Race Coordinator.** A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Begin to approve the above request to hold a portion of the Greenway Challenge Road Race event in Whitinsville on Saturday, September 30, 2023; subject to the safety requirements of the Northbridge Police Department. Vote yes/Begin, Paulhus, Ampagoomian and Collins.

**Northbridge Junior Baseball League/Request for a one-day beer and wine license for their “Night Under the Lights” event on Saturday, October 7, 2023 from 4 PM – 9 PM on the grounds of the American Legion, at 198 Church Avenue. Present: Keith Brouillard, President, NJBL & Travis Stanley, Vice President, NJBL.** Mr. Brouillard stated they are requesting a one-day wines and malts license for their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Night Under the Lights fundraising event. Last year’s event was a big success and lead to raising funds for the addition of batting cages. Mr. Stanley added that they had events for the kids last year and it was a good outcome. A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Begin to approve NJBL’s request for a one-day beer and wine license for their “Night Under the Lights” event on Saturday, October 7, 2023 from 4 PM – 9 PM on the grounds of the American Legion, at 198 Church Avenue. Vote yes/Begin, Paulhus, Ampagoomian and Collins.

**Shop Small 01588/Request to hang a banner across Church Street from Monday, November 13, 2023 to Monday, November 27, 2023 to advertise their Shop Small event on November 25, 2023/Present: Jessie Schotanus.** Ms. Schotanus explained that they are in the 10<sup>th</sup> year of the Shop Small event and they will be going back to having the event for one day instead of a week long. A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Begin to approve the above request to hang a banner across Church Street from Monday, November 13, 2023 to Monday, November 27, 2023 to advertise the Shop Small event on November 25, 2023. Vote yes/Begin, Paulhus, Ampagoomian and Collins.

**Tri-Valley Front Runners/1. a) Request to hold the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Whitin Five Mile Road Race, at 8:10 AM, Thursday, November 23, 2023, and subject to the safety requirements of the Northbridge Police Department; and b) Request to close Linwood Avenue between 7:45 AM – 9:30 AM 2. a) Request to hold the Annual 1<sup>st</sup> Day 5K Road Race on Monday, January 1, 2024 beginning at 11 AM subject to the safety requirements of the Northbridge Police Department; and b) Request to close Linwood Avenue between 10:45 AM and 12 PM.** A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Begin to approve Tri-Valley’s requests to hold the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Whitin Five Mile Road Race, at 8:10 AM, Thursday, November 23, 2023; to close Linwood Avenue between 7:45 AM – 9:30 AM; to hold the Annual 1<sup>st</sup> Day 5K Road Race on Monday, January 1, 2024 beginning at 11 AM; and to close Linwood Avenue between 10:45 AM and 12 PM – all subject to the safety requirements of the Northbridge Police Department. Vote yes/Begin, Paulhus, Ampagoomian and Collins.

**Whitinsville Christian School/Request to hang a banner across Church Street from Monday, October 2, 2023 to Monday, October 16, 2023 to advertise their Dutch Apple Pie sale.** A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Begin to approve WCS’s request to hang a banner across Church Street from Monday, October 2, 2023 to Monday, October 16, 2023 to advertise their Dutch Apple Pie sale. Vote yes/Begin, Paulhus, Ampagoomian and Collins.

**Pine Grove Cemetery Deed (Beverly Ebbeling)/Vote to approve the sale of lot No. 315 A & B, Woodlawn Ave.** A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Begin to approve the sale of lot No. 315 A & B, Woodlawn Ave. Vote yes/Begin, Paulhus, Ampagoomian and Collins.

**Fall Annual Town Meeting / Vote to sign warrant upon completion and final review by Town Counsel.** A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Begin to sign warrant upon completion and final review by Town Counsel. Vote yes/Begin, Paulhus, Ampagoomian and Collins.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT/None**

**SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS:** Selectman Ampagoomian requested that when the new Fire Station is completed, they invite retired firefighters to tour the building before holding an open house.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA/None**

**CORRESPONDENCE/None**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION/None**

Chairman Collins announced that the next meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2023.

A motion/Mr. Begin, seconded/Mr. Ampagoomian to adjourn the public meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:19 PM**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Thomas Begin, Clerk**

**/mjc**

**LIST OF DOCUMENTATION**

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- I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/None**
- II. PUBLIC HEARING / A. 7:05 PM: Transfer of the All-Alcohol Package Store License from Friendly Discount Liquors, Inc. dba Macy's Liquors of Whitinsville [Sook Hyunh, Mgr.] located at 1167 Providence Road, Suite 7, Whitinsville, MA to XForce, LLC dba Friendly Fine Wine & Spirits [Anita Patel, Mgr.]**  
-Copy of public hearing notice  
-Copy of payment confirmation  
-Copy of monetary transmittal form  
-Copy of certificate of good standing  
-Copy of unemployment insurance  
-Copy of application for transfer of license  
-Copy of floor plan  
-Copy of license routing slip
- III. APPOINTMENTS: B. By the Board of Selectmen: 1) Jill Patnode-Krause, Disability Commission/Present: Bruce Frieswick**  
-Copy of talent bank application
- 2) Kam Dealey, Cultural Council/Present: Christine Johnson, Chairman**  
-Copy of talent bank application
- IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT**
- V. DECISIONS**
- C. Whittin Community Center/Greenway Challenge Whittin Community Center/Request permission to hold a portion of the Greenway Challenge Road Race Event in Whitinsville on Saturday, September 30, 2023; subject to the safety requirements of the Northbridge Police Department/Present: Charles Thompson, Race Coordinator**  
-Copy of letter requesting to hold a road race  
-Copy of flier
- D. Northbridge Junior Baseball League/Request for a one-day beer and wine license for their "Night Under the Lights" event on Saturday, October 7, 2023 from 4 PM – 9 PM on the grounds of the American Legion, at 198 Church Avenue Present: Keith Brouillard, President, NJBL & Travis Stanley, Vice President, NJBL**  
-Copy of application for a one-day wine and malt license  
-Copy of revenue enforcement and protection attestation  
-Copy of Workers' compensation affidavit  
-Copy of hold harmless agreement  
-Copy of certificate of insurance  
-Copy of email from the Rockdale Village Foundation approving the use of the property for the event  
-Copy of Tips certifications  
-Copy of license routing slip

**E. Shop Small 01588/Request to hang a banner across Church Street from Monday, November 13, 2023 to Monday, November 27, 2023 to advertise their Shop Small event on November 25, 2023/Present: Jessie Schotanus**

**-Copy of email requesting to hang a banner**

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**-Copy of letter requesting the road races, and road closures**

**-Copy of map of road race**

**-Copy of certificate of liability**

**-Copy of email from the Chief of Police approving the request**

**-Copy of email from the DPW Director approving the request**

**-Copy of map of the 1<sup>st</sup> Day 5K**

**G. Whitinsville Christian School/Request to hang a banner across Church Street from Monday, October 2, 2023 to Monday, October 16, 2023 to advertise their Dutch Apple Pie sale**

**-Copy of email requesting to hang a banner**

**H. Pine Grove Cemetery Deed- Beverly Ebbeling/Vote to approve the sale of lot No. 315 A & B, Woodlawn Ave.**

**-Copy of Pine Grove Cemetery Deed**

**I. Fall Annual Town Meeting / Vote to sign warrant upon completion and final review by Town Counsel/No documentation**

**VI. DISCUSSIONS/None**

**VII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT/None**

**VIII. SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS/No documentation**

**IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA/None**

**X. CORRESPONDENCE/None**

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION/None**