

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

Swampscott, MA 01907

Attendance: Chairman, Naomi Dreeben, Vice Chair, Laura Spathanas, Selectman Don Hause, Peter Spellios, and Town Administrator, Sean Fitzgerald.

Public Hearing:

The Board voted unanimously in a roll call vote on a motion by Selectman Spathanas to open public hearing for all parties interested in a request for a change of license from a Cordial, Beer and Wine License to an All Alcohol License from Nguyen's Restaurant, 286 Humphrey Street, Swampscott, Mass, under the provisions of Chapter 138, Section 12 of the General Laws as amended to sell All Alcohol to be consumed on the premises described as 1,560 Sq. Feet, rectangular building, one main entrance, one exit on side, including fifty eight (58) indoor seats in the dining area, located at 286 Humphrey Street. Swampscott, Mass. Manager on record to be Nam Nguyen, seconded by Selectman Spellios and closed on a roll call vote.

Present were Attorney Ken Shutzer representing Nguyens Restaurant and owner Kevin Nguyens.

Owner Kevin Nguyen passed out menus to the Board to show his food being paired with certain drinks. Mr. Nguyen also spoke on his business that has increased when he received a cordial license in the past.

No abutters spoke.

Selectman Dreeben questioned giving out the last all alcohol licenses in Town.

The Board voted 3 to 1 in favor on a motion by Selectman Spathanas to approve the above request for an all alcohol liquor license for Nguyen's Restaurant, 286 Humphrey Street, Swampscott, Mass, seconded by Selectman Hause. Selectman Spellios abstained from vote. A roll call vote was taken.

Open Discussion/ VFW Post 1240, 8 Pine Street, Swampscott, Mass

- Attorney Neil Rossman in attendance to represent the VFW Post.
- Manager John Sacherski in attendance.

The following memorandum of understanding was addressed on the following:

- Staff TIPS certified
- Alcohol course attended by staff.
- No free pouring accepted
- Key card system in place.
- Associate membership limited to members of the American Legion, Marine Corps League and Disabled American Veterans.
- Limited to bring in one guest two times a year.
- 7 new camera videos installed / in view so that bartenders can monitor activity/ 30 day history to be kept.

- *Key card for entrance –Key given to the Swampscott Police Department.*
- *Log Book available to the Police Department upon request / Log Book kept for three year history.*

Sean Fitzgerald, Town Administrator suggested that all VFW Post employees sign the memorandum.

Selectman Dreeben appreciates the staff of the VFW Post 1240, for attending the police department and the ABCC training that was held recently. Selectman Dreeben would like all in writing. Selectman Dreeben asked for more detail on policy and procedures.

Selectman Hause spoke on a sunset clause for a 6 month update on the policies to make sure they are implemented and to see how things are working. Selectman Hause asked if any cameras were placed on the outside of the building –Mr. Sacherksi replied they in the process of having them installed outside.

Selectman Spellios thanked everyone for their efforts of having these changes formalized.

Open Discussion:

C & L Package store, Inc. Lease with the Town was discussed. The new lease with the Town is for two years only with the option to extend but is not required to do so. Sean Fitzgerald, Town Administrator spoke on the possibility of future plans and options for the property. Term of lease is from March 1, 2017 and will expire on February 28, 2019. This is an action item completed.

Selectman Spellios suggested that it be included in the lease: if C & L package store for some reason closes their doors for more than ninety days (90) the lease will then become