BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023 – 6:00 PM

1. Call Meeting to Order in Open Session

   Board of Selectmen meeting called to order at 6:01 PM.

2. David Holdcraft – update on 14 Freight House Road.

   Mr. David Holdcraft gave the board an update of what he intends to do with the property. He explained that it was his intention to rebuild the existing building and that he consulted with an architect who advised him that this was possible. He asked for additional time so the architect could develop building plans and he could then move forward with the redevelopment.

   The Town Building Inspector Jeffery Taylor expressed his concern with the safety of the property. He made it perfectly clear that he brought in an outside consultant Talevi and Haesche to inspect the building and they determined that the building was structurally unsound. He explained to the board that the owner had been notified a long time ago that the property was deemed unsafe by both the fire chief and himself and that a fence should have been installed for public safety. The owner has not yet put up a fence to protect the public. The Fire Chief also commented regarding the safety of the building and said that it needed immediate action.

   Members of the Board of Selectmen asked the owner about a timeline to get the fence up and receive plans from the architect. The owner said the fence will be installed on 4/26/23. He could not give a date for when the plans would be completed because that would be determined by the architect. The board attempted to get a reasonable time frame from him and had limited success.

   The Town Administrator made clear to the Owner that the Town would not allow him to drag this out for a long period of time due to public safety concerns to the public.

   The following Motion was made by Selectmen Sickenberger and 2nd by Selectmen von Bleicken.

   > Motion to have the Town Administrator work with the owner of the property and the architect to make progress within a reasonable time frame. If not, the Town Administrator could move forward with having the building torn down and a lien placed on the property. Motion carried 3-0

3. 6:15 PM – Public Hearing on the application for a transfer of a liquor license to Jayantibhai Patel for Jayisat Corporation, d/b/a The Spirit Shoppe, 143 W. Main Street – Vote Expected

   Mr. Jayantibhai Patel explained why he needed the license transferred.

   The following Motion was made by Selectmen Sickenberger and 2nd by Selectmen von Bleicken

   > Motion to transfer the liquor license from Richard Turnbull to Jayantibhai Patel for Jayisat Corporation, d/b/a The Spirit Shoppe, 143 W. Main Street and to approve the pledge of the license to Rockland Trust. Motion carried 3-0.

4. Discussion re: Water Department wage scale for Water Superintendent– Vote Expected

   Tabled for future discussion.

5. Discussion re: Use of Counsel by the Water Department – Vote Expected

   Town administrator has the authority to allow the Water Department to use Town Council.

6. Treasurer/Collector – Interim help – Vote Expected

   The following Motion was made by Selectmen Sickenberger and 2nd by Selectmen von Bleicken

   > Motion to approve Naomi Quansah as interim Town Collector/Assistant Town Treasurer at a rate of $60 per hour. Motion carried 3-0.

7. Appointment – Recreation Committee – Lisa Girard– Vote Expected

   The following Motion was made by Selectmen Sickenberger and 2nd by Selectmen von Bleicken.

   > Motion to appoint Lisa Girard as a member of the Recreation Committee. Motion Carried 3-0.

8. Minutes – Vote Expected

   The following Motion was made by Selectmen Sickenberger and 2nd by Selectmen von Bleicken

   > Motion to accept the minutes of the Selectboard meeting of April 18, 2023. Motion carried 3-0.

9. Executive Secretary Report/Correspondence

The Town Administrator discussed the fact that we needed to deal with the issue of the Treasurer's office as it relates to the Cash Book. It seems that the former Treasurer did not keep the Cash Book up to date and it is months behind. This does not allow the Town Accountant to update how much we have in terms of receivable in the accounting system. Discussion occurred about bringing back the former Treasurer to fix the problem and get us updated. The Town Administrator was going to reach out to her to discuss the issue. The Town Administrator update the board as to events in the Town Clerks office. The interim Town Clerk believes that the election can be held and that we will be ready to handle any issues. Also discussed was that the Town Administrator intends to work with the former Executive Secretary to train her to be a future Town Administrator.

10. Comments & Concerns

    No significant comments or concerns were made.

11. Next Regular Meeting Date: May 9, 2023 – 6 PM

12. Adjourn

13. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 PM.