



Town of Hudson

Select Board

Minutes – January 10, 2022

Remote via Zoom

7:00 PM

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1. Call to Order:

Present were Mr. Duplisea, Mr. Burks, Mr. Lucy, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Sadowski and Mr. Gregory. Also present were Atty. Cipriano, Ms. Santos and Ms. Vickery.

2. Minutes to be Approved:

- a) Public session minutes – December 20, 2021.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call vote to approve the public session minutes of December 20, 2021.

3. Meetings and Public Hearings - 7:00 PM:

- a) Selectmen to consider issuance of a Farmer Brewery Malt Pouring Permit to Keith Sullivan, Vice President of Medusa Brewing Company Inc. d/b/a Wild Hare located at 43 Broad Street.

Keith Sullivan explained that Medusa is opening a new restaurant at 43 Broad Street. This location will offer breakfast, lunch and more of a sophisticated brewery vibe in the evening.

Mr. Sadowski noted that the abutter affidavit is dated January 6th and he stated this does not give abutters a reasonable time for the notice of the hearing. Mr. Sullivan explained that this is the date the affidavit was signed and the notices were mailed on December 27th. There was an extensive conversation regarding the abutters list. Mr. Quinn believes that this may not cover all the abutters and thinks that more abutters should have been notified. Ms. Santos stated that the abutters list only measures 100 feet from the property line and this list has been certified by the assessor's office.

Scott LaFleur, 8 Mason Street echoed Mr. Quinn's concerns regarding the abutters list as he did not receive notification of the hearing. He stated that he does not have an issue with this proposal on the inside of the building however is opposed to anything to do with the outdoors (music, entertainment, dining).

Diane Knox, 4 Mason Street also spoke in opposition to the outdoor proposal. She also noted concern for the parking situation. She asked if there is something that could be done to not allow patrons to park on the residential side streets.

Tracy Hill, 2 Mason Street also addressed the parking issue. She noted that the parking lot at 43 Broad is always full. Joe Freeman, representing the ownership of 43 Broad, explained that there are an additional 80 spaces on the Houghton Street end of the property that are not utilized. He stated that there is plenty of parking. There are 200 spaces that service the building.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call vote to close the public hearing for 43 Broad Street.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 4-1-0 to issue a Farmer Brewery Malt Pouring Permit to Keith Sullivan, Vice President of Medusa Brewing Company Inc. d/b/a Wild Hare located at 43 Broad Street. Mr. Sadowski voted against.

4. Licenses:

- a) Select Board to consider issuing a Common Victualler's license to Keith Sullivan, Vice President of Medusa Brewing Company Inc. d/b/a Wild Hare located at 43 Broad Street from the hours of 7AM – 10PM Monday through Sunday.

Mr. Sadowski asked for clarification as to whether this includes outdoor dining as well. Mr. Sullivan explained that he did apply for indoor as well as outdoor dining.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 3-2-0 to amend the motion to include outdoor dining. Mr. Sadowski and Mr. Quinn voted no.

Mr. Sadowski cited concerns for the number of tables being proposed for the outdoor dining as well as the spacing of the tables. He would like to see the number of tables reduced and the spacing be expanded. Jeff Wood stated that the outdoor dining should maintain at least a six-foot distance between tables for public safety reasons.

Mr. Sullivan stated that he has no issue with changing the layout to comply with the Building Commissioner.

Mr. Burks would like Mr. Sullivan to provide a layout of the tables inside as it was not included in the submission.

Mr. Duplisea suggested that this item be passed over until the next meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call vote to pass over item 4a until its meeting of January 24, 2022.

Mr. Sullivan asked that for reconsideration. He requested that the indoor dining be considered without the outdoor dining. Mr. Wood noted that they have a certificate of occupancy and have met all requirements, including the seating plan.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 4-1-0 to rescind the previous vote to pass over this item. Mr. Sadowski voted no.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 4-1-0 to issue a Common Victualler's license (for the inside of 43 Broad Street) to Keith Sullivan, Vice President of Medusa Brewing Company Inc. d/b/a Wild Hare located at 43 Broad Street from the hours of 7AM – 10PM Monday through Sunday.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 5-0 to pass over the outdoor dining at 43 Broad Street.

- b) Select Board to consider issuing an indoor/outdoor entertainment license to Keith Sullivan, Vice President of Medusa Brewing Company Inc. d/b/a Wild Hare located at 43 Broad Street from the hours of 7AM – 10PM Monday through Sunday.

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call vote to pass over item 4b until its meeting of January 24, 2022.

5. Personnel:

- a) Select Board to consider approving the job description for a Regional Public Health Nurse for the Board of Health.

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call vote to approve the job description for a Regional Public Health Nurse for the Board of Health.

- b) Select Board to consider approving the job description for a Regional Community Health Worker for the Board of Health.

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call vote to approve the job description for a Regional Community Health Worker for the Board of Health.

