

Selectmen's Minutes 04/23/2018

Town of Hudson - Board of Selectmen

Minutes – April 23, 2018

78 Main Street 2nd Floor 7:00 PM

- **Call to Order:**

Present were Mr. Parent, Mr. Durant, Mr. Duplisea, Mr. Lucy, Mr. Quinn and Mr. Moses. Also present were Ms. Santos and Atty. Cipriano.

- **Minutes to be Approved:**

Public Session Minutes – April 9, 2018

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the public session minutes of April 9, 2018.

Public Session Minutes – April 12, 2018

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the public session minutes of April 12, 2018.

Mr. Lucy read the following statement into the record.

"We were lead to believe Temescal Wellness of Massachusetts, Inc. needed Hudson to approve and sign a new conforming community host agreement. We were lead to believe Temescal Wellness needed this in order to submit a complete application by Tuesday April 17th. This application was to obtain the early application privilege for consideration before late applicants. The Cannabis Control Commission had pledged to review and approve or decline final applications in time for privileged early applicants to open their story July 1st this summer.

Consequently we then held a special board of Selectmen's meeting. I am opposed to all special meetings. People and entities coming before the town of Hudson should know what the scheduling procedure is. Temescal Wellness of Massachusetts, Inc. strong armed us into a special Board of Selectmen's meeting saying they needed this new conforming Community Host Agreement approved and signed by April 17th in order to open July 1st. BUT Temescal Wellness DID NOT SHOW UP.

Subsequently Temescal Wellness of Massachusetts, Inc. continued to negotiate Hudson's new conforming Community Host Agreement past April 17th.

Now I read in the Hudson Sun that on April 18th the Cannabis Control Commission approved Temescal Wellness of Massachusetts, Inc. to be given the early application privilege.

Mr. Chairman, I feel we have been used, abused and mislead. Since we have not seen any signed new conforming Community Host Agreement and in fact I have not even seen a revised draft, I am going to Move under town issues that our four to one approval of April 12th be rescinded and not considered again until we get our lawyer's proposed draft agreement as a regular Board of Selectmen's agenda item."

- **Meetings and Public Hearings - 7:00 PM:**

Selectmen to meet with representatives from Melanson Heath to discuss Financial Reports for year end June 30, 2017.

Zack Fentross, Audit Manager with Melanson Heath presented the June 30, 2017 financial statements of the Town to the Board. The Town received a clean opinion which is the best result available. He stated that the town is in a good financial position.

Selectmen to consider issuance of a Farmer Brewery Malt Pouring Permit to Marc Ferlo of Central MA Brewing Co. d/b/a Ground Effect Brewing Co. located at 312 Main Street.

Present were Marc Ferlo, Tim Daley and Alexi Bobolia. Mr. Ferlo explained that the operation will manufacture the beer and sell it for on-site consumption as well as for sale to take away. Mr. Daley stated that the business will operate very similarly to how Medusa operates. They estimate approximately 75% of the product will be sold for off premise consumption and the other 25% to be consumed on-site.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 to issue a Farmer Brewery Malt Pouring Permit to Marc Ferlo of Central MA Brewing Co. d/b/a Ground Effect Brewing Co. located at 312 Main Street.

- **Licenses:**

Selectmen to consider renewals of Mid-Year Licenses for those licensees who have met all requirements for renewal.

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 5-0 to renew all Mid-Year Licenses for those licensees who have met all requirements for renewal.

Selectmen to consider issuing an Entertainment License to the Hudson Eagles for June 22 – 23, 2018 for the Eagles State Conference to be held from 5:00 – 10:00 PM.

Joe Chaves of the Hudson Eagles spoke with regard to the license. He stated that the Eagles will host a State Conference on June 22, 23 and 24. They are requesting an entertainment license for Friday and Saturday night as there will be a DJ outside under a tent. Parking will not be an issue as all the out of Town attendees will be shuttled to and from the event. All in Town attendees will park in the lower lot. Mr. Chaves asked if one of the Selectmen would be willing to attend a meeting that Saturday morning to welcome all the attendees. Mr. Duplisea agreed.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 to issue an Entertainment License to the Hudson Eagles for June 22 – 23, 2018 for the Eagles State Conference to be held from 5:00 – 10:00 PM.

Selectmen to consider issuing an Entertainment License to the Hudson Senior Center for a Psychic Fair to be held on April 28, 2018 from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 5-0 to issue an Entertainment License to the Hudson Senior Center for a Psychic Fair to be held on April 28, 2018 from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

- **Personnel:**

Selectmen to consider approving the appointment of Ian Mazmanian to serve on the Affordable Housing Trust.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 to pass over this item (per the applicant's request).

