

Town of Auburn
Minutes of the Meeting
Of the Board of Selectmen
June 28, 2021
Selectmen's Meeting Room
Auburn Town Hall, 104 Central Street
Auburn, MA. 01501

Present: Tristan J. Laliberte, Scott C. Wrenn, Daniel S. Carpenter, Lionel R. Berthiaume, Sara K. Rufli, CFO/Assistant Town Manager Ed Kazanovicz and Town Manager Julie A. Jacobson

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

The Chair announced that the meeting was being recorded and asked if anyone else was recording the meeting. No one so indicated.

The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments

There was no one wishing to address the Board.

Public Hearings/Presentations

There were no items.

Communications

Mass State Lottery Commission – KENO To Go Auburn Package Store, 196 Auburn Street, and Discussion and Potential Vote on Installation of Keno Monitor at Auburn Package Store, 196 Auburn Street.

The Town Manager addressed potential issues with respect to the proposed installation of a Keno Monitor at Auburn Package Store. The business currently has KENO To Go. The Building Commissioner Caleb Moody advised that he has no issue with KENO there, but he wants the owner to let him know how they will accomplish it in keeping with the Keno Policy. The Building Commissioner talked about concerns with no seating inside the store and with sufficient parking. Manager Julie Jacobson said that there were site plan concerns and that the administration wanted more time to be able to look into the issues raised before the Board comments to the State.

The Board of Selectmen voted to send a letter to the State Lottery Commission requesting more time to respond to their notification and explaining that there are some concerns to look into that may be resolved readily or may require additional time if there needs to be any board approvals (Motion made by Mr. Berthiaume; motion seconded by Mr. Wrenn) voted in favor 5 to 0.

Update on Vacancy on the Library Board of Trustees and Process for Filling such Vacancy

The Town Manager gave an update on the situation with the vacancy on the Board of Library Trustees. She said that there was a write-in candidate that was elected at the annual town election that subsequently declined the seat.

She discussed the appointment process per MGL Chapter 41, §11. The vacancy has been advertised with the hope being a joint meeting with the library trustees to fill the seat on a temporary basis until the next annual town election on May 27, 2022.

Mr. Carpenter expressed that he wanted the Board of Selectmen to interview the candidates not just the trustees' recommending an appointment with the Board of Selectmen confirming.

Mr. Wrenn and Mr. Laliberte agreed and said that they wanted to hear from all the candidates that applied.

The Town Manager recommended a Board vote at the July 12th meeting on the process to interview candidates for a possible joint meeting in August.

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

The Board of Selectmen voted to accept with gratitude a gift to the Police Department from Joyce W. Lamoreaux in the amount of \$50.00 for unrestricted use (Motion made by Mr. Carpenter; motion seconded by Mr. Wrenn) voted in favor 5 to 0.

Proclamations and Recognitions

There were no items.

Discussion on Meeting Time of future Board of Selectmen Meetings and the Remote Option

Board members discussed the start time for meetings. Mr. Carpenter said that he couldn't always make meetings at 6 or 6:30 P.M. It would depend on his work schedule.

Town Manager Items

Update on new law, Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021.

Town Manager Julie Jacobson presented information on the new law, which installs temporary measures through April 1, 2022 for communities to keep having remote or hybrid versions of public meetings, reduced quorums at town meetings and to allow extensions of outdoor table service of alcohol by holders of liquor licenses licensed for on-premises consumption and for outdoor table service of food and outdoor dining by holders of Common Victualer Licenses.

She recommended that the Board of Selectmen take votes on the next two agenda items.

Discussion and vote to extend outdoor table service by holders of liquor licenses licensed for on-premises consumption, conditional upon the review by the Building Commissioner and the Director of Public Health, in accordance with Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021 to April 1, 2022 or such date as the law may be extended in the future.

The Board of Selectmen voted to extend outdoor table service by holders of liquor licenses licensed for on-premises consumption, conditional upon the review by the Building Commissioner and the Director of Public Health, in accordance with Chapter 20 of the Acts of

2021 to April 1, 2022 or such date as the law may be extended in the future (Motion made by Mr. Wrenn; motion seconded by Mr. Carpenter) voted in favor 5 to 0.

Discussion and vote to extend the period for outdoor table service of food and outdoor dining by holders of Common Victualer Licenses, conditional upon the review by the Building Commissioner and the Director of Public Health, in accordance with Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021 to April 1, 2022 or such date as the law may be extended in the future.

The Board of Selectmen voted to extend the period for outdoor table service of food and outdoor dining by holders of Common Victualer Licenses, conditional upon the review by the Building Commissioner and the Director of Public Health, in accordance with Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021 to April 1, 2022 or such date as the law may be extended in the future (Motion made by Mr. Wrenn; motion seconded by Mr. Carpenter) voted in favor 5 to 0.

Update on ARPA, CARE and FEMA Funds.

Chief Financial Officer Ed Kazanovicz gave an update on funding sources related to COVID-19 from the state and federal government. Mr. Kazanovicz said that the administration has met with department heads on potential plans for the ARPA funds.

Update on Auburn Housing Authority Town Appointed Tenant Seat

Julie Jacobson gave information on the process to fill the town appointed tenant seat. She said that applications to be considered for the tenant seat will probably be on the August 9th meeting.

Tabled Items

There were no items.

Board of Selectmen Member Items

Discussion of September Volunteer Appreciation Event

Mr. Carpenter opened discussion on the agenda item. The Chair noted further discussion to be held at the next meeting.

Chair Tristan Laliberte asked if there were any omissions or corrections to the minutes of May 10, 2021 and May 24, 2021. There being none, the Chair accepted the minutes of May 10, 2021 and May 24, 2021.

The Board then voted to adjourn the meeting (Motion made by Mr. Carpenter; motion seconded by Mr. Berthiaume) voted in favor 5 to 0.

Submitted: Sharon A. Kwiatkowski
Adm. Assistant to the Town Manager

The following documents were part of the Board of Selectmen's Meeting of June 28, 2021 and are retained in the Executive Office of the Town Manager:

- June 28, 2021 Agenda
- Letter from Massachusetts State Lottery Commission regarding KENO monitor at Auburn Package Store, 196 Auburn Street
- Letter from Chair of Library Board of Trustees dated June 14, 2021 to Chair of Board of Selectmen regarding vacancy on Board of Trustees
- Gift Acceptance Form – Police Department from Joyce Lamoreaux \$50.00 for unrestricted use
- Minutes of May 10, 2021 and May 24, 2021