

## Selectmen's minutes of meeting February 8, 2021

Members present: Brian O'Rourke by remote, George Riley, Mark Newman, Joanne Grybosh by remote, Dolores Harasyko, Admin. Asst., Victor Hryckvich Chair Board of Health

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman O'Rourke will only be participating in the public hearing so Mark Newman will Chair the meeting.

Mark opened the Public Hearing on the application for a Special Permit for Nicholas Smigel for a general store to be located at 83 south Main Street, map and parcel 204-51.

Mark asked Paul Gaudette chair of the Conservation Commission if there are any issues regarding the Conservation Commission. Paul responded that they all voted in favor of the store and have no issues.

Mark asked Victor Hryckvich chair of the Board of Health if they had any issues. Victor asked Mr. Smigel if he had obtained his Serve Safe Certificate, Mr. Smigel responded that he had. Victor reviewed the water testing that has to be done once a year. Mr. Smigel responded that they will be in compliance by the time they open. Victor will follow up with Mr. Smigel.

George asked about how water will be supplied, Mr. Smigel responded that he will transport water from the main house.

Mark asked Barbara Cormier from the Zoning Board if they had issues. Barbara responded that they denied the variance for additional signage. They can have a temporary "Grand Opening" sign for 10 days. They did grant a variance for the parking lot.

Motion by Brian, second by Mark, passed unanimously to grant the Special Permit to Nicholas Smigel for a general store.

Roll call vote Brian, yes, Mark, yes, George, yes

Public Hearing closed at 7:05 p.m.

Reviewed and signed minutes of meetings.

Reviewed and signed purchase orders.

Review and discuss the Cannabis bylaw draft. Mark as the Chair tabled this item until we can schedule a work session and have the full board present. George did not agree. Mark stated that he just received the draft articles and didn't have time to review them. Paul Gaudette asked if we will have a revised bylaw for the Planning Board by their next meeting next week. Mark responded that depends on when we can schedule the work session. He wants to confirm with Brian.

Reviewed mail

Reviewed and signed warrants.

Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:

Barbara Cormier is confused about her electric bill. Last week George explained that we have a 3 year contract with Colonial. Barbara stated that her bill shows First Point Power. George responded that the actual name of the business is Colonial Power DBA First Point Power. He explained that we have a fixed flat rate for 3 years. The increase is in the delivery portion which is still Eversource.

Alex Bowman asked about the quote in the Berkshire Eagle regarding the revenue comparison for the cannabis operation. George responded that the average tax bill is \$3,500 per household, it would take building 100 new houses to match the income from the cannabis operation.

Elizabeth Orenstein asked about the deadline to place an article on the warrant, Town Clerk Dolores Harasyko responded March 15.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Brian O'Rourke

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George Riley

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Mark Newman