

Auburn Select Board Meeting
Monday, June 27, 2022 -6:30 PM

Meeting to be held as hybrid with both an in-person and with a remote participation option in accordance with Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022.

Present: Tristan J. Laliberte, Steven Chambers and Daniel S. Carpenter (remote)
Absent: Scott C. Wrenn and Sara K. Rufli
Also Present: Town Manager Julie A. Jacobson

The Chair called the meeting to order 6:30 P.M.

The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Laliberte, acting as Chair in Mr. Wrenn's absence, announced that this Open Meeting of the Town of Auburn Select Board was being operated as a hybrid model under Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022 with in-person and remote participation options. For the public to join the meeting remotely by telephone, 1-408-650-3123 and Access Code 235-235-861. Or, the public can join via computer at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/235-235-861>.

All supporting materials that have been provided to members of this body are available on the Town's website. The public is encouraged to follow along using the posted agenda.

Mr. Laliberte confirmed that all members that were to be participating remotely were present and could hear him.

- Mr. Carpenter - Yes

Mr. Laliberte noted that the meeting was being recorded by Auburn Cable Television. He asked if anyone else was recording the meeting. No one so indicated.

Public Comments

Doreen Goodrich recognized and congratulated Tristan Laliberte for all the work he has done during his years of service on the Auburn Select Board. She wished him continued success in his endeavors.

Public Hearings/Presentations

Global Ventures Group, Inc. dba Lux Auto Plus, 772 Southbridge St., Auburn, MA. Motor Vehicle Class II and Auto Repair – 6:30 PM

The Select Board voted to open the public hearing (Motion made by Mr. Chambers; motion seconded by Mr. Carpenter) roll call vote: Mr. Chambers, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes – passed 3 to 0.

Mr. Joe McCassie was present on behalf of the applications for the Motor Vehicle Class II and Auto Repair Licenses for Global Ventures Group, Inc. dba Lux Auto Plus at 772 Southbridge Street, Auburn, MA. He explained the applicant's plans for the business.

The applicant had met with the Development Coordinating Group (DCG) that had the following recommended conditions for the license:

- The applicant shall obtain all necessary permits and inspections from Town Departments, Boards, or Commissions;
- The applicant shall work with the Fire Department to set up a site visit and update the flammable storage license;
- The applicant shall apply for a sign permit through the Building Department for any changes in signage;
- The applicant shall apply for safety and occupancy permits with the Building and Fire Departments.

There were no questions from Board members or abutters to the property.

The Board voted to close the hearing (Motion made by Mr. Chambers; motion seconded by Mr. Carpenter) roll call vote: Mr. Chambers, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes – passed 3 to 0.

The Select Board then voted to approve the Motor Vehicle Class II License and the Auto Repair License, provided that all applicable requirements of the state and town and any of its departments, boards and commissions have been fulfilled. Said licenses are subject to all the conditions stated upon them. Failure to comply with any and all the conditions shall invalidate the license and render it null and void, and with the conditions of the DCG to be placed on the licenses (Motion made by Mr. Chambers; motion seconded by Mr. Carpenter) roll call vote: Mr. Chambers, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes – passed 3 to 0.

Communications

There were no items.

Select Board General Items

Outdoor Entertainment License Boston 25 News at Pakachoag Golf Course

Town Manager Julie Jacobson explained the application by Boston 25 News for an Outdoor Entertainment License for the broadcast of a Boston 25 News Zip Trip on July 22, 2022 at the Pakachoag Golf Course.

The Board received recommendations from the DCG concerning the application.

- The applicant shall obtain all necessary permits and inspections from Town Departments, Boards, or Commissions;
- The applicant shall obtain any necessary approvals of State agencies;
- The applicant will coordinate with the Board of Health for any permits;
- The applicant will work with the Police Department to arrange a police detail if deemed necessary by the Police Chief;
- The applicant will work with the Pakachoag Golf Course personnel to coordinate parking, set up, and any other necessary arrangements.

