

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

June 26, 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: Begin, Collins, Melia and Paulhus. Selectman Ampagoomian and Town Manager Adam D. Gaudette were absent and it is duly recorded.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES/None

Chairman Collins announced that it was not yet time for the public hearing so they would be moving to other items until 7:05 PM.

**APPOINTMENTS: 2023 Annual Reappointments/By the Board of Selectmen: Vote to reappoint per the list enclosed in agenda packet.** A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Paulhus to reappoint those individuals seeking reappointment per the list enclosed in the agenda packet. Vote yes/Begin, Collins, Paulhus and Melia. **2023 Annual Reappointments/By the Town Manager: Vote to affirm reappointments per the list enclosed in agenda packet.** A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Paulhus to affirm the reappointments by the Town Manager per the list enclosed in the agenda packet. Vote yes/Begin, Collins, Paulhus and Melia.

Chairman Collins asked DPW Director Jamie Luchini to come forward as they had some time before the public hearing. He asked him to discuss the progress of Purgatory Road. Mr. Luchini stated that they are looking at the beginning of August to start Purgatory Road and Main Street. He noted that they are still waiting on dates for Sherry Street and Elston Ave., but he is thinking it will be sometime in August. Selectman Paulhus asked about the damaged fence at the Riverdale Cemetery. Mr. Luchini stated that the insurance company came out to appraise the damage and they will go after the insurance company of the individual who caused the damage. Typically, it takes a few months before it is repaired.

**PUBLIC HEARING/7:05 PM: Prem Shri Sai, Inc. dba 1 Quickstop Convenience – Request to transfer the Beer and Wine Package Store License [Section 15-Off-Premises] from Samarpan, Inc dba 1 Quickstop [Bhikhabhai Patel, Mgr.] to Prem Shri Sai, Inc. dba 1 Quickstop [Neena Jain, Manager]/Present: Sabrina Bolduc, Neena Jain, Manager and Anil Kumar Jain, President. / Vote to approve pending Board of Health licenses and payment of all monies owed to the Town].** Chairman Collins read aloud the public hearing notice. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Paulhus to open the public hearing. Vote yes/Begin, Collins, Paulhus and Melia. Ms. Sabrina Bolduc was present on behalf of the law office of Arthur M. Pearlman. Ms. Bolduc stated that owners of Prem Shri Sai, Inc. are seeking a transfer of the wines and malts off-premises license currently held by Samarpan, Inc. for the premises located at 206 North Main Street in Whitinsville. She noted that the hours of operation would be Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 9:30 PM, and Saturday and Sunday 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM, with beer and wine sales after 10 AM on Sunday. Ms. Bolduc noted that the proposed manager, Ms. Jain is going for her TIPS training this weekend and should have it in a couple weeks. Ms. Bolduc introduced the proposed owners. Selectman Melia asked about their previous experience with alcohol licenses. Ms. Jain stated that she is the manager at a store in Westborough. Chairman Collins reiterated the importance to the town that no minors are served alcohol and that all tobacco regulations are followed. Selectman Begin asked the Board if they could approve the license contingent upon Ms. Jain receiving her TIPS certification, to which Chairman Collins replied that they could. No abutters were present. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Begin to close the public hearing. Vote yes/Begin, Collins, Paulhus and Melia. A motion/Mr. Begin, seconded/Mr. Paulhus to approve the transfer of the Beer and Wine Package Store License [Section 15-Off-Premises] from

Samarpan, Inc dba 1 Quickstop [Bhikhabhai Patel, Mgr.] to Prem Shri Sai, Inc. dba 1 Quickstop [Neena Jain, Mgr.] subject to pending Board of Health licenses, payment of all monies owed to the Town and TIPS certification obtained by Neena Jain, Manager. Vote yes/Begin, Collins, Paulhus and Melia.