- c) Select Board to consider approving the job description for a Regional Health Communications Specialist for the Board of Health.

On a motion by Mr. Quinn, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call vote to approve the job description for a Regional Health Communications Specialist for the Board of Health.

- d) Select Board to consider appointing Frank Noyes, Kelly Shultz, Tom Green, Eric Ryder, Steven Santos and Kali Coughlan to the Ad-Hoc Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee.

The Board took no action.

- e) Select Board to consider appointing a member of the Board to serve as the Board's appointee to the Town's Affordable Housing Trust.

On a motion by Mr. Quinn, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted 4-0-1 by roll call vote to nominate and appoint Mr. Sadowski as the Board's appointee to the Town's Affordable Housing Trust. Mr. Sadowski abstained.

- f) Select Board to consider approving the promotion of Acting Deputy Fire Chief Brian Sleeper to Permanent Deputy Fire Chief, effective January 20, 2022.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call vote to approve the promotion of Acting Deputy Fire Chief Brian Sleeper to Permanent Deputy Fire Chief, effective January 20, 2022.

- g) Select Board to consider approving the promotion of Acting Lieutenant Anthony Cunha to Permanent Lieutenant, effective January 20, 2022.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call vote to approve the promotion of Acting Lieutenant Anthony Cunha to Permanent Lieutenant, effective January 20, 2022.

- h) Select Board to consider approving the promotion of Acting Lieutenant Jeffrey Chaves to Permanent Lieutenant, effective January 20, 2022.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call vote to approve the promotion of Acting Lieutenant Jeffrey Chaves to Permanent Lieutenant, effective January 20, 2022.

- i) Select Board to consider the reappointment of Kevin Santos to the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust for a term to expire on December 31, 2023.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call vote to approve the reappointment of Kevin Santos to the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust for a term to expire on December 31, 2023.

6. General:

- a) Select Board to consider approval for the Town of Hudson to participate in a regional climate solution grant application.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call vote to approve the Town of Hudson to participate in a regional climate solution grant application.

- b) Select Board to consider approving the Town to apply for and authorize the signing of a grant application for the Massachusetts Travel and Tourism and Recovery Program.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call vote to approve the Town to apply for and authorize the signing of a grant application for the Massachusetts Travel and Tourism and Recovery Program.

- c) Select Board to consider accepting a grant from the MetroWest Health Foundation in the amount of \$111,337.50 to fund a full-time Community Health Worker and a full-time Heath Communications Specialist.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Burks, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call vote to accept a grant from the MetroWest Health Foundation in the amount of \$111,337.50 to fund a full-time Community Health Worker and a full-time Heath Communications Specialist.

- d) Selectmen to consider approval to apply for SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response) Grant through FEMA.

Mr. Lucy stated that this was taken up in the past and he voted no as he did not want to see the additional staff (4 firefighters) lose their jobs once the funding ended.

Mr. Sadowski noted that he is in favor of applying for the grant. Chief Johannes addressed concerns regarding what happens after the three-year grant period. He noted that there needs to be a commitment from the Town to keep the firefighters employed after the grant runs out. The additional staff would add one firefighter to each shift bringing the staffing level to nine per shift. There will be no contractual changes. The objective will be to have more firefighters on shift on a routine basis.

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 4-1-1 for approval to apply for SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response) Grant through FEMA. Mr. Lucy voted no. Mr. Quinn abstained.

- e) Select Board to meet with Richard Braga (representing the BID) regarding a proposed downtown holiday decoration program.

Mr. Braga offered two decorations for consideration. One is a white snowflake with blue inner lights and the other wreaths. He asked that the Board vote on which they prefer.

On a motion by Mr. Burks, seconded by Mr. Sadowski, the Board voted 4-0-1 to approve the wreaths.

7. Budget:

	Dept #	Tab	Amount Requested	Motion	Second	Vote
Building Inspections	2410	18	\$ 210,599.00	Sadowski	Lucy	5-0
Council on Aging	5410	21	\$ 315,416.00	Sadowski	Lucy	5-0
Board of Health	5100	20	\$ 216,604.00	Lucy	Burks	5-0
Veteran's	5441	22	\$ 152,464.00	Lucy	Burks	5-0
Cable Fund Budget	1236	31	\$ 453,750.00.	Lucy	Burks	5-0

8. Correspondence to be Noted by Clerk:

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call vote to note the correspondence on its meeting of January 10, 2022.

9. Adjourn:

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Lucy, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting of January 10, 2022 at 9:10 PM.

Select Board Correspondence List – January 10, 2022

1. Letter regarding additional all alcohol retail license from Apple Country Market.

2. Letter regarding additional all alcohol retail license from Shortstop General Store.
3. Thank you letter from Green Hudson.
4. Route 15 ridership for December.
5. Correspondence from Scott LaFleur regarding 43 Broad Street.