

Selectmen's minutes of meeting March 8, 2021

Members present: Brian O'Rourke, George Riley, Mark Newman, Joanne Grybosh by remote, Dolores Harasyko, Admin. Asst.

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Remote and Zoom participation information provided for the public.

Reviewed and signed minutes of meeting.

Reviewed and signed purchase orders.

Motion by Brian, second by Mark, passed unanimously to grant Berkshire Mountain Cannabis permission to hold a virtual Community Outreach Meeting.

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

Ed Brozman asked about Berkshire Mountain Cannabis, Brian responded that he does not have any info at this time.

Reviewed the Host Community Agreement between Philip Blume DBA Day Dreamz Estates LLC and the Town of Sandisfield. Brian reviewed that it is the same as the HCA with SAMA except for the voluntary contributions to the town, there is specific verbiage regarding greenhouse and outdoor odor control. The impact fee is 3 % for the first \$5,000,000 and then 2% after that.

Discussed the \$1,500 donation to the Brien Center.

Motion by Brian, second by Mark, passed unanimously to accept and sign the HCA between Philip Blume DBA Day Dreamz Estates LLC and the Town of Sandisfield.

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

Ed Brozman questioned town counsels interpretations of the impact fee and donations.

Town Counsel responded that he has negotiated dozens of HCA's. This is a binding contract. He is not aware of any statutes against contributions.

Laura Rogers Castro asked if the town could be taken to court.

Town Counsel responded that he doesn't know who would take the town to court. Philip responded that his attorney and town counsel have worked together to create the HCA.

Future agenda items:

George would like to discuss making the town clerk position appointed instead of elected.

Dolores explained that she was elected until 2023 and she would like clarification as to whether we can vote on something this year that won't go into effect for 2 years.

Special permit application for an art gallery at 7 New Hartford Road.

Ed Brozman asked about planning board meetings, he questioned the time frame.

Joanne stated that she submitted a letter requesting a temporary assistant. She is in dire need of Microsoft support for many projects to be completed by June 30 which will be paid from the Technology expense account. She still has the Complete Streets grant, mowing bid, IT Grant that all have to be completed by June 30.

She has someone already picked out who is skilled in excel and Microsoft. She needs her 12 hours a week.

Mark asked about pay, Joanne responded \$18.00 per hour.

Mark said it is not the same rate as the other assistants. They all started out between \$10 and \$15 per hour.

Mark suggested she give up the Highway Secretary job and put those hours towards the Town Manager job which is about 10 hours.

She responded that so much of the work she needs help on is computer and paper work.

She goes in on Sunday's for the Highway Dept. this doesn't impact her town manager job.

George feels it is a reasonable request.

This would be a contracted service not a town employee.

Motion by George, second by Brian, Mark opposed to hire a temporary person starting March 12 until June 25, 2021.

Roll call: George, yes, Brian, yes, Mark opposed.

Mail reviewed

Warrants reviewed and signed

Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:

Ed Brozman asked if the Planning Board will meet the deadlines for the Marijuana Bylaw to be placed on the Annual Town Warrant.

Brian responded that it would be pure speculation. There has to be a request from the Planning Board to be placed on the agenda for next week.

Larry Dwyer would like to set up a Zoom meeting for the Green Community, he wants to know who sets it up. George responded that when the agenda is set up the Zoom call in info would be printed on the agenda

Mark asked for a follow up on the post office boxes. He would like to take the lead on this project. All agreed.

Leslie Garwood wants to know how to get updates, Brian responded all she has to do is sign up for e alerts on the website.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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Brian O'Rourke

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George Riley

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Mark Newman