#### **CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT/None**

**Vail Field Discussion/Present: Steve Gogolinski.** Mr. Gogolinski noted that he is the Vice Chairman of the Finance Committee and was the Chairman of the School Building Committee during the last year or so of the process of the new Balmer School being built. He noted the Committee started in May of 2017 and wrapped up in January of 2023. Meetings were held monthly and once the construction began a member from the School Committee was required to attend the weekly meetings on the construction status. During this time frame the fields were not a top issue every week as the construction itself for the school was ongoing and pertinent discussion. Mr. Gogolinski reached out to the project manager from Fontaine and the architect to obtain information on the field, and they were able to find a set of meeting minutes from the early planning stages, but they did not go into any detail. The minutes indicate that the existing field at the time were “to be reconstituted in the plan somewhere.” Mr. Gogolinski read the email he received as follows: “What you had in the existing Vail field before the construction you needed to have included in the proposed plan at a minimum. The layout of the two fields now is more or less what it was prior to the project but flipped around. It is approximately two hundred and seventy-five feet to the outfield line at the center field point. He noted that if we had planned the baseball field with a three-hundred-and-fifty-foot distance from the home plate to center field that would have certainly excluded the softball field with no other place on the site to relocate it.” It is unclear as to whether this was from Fontaine or the architect. Mr. Gogolinski noted that in the meetings there was always a lot more talk of what was going on with the soccer fields and they had an issue with drainage on that field that needed to be fixed. He noted their goal was to come in at budget, which they actually came in under budget. He added that anything that has to do with athletic fields are not reimbursed through the Massachusetts School Building Association and it is 100% on the town. He recalled that they discussed doing irrigation but with the high cost it was too high. Mr. Gogolinski noted that he received an email on October 20<sup>th</sup> that the U10 fields were reseeded last week and they were advised to stay off them until Spring of 2023. The U8 fields need three growing seasons, Fall of 2022, Spring 2023 and Fall 2023, so we wait until Spring of 2024 to use them. For Vail Field it will also need three growing seasons Fall 2022, Spring of 2023 and Spring of Fall of 2023 for use in Spring of 2024 but his notes say Fall of 2024. Selectman Melia inquired about the sizing of the field and the vote by the Playground and Recreation to change it from the Little League field to a Babe Ruth Field but the fence is too close and too short. He followed up by asking who gets the vote to determine the end result of the field. Mr. Gogolinski replied that the School Building Committee would not be the ones to make the decision as now that the project is completed, they are done and signed off on the project. He added that he is pretty sure that the fields are the responsibility of the Town not the School. DPW Director Jamie Luchini noted that early on the original design was supposed to mimic what was already there, and the DPW was in charge of mowing and maintenance. When the new school came, everything was divided up and the DPW took over the Vail Field Soccer Field and the baseball fields. He added that there was originally supposed to be another soccer field, but it would not fit, and he believes that’s why they flipped them. Selectman Melia asked if it makes sense to have the Chairperson of the Playground and Recreation Committee come in and ask them what their plan is. Chairman Collins noted that they tried to aim for that at tonight’s meeting but he was unable to attend. He added that they will add it to a future agenda. Selectman Begin added that this could turn into a big capital project in the long run with the talks of drainage and ripping up fence. Selectman Paulhus added the moving the fence back seems illogical and it would make more sense to remove the fence all together or move it forward and make a little league and softball field. Discussion continued regarding the drainage issue even if the fence was removed and the fact that it hasn’t been able to be used as it is still growing season. Mr. Luchini noted he was not sure if the intent was for it to be a practice field. Police Chief Labrie suggested that the drainage around the fence be put underground, loam over the top of it, remove the fence and replace it with a taller fence further back and have a great baseball field. He also

suggested getting the School Department and the Playground and Recreation involved to create a nice field that the School could utilize. Selectman Melia requested that the Town Manager speak with the School and Playground and Recreation Committee to meet and discuss.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT/None**

**SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS/None**

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA/None**

**CORRESPONDENCE/None**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION/None**

The next upcoming meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2023.

A motion/Mr. Begin, seconded/Mr. Melia to adjourn the public meeting. Vote yes/Begin, Collins, Paulhus and Melia.

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:40 PM**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Thomas Begin, Clerk**

**/mjc**

**LIST OF DOCUMENTATION**

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- I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- II. PUBLIC HEARING/A. 7:05 PM: Prem Shri Sai, Inc. dba 1 Quickstop Convenience – Transfer of Off-Premises license from Samarpan, Inc dba 1 Quickstop [Bhikhabhai Patel] to Prem Shri Sai, Inc. dba 1 Quickstop [Neena Jain, Manager]/Present: Sabrina Bolduc, Neena Jain, Manager and Anil Kumar Jain, President [Vote to approve pending Board of Health licenses and payment of all monies owed to the Town]**
  - Copy of public hearing notice
  - Copy of application for a transfer of license
  - Copy of corporate vote
  - Copy of Articles of Organization
  - Copy of lease agreement
  - Copy of assignment of lease
  - Copy of floor plan
  - Copy of workers' compensation affidavit
  - Copy of license routing slip
- III. APPOINTMENTS:**
  - B. 2023 Annual Reappointments/By the Board of Selectmen: Vote to reappoint per the list enclosed in agenda packet**
    - Copy of 2023 Board of Selectmen annual reappointments listing
    - Copy of memorandum requesting attendance records
    - Copy of memorandums with attendance records for the Board of Health, BPCC, Cable Advisory Committee, Conservation Committee, Council on Aging
  - C. 2023 Annual Reappointments/By the Town Manager: Vote to affirm reappointments per the list enclosed in agenda packet**
    - Copy of 2023 Town Manager annual reappointments listing
- IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT/None**
- V. DECISIONS/None**
- VI. DISCUSSIONS:**
  - D. Vail Field Discussion/Present: Steve Gogolinski**
    - Copy of email regarding Vail Field
    - Copy of Vail field images
- VII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT/None**
- VIII. SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS/None**
- IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA/None**
- X. CORRESPONDENCE/None**
- XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION/None**