



SELECT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 30, 2022
10:00 AM
VIRTUAL MEETING

Present: Dean Charter, Jim Snyder-Grant, Himaja Nagireddy, Fran Arsenault, David Martin,
Town Manager John Mangiaratti and Assistant Town Manager Mark Hald

I. New/Special Business

1. Consider Approval of 2023 Licenses for Frolic & Detour and The Holy Grail

Mr. Mangiaratti noted the licensed establishments have completed a majority of their corrections. Mr. Charter noted safety concerns with the deficiencies of their fire suppression systems. Mr. Mangiaratti noted that the liquor license renewal procedure is ideally everything is completed prior to issuing a renewal - however in past practice, the Building Commissioner works out a plan, including a timeline to completion, with a restaurant to consider license renewal with condition(s). If the Board accepts the remediation plan, the Building Commissioner is comfortable recommending the renewal. Mr. Martin noted in the past the Board has never held a renewal if the business has made a good faith effort to attend to the deficiencies.

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Ms. Nagireddy approve a common victualler and Section 12 All Alcoholic Beverage license for The Holy Grail with the condition that they have their fire suppression system inspected by February 28, 2023 and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Ms. Nagireddy to approve a common victualler and section 12 All Alcoholic Beverage licenses for Frolic & Detour conditioned on fixing their fire suppression and range hood by April 30, 2023 and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

2. Approve Request for Additional Streetlighting at 525 Massachusetts Avenue

Mr. Charter noted he received emails from abutting neighbors. Mr. Mangiaratti had received a request from a resident requesting more lighting as a safety matter. He noted there was support from both the Fire and Police Chiefs and there are some businesses that do remain open after dark. Mr. Martin noted that even with the flashing beacon crosswalk it is still dangerous to walk around after dark and questioned about future streetscaping and lighting plans for parts of West Acton. Mr. Mangiaratti noted that the town applied for ARPA funding for the Gardner

playground area, and is still in the process of appropriation, and DPW Director Corey York will be hosting forums for community feedback in the spring regarding the streetscaping and additional lighting design. Mr. Charter noted that, based on the proposed light locations, they would be added to existing poles. Mr. Charter suggested having further discussion at a future meeting and to postpone a decision after receiving an email from an abutter unable to attend this meeting requesting public comment. Mr. Martin noted that current streetlights have a downward shielding to direct the lighting and could consider a more downward direction, and could add an increase of foot traffic for local businesses.

Lynn Parker, 525 Massachusetts Ave – concerned about the Board voting to add lights and requested postponing any vote to a future public meeting to allow for public input.

Mr. Martin moved, seconded Mr. Snyder-Grant to take no action today and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Charter suggested to have further discussion on the January 23rd meeting to allow for additional information and feedback from businesses. Board members agreed.

II. Consent Items

Mr. Martin moved, and seconded by Ms. Arsenault to accept consent item 3 and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Snyder-Grant and approved unanimously by roll call vote. Meeting adjourned at 12:41 PM

Documents Used

- Agenda, Select Board, December 30, 2022
- Email from Andrea Ristine Regarding Street Lights in West Acton Villageworks Dated December 27, 2022
- Memo from Economic Development Director Julie Pierce to Accept an In-Kind Donation from Bagels Plus Dated December 20, 2022