The Select Board voted to approve the license, provided that all applicable requirements of the state and town and any of its departments, boards and commissions have been fulfilled. Said

license is subject to all the conditions stated upon it. Failure to comply with any and all the conditions shall invalidate the license and render it null and void, and with the conditions of the DCG to be placed on the license (Motion made by Mr. Chambers; motion seconded by Mr. Carpenter) roll call vote: Mr. Chambers, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes – passed 3 to 0.

Open Air License on Town Property - Boston 25 News at Pakachoag Golf Course

The Select Board voted to approve the license, provided that all applicable requirements of the state and town and any of its departments, boards and commissions have been fulfilled. Said license is subject to all the conditions stated upon it. Failure to comply with any and all the conditions shall invalidate the license and render it null and void (Motion made by Mr. Chambers; motion seconded by Mr. Carpenter) roll call vote: Mr. Chambers, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes – passed 3 to 0.

Town of Auburn Senior Center – One Day Beer and Wine

Town Manager Julie Jacobson described plans to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Senior Center with an open house event on September 22, 2022.

The Board noted the DCG recommendations to be on the license:

- The applicant shall obtain all necessary permits and inspections from Town Departments, Boards, or Commissions;
- The applicant shall submit proof of TIPS Certification for any additional servers at least 48 hours in advance of the event.

The Select Board voted to approve the license, provided that all applicable requirements of the state and town and any of its departments, boards and commissions have been fulfilled. Said license is subject to all the conditions stated upon it. Failure to comply with any and all the conditions shall invalidate the license and render it null and void, and with the conditions of the DCG to be placed on the license (Motion made by Mr. Chambers; motion seconded by Mr. Carpenter) roll call vote: Mr. Chambers, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes – passed 3 to 0.

Fairfield Inn and Suites, 718A Southbridge Street, Auburn, MA. Hotel/Motel License

Town Manager Julie Jacobson spoke on the license application to re-open the Fairfield Inn and Suites after renovations that were needed because of fire damage.

The Board noted the DCG recommendations to be on the license:

- The applicant shall obtain all necessary permits and inspections from Town Departments, Boards, or Commissions;
- The applicant shall provide a pump slip for internal gas trap to the Board of Health.

The Select Board voted to approve the license, provided that all applicable requirements of the state and town and any of its departments, boards and commissions have been fulfilled. Said license is subject to all the conditions stated upon it. Failure to comply with any and all the conditions shall invalidate the license and render it null and void, and with the conditions of the DCG to be placed on the license (Motion made by Mr. Chambers; motion seconded by Mr.

Carpenter) roll call vote: Mr. Chambers, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes – passed 3 to 0.

Fairfield Inn and Suites, 718A Southbridge Street, Auburn, MA. Common Victualer License

The Board noted the DCG recommendations to be on the license:

- The applicant shall obtain all necessary permits and inspections from Town Departments, Boards, or Commissions;
- The applicant shall provide a pump slip for internal gas trap to the Board of Health.

The Select Board voted to approve the license, provided that all applicable requirements of the state and town and any of its departments, boards and commissions have been fulfilled. Said license is subject to all the conditions stated upon it. Failure to comply with any and all the conditions shall invalidate the license and render it null and void, and with the conditions of the DCG to be placed on the license (Motion made by Mr. Chambers; motion seconded by Mr. Carpenter) roll call vote: Mr. Chambers, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes – passed 3 to 0.

The Board voted to move forward agenda item 6a) Overview of the New Traffic Management Grant (Motion made by Mr. Chambers; motion seconded by Mr. Carpenter) roll call vote: Mr. Chambers, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes – passed 3 to 0.

Town Manager Julie Jacobson presented the item and explained the grant awarded from the Mass. Department of Transportation (MassDOT) for the “Town of Auburn Speed Management Plan” that has been approved for \$180,686.00.

DPW Director Joanna Paquin gave an overview of the projects to be funded with the grant.

Gift Acceptances in Accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53A

There were no items.

Proclamations and Recognitions

The Select Board voted to issue a proclamation to Rita Simitis of Dale Avenue in recognition of her 100th Birthday on June 22, 2022 (Motion made by Mr. Chambers; motion seconded by Mr. Carpenter) roll call vote: Mr. Chambers, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes – passed 3 to 0.

