

Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Tuesday, February 19, 2008
Dennis Town Hall, Hearing Room
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Attendees: Board of Selectmen: Jane Otis, Charles Crowell, Paul McCormick, Sheryl McMahon and Heidi Schadt. Town Administrator Robert Canevazzi, Assistant Town Administrator Sandra Fife and Wendy Pells Recording Secretary.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Wayne Bergeron addressed the Selectmen. He mentioned that he was looking at the MA Dept. of Revenue website. The tax rate in Dennis is \$4.35. The average tax bill in Dennis is \$1,967.00. There are 290 communities in the State that have a higher tax rate. The Town of Dennis has the 12th lowest tax rate in the State. Wayne Bergeron also provided the Selectmen with some available dates that they may want to consider for serving dinner at the NOAH Shelter.

Dale Riebold, member of the Bass River Park Committee addressed the Selectmen. He announced the next meeting for the Committee has been scheduled for February 27, 2008 at 6:00 PM at the Dennis Town Hall. He also mentioned that the Committee recently submitted an application for a \$10,000.00 State grant. Dale Riebold thanked the Committee members for their work on the grant. The Committee will continue to look for additional grant opportunities.

Heidi Schadt reminded the general public that it is an election year. There are current vacancies on Old Kings Highway Historic Commission, D-Y School Committee and Dennis Housing Authority.

Robert Canevazzi stated that the deadline for the submission of Articles is February 21, 2008.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Beach and Recreation Director Dustin Pineau noted that the Beach Committee has received a donation of four benches. Rosemary Dever donated a bench at Corporation Beach. Ralph LoVoulo donated a bench for Howes Street Beach. Ann Bernardi donated a bench for Cold Storage Beach and Janis Clifford donated a bench for West Dennis Beach. Dustin Pineau stated that the Beach Committee recommends the Board of Selectmen accept these gifts.

Heidi Schadt stated that it is wonderful that the public has made this donation to the Town.

Motion:

Paul McCormick moved to accept the donation of benches. Sheryl McMahon seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0. The motion was carried.

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Motion:

Heidi Schadt moved to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of litigation and to return to public meeting. Paul McCormick seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted: Jane Otis "AYE", Charles Crowell "AYE", Paul McCormick "AYE", Heidi Schadt "AYE" and Sheryl McMahan "AYE" 5-0-0. The motion was carried.

(Executive Session minutes are separate.)

(The Board of Selectmen returned from Executive Session.)

(Sheryl McMahan stepped down.)

7:00 PM HEARING

Cape Cod Engineering Inc. request on behalf of their client, Happiness Assoc. Inc. of 6 Luscombe Lane to utilize and access the Nobscussett Road way to water for the purpose of delivering equipment and material for re-construction of a stone revetment at 6 and 10 Luscombe Lane.

Bob Perry stated that this project is to the left of the landing.

Heidi Schadt stated that the application is very thorough.

Bob Perry stated that the machinery will be temporarily stored on site. In the event of bad weather the equipment will be removed.

Robert Canevazzi asked Bob Perry how often he performs site inspections.

Bob Perry stated that he is at the site almost daily.

Motion:

Paul McCormick moved to approve the order of conditions for the application of Happiness Assoc. Inc. of 6 Luscombe Lane to utilize and access the Nobscussett Road way to water for the purpose delivering equipment and material for re-construction of a stone revetment at 6 and 10 Luscombe Lane. Additionally, the applicant will be required to provide the Town of Dennis with a certificate of liability insurance naming the Town as additional insured. The applicant is also required to provide the Town of Dennis with a Treasurer's check in the amount of \$10,000.00. Heidi Schadt seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 4-0-0. The motion was carried.

(Sheryl McMahan returned to the panel of Selectmen.)

(Paul McCormick stepped down.)

7:30 PM Sand Dollar Bar & Grill Request to Alter Premises.

Licensing Chairman, Charles Crowell, read the public hearing notice.

Mark Barry, owner of the Sand Dollar Bar & Grill, addressed the Licensing Board to state that he is back at the Board request to obtain permission to use the existing sidewalk area as a patio. Mr. Barry explained that he would like to provide food and beverage service on the patio until 9:00 PM. He stated to the Selectmen that this patio will not be a smoking patio.

Charles Crowell read into the record a letter in opposition to the request. The letter was from Mr. Thomas J. Tower.

Jane Otis stated that any permission would be contingent on the approval of the property owner and the Building Commissioner.

Mark Barry stated that he is not trying to put a band in the parking lot. He stated that he will try and control the litter as much as possible.

Motion:

Jane Otis moved to approve a 16 seat patio at the Sand Dollar Bar & Grill for 7 days a week for the hours of 12:00Noon- 9PM subject to the reduction of 16 seats inside and also subject to the permission of the property owner and Building Commissioner. Heidi Schadt seconded. The Licensing Board voted 4-0-0. The motion was carried.

7:45 PM Clancy's Fish & Chips request an indoor entertainment permit.

Mr. Paul Covell addressed the Licensing Board to state that this request comes from a reputable business. This business owner has two very successful businesses and is a one of the largest employers in Town. Paul Covell stated that James Mullin is the manager of record and he has extensive experience as a restaurant manager.

Jane Otis asked how many entertainers would be hired.

James Mullin stated that 1-2 guitar players would be hired. He added that he is out of the night club business.

Jane Otis stated that she is concerned that there are too many entertainment licenses in this area of town.

Licensing Chairman Charles Crowell read letters from Thomas Tower, Christa Richardson and Donna & Tom Fitzgerald. The letters from the residents stated that they were in support of the application.

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Motion:

Heidi Schadt moved to approve the application of Clancy's Fish & Chips for an indoor entertainment license, for seven days a week for up to two instruments for the hours of 12PM-12AM. Sheryl McMahon seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 4-0-0. The motion was carried.

8:00 PM Buckie's Biscotti Request and Entertainment License

Ms. Kate Wallace, manager of the Dennisport store introduced herself to the Selectmen. She stated that they are requesting an indoor entertainment permit. She added that this is a non-alcoholic venue.

Edward Mahoney, an abutter, stated that he is a resident of Dennisport. He added that this type of coffee house venue is a great idea.

Heidi Schadt stated that she has known Kate Wallace for many years. She added that Kate was born in Dennis and has recently purchased a house off Rte.6A.

Motion:

Heidi Schadt moved approval of Buckie's Biscotti application for an indoor live entertainment license weekdays from 12Noon- 10PM and on Sunday from 1PM-6PM. Sheryl McMahon seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 4-0-0. The motion was carried.

8:00 PM

Motion:

Sheryl McMahon moved to adjourn. Heidi Schadt seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 4-0-0. The motion was carried.