Selectmen to note the resignation of Kathleen Brennan, effective April 20, 2018.

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board noted the resignation of Kathleen Brennan, effective April 20, 2018.

Selectmen to consider approving the job description for a Computer and Network Specialist for the Finance Department at a Grade M-6.

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the job description for a Computer and Network Specialist for the Finance Department at a Grade M-6.

- **Contracts:**

Selectmen to consider approval and authorization to sign a contract with Wachusett Country Club in the amount of \$7,200.00 for golfer tee gifts for the Annual Recreation Department Golf Tournament.

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 5-0 to approve and authorize the signing of a contract with Wachusett Country Club in the amount of \$7,200.00 for golfer tee gifts for the Annual Recreation Department Golf Tournament.

Selectmen to consider approval and authorization to sign a contract with Ruby Electric in the amount of \$5,520 for the replacement of a damaged motor at Chestnut Well #2.

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 5-0 to approve and authorize the signing of a contract with Ruby Electric in the amount of \$5,520 for the replacement of a damaged motor at Chestnut Well #2.

- **General:**

Selectmen to discuss and consider approving FY 2019 water and sewer rates.

Mr. Moses noted that in 2017 the Town was approximately \$1 million off in the water and sewer revenue accounts. The Town is still trying to figure out how much of this shortfall is permanent due to the loss of Intel and how much is

temporary due to the drought. A 4% increase in the water rates was proposed in the budget and 8% for sewer rates. This is the first increase in about 4 years. The 8% is relative to a necessary upgrade that will be done in the coming years.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the water and sewer rates as outlined by Mr. Moses letter of April 18, 2018.

Selectmen to consider approving and authorization to sign the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Grant Application.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Quinn the Board voted 5-0 to approve and authorize the signing of the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Grant Application.

Selectmen to consider approving the 2018 Water Conservation Restrictions.

This is a Level III ban which means that watering is ONLY permitted between the hours of 5:00 PM and 9:00 AM. Car washing permitted during restricted hours. Filling of new swimming pools is prohibited.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the 2018 Level III Water Conservation Restrictions.

- **Citizens' Issues:**

- **Town Issues:**

Mr. Lucy read the following proposed motion. "I move that we rescind our April 12th Community Host Agreement with Temescal Wellness of Massachusetts, Inc. and stipulate that a revised draft be circulated to Selectmen in the usual manner as an agenda item for consideration during a regular Board of Selectmen's meeting." Mr. Lucy stated that the Native Sun agreement should be used as a basis to go forward. He noted that these contracts should be very similar as they are the exact same business. They all agreed that they should have the same agreement with the same terms.

Mr. Durant questioned whether the Board should do business with Temescal.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted 5-0 to rescind its agreement with Temescal Wellness of Massachusetts, Inc. and its vote of April 12, 2018.

Mr. Lucy stated that the house at 38 Laurel Drive has still not been cleaned up.

Mr. Lucy informed the Board that the US Army Corps of Engineers is selling the property on Bruen Road. It is 86.4 acres and will be sold on May 14, 2018.

- **Correspondence to be Noted by Clerk:**

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted 5-0 to note the correspondence of its meeting of April 23, 2018.

- **Executive Session:**

Adjourn:

On a motion by Mr. Quinn, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn its meeting of April 23, 2018 at 8:25 PM.

Document List – April 23, 2018

| Document | Location |
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| Public Session Minutes 04/09 & 04/12/18 | BOS Office |
| Melanson Heath Financial Reports | BOS Office |
| License Application – Ground Effect Brewing Co. | BOS Office |
| Mid- Year License Memo | BOS Office |
| Entertainment License Application – Senior Center, Hudson Eagles | BOS Office |
| Appointment Memo – Ian Mazmanian | BOS Office |

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| Resignation Memo – Kathleen Brennan | BOS Office |
| Job Description – Computer & Network Specialist | BOS Office |
| Contract with Wachusett Country Club | BOS Office |
| Contract with Ruby Electric | BOS Office |
| Water & Sewer Rates Memo | BOS Office |
| Municipal Vulnerability Grant | BOS Office |
| Water Conservation Restrictions Memo | BOS Office |
| Weston Automotive closing notification | BOS Office |
| Alcohol quota list – Hudson | BOS Office |