The Select Board voted to issue a proclamation to Tony Pellegrino to recognize his service as the CERT Leader since 2007 (Motion made by Mr. Chambers; motion seconded by Mr. Carpenter) roll call vote: Mr. Chambers, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes – passed 3 to 0.

Discussion and Potential Reconsideration Vote on Summer Meeting Schedule - Monday July 25th and Monday August 22nd

The Board discussed the dates for the summer meetings as tentatively voted at the last meeting.

The Select Board voted to set the summer meeting schedule as proposed for Monday July 25, 2022 and Monday August 22, 2022 (Motion made by Mr. Carpenter; motion seconded by Mr.

Chambers) roll call vote: Mr. Chambers, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes – passed 3 to 0.

Vote on appointment of resident member to Committee to Recognize Individuals who have Contributed to the Town of Auburn

Mr. Todd Kirrane of 121 Hampton Street, Auburn, MA. submitted an application to serve on the committee.

The Select Board voted to appoint Todd Kirrane to the Committee to Recognize Individuals who have contributed to the Town of Auburn (Motion made by Mr. Carpenter; motion seconded by Mr. Chambers) roll call vote: Mr. Chambers, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes – passed 3 to 0.

Town Manager Items

Woosox Event

Town Manager Jacobson gave a report on the event and Auburn's participation.

The Town Manager gave an update on the plans for this year's Independence Day celebration event.

Tabled Items

Discussion on a Bylaw Amendment for the Purpose of Encouraging Biodegradable Packaging.

Tristan Laliberte discussed the proposed bylaw amendment. There was no action.

Discussion on fossil fuel investments.

Asst. Town Manager Ed Kazanovicz reported that he had reached out to Town Counsel Robert J. Hennigan per the Board's direction at the last meeting. Atty. Hennigan said that he wishes to conduct more research, although his initial comment would be that Mass General Law calls for the authority regarding the Town's investments to reside with the Town Treasurer. Mr. Laliberte stated that he wished to continue the item as tabled, pending Town Counsel's final opinion.

Select Board Member Items

There were no items.

Mr. Laliberte asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of June 13, 2022. There being none, Mr. Laliberte accepted the minutes of June 13, 2022.

Steven Chambers thanked Tristan Laliberte for his service to the Town.

The Town Manager thanked Mr. Laliberte as well and wished him well in his next endeavor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M. (Motion made by Mr. Chambers; motion seconded by Mr. Carpenter) roll call vote: Mr. Chambers, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes – passed 3 to 0.

The following documents were part of the Select Board's Meeting of June 27, 2022 and are retained in the Executive Office of the Town Manager:

- June 27, 2022 Agenda
- Application Documents – Motor Vehicle Class II and Auto Repair License Global Ventures Group, Inc. dba Lux Auto Plus, 772 Southbridge Street, Auburn, MA. 01501; Recommendations of the Development Coordinating Group (DCG) dated June 22, 2022
- Boston 25 News – License Application Documents for Outdoor Entertainment License and Open Air License on Town Property at Pakachoag Golf Course on July 22, 2022; DCG Recommendations dated June 9, 2022 for Outdoor Entertainment License
- One Day Beer and Wine License Application Documents Town of Auburn at Senior Center for 50th Anniversary Open House Event on September 22, 2022; DCG Recommendations dated June 22, 2022
- Fairfield Inn & Suites – License Application Documents for Hotel/Motel License at 718A Southbridge Street; DCG Recommendations dated June 22, 2022
- Fairfield Inn & Suites – License Application Documents for Common Victualer License at 718A Southbridge Street; DCG Recommendations dated June 22, 2022
- Draft Proclamation for Rita Simitis of Dale Avenue in Recognition of 100th Birthday on June 22, 2022
- Application and Resume from Todd Kirrane for Appointment to Committee to Recognize Individuals who have Contributed to the Town of Auburn
- Information on New Traffic Management Grant
- Information on a Bylaw Amendment to Encourage Biodegradable Packaging