

Town of Sandisfield

Select Board
February 14, 2022

Minutes for Select Board meeting held on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 7:00p.m. at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Sandisfield Road, Sandisfield, MA

Members present: Alex Bowman, Steve Seddon, Kevin Flynn

Called to order at 7:00PM

1. Call to order: Note that the meeting is being recorded

Alex Bowman will serve as Chair in George Riley's absence.

2. Review and sign minutes of meetings. Points to minutes

3. Review and sign purchase orders

4. Discuss and appoint Garrett Austin as a DPW employee

Kevin Flynn reports that Garrett Austin previously worked for Sandisfield; he would like to return as an on-call employee, operating as a laborer/ driver.

Alex motions to appoint Garrett Austin as a DPW employee. Steve Seddon seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

5. Discuss and vote to approve annual business permits/licenses

Alex notes the Handbook for Massachusetts Selectmen lists the types of licenses issued by the Select Board. He will provide this list to anyone who requests it.

- **Business License for D'Andrea Gun Leather**
- **Common Victualler's License for Riiska Brook Orchard**

D'Andrea Gun Leather already has their DBA and does not require a license issued by the Select Board. However, during the previous meeting, it was decided they would continue the practice of signing the licenses for businesses who have previously acquired them annually. Steve reiterates that issuing these licenses does not grant a business any authority, but simply acknowledges that they are a business in good standing. Steve signs the license; Alex does not.

Alex and Steve both sign the Common Victualler's for Riiska Brook Orchard.

6. Discuss and vote on the direction of the School Committee amendment

Carl Nett summarizes the School Committee amendment petition and its background letter. This petition asks the School Committee to pass a motion that would require at least one member from Otis and Sandisfield to vote yes on an item. Carl requests the Select Board endorse the petition and post it on the town website.

Alex motions to publish the letter suggesting the amendment to the School Committee RDA and the Select Board's support to the effort. Steve seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

7. Discuss and approve Berkshire Mountain Cannabis HCA

Alex notes that the HCA has been published on the website. George Riley has been in negotiations for establishing the HCA, and he approves. The HCA states Sandisfield's financial interests, BMC's obligations, etc. The HCA is required in order to get a cannabis license from the state. The next step will be the Special Permit Hearing.

Alex motions to approve the Berkshire Mountain Cannabis HCA. Steve seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

8. Discuss and take action on a complaint made by Ronald Pachulski

Alex summarizes that 13 months ago, the Select Board gave permission for the Sandisfield Snowmobile Club to access trails through the section of property through the cemetery and Silverbrook. Ron Pachulski states it was understood that all snowmobilers were to head down the road towards Route 57, make a right, and stay on the lower level away from the burial plots. There was a marker indicating this, which has not been reinstalled this winter.

Snowmobile Club Leader, George Munson will be notified and asked to reinstall the marker, as well as announce to club members the trail locations. Ron Pachulski also notes that the minutes from the meeting that authorized the Snowmobile Club to access these trails, exclude a request for a liability insurance policy from the club to be forwarded to the town. Whether this policy has been received or not will be confirmed with George Munson. If it has not been received, the Select Board will ask George Munson to acquire the insurance.

9. Town Manager Updates

Kevin has been working on budgets, and a wage schedule is almost complete. Preparation for Capital Planning guidance documents is being done.

10. Select Board Updates

Mary Turek informs the Select Board of a dead mouse at the Library, and requests they change their pest control practice, their toilet is still broken, and the parking lot was not sanded or plowed during the most recent storm.

11. Future agenda items

Carl requests a discussion about Sandisfield not receiving any Federal Infrastructure money. Barbara Cormier suggests inviting Smitty Pignatelli to attend a meeting.

12. Review mail

13. Review and sign warrants

14. Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm.

Alex Bowman

Steve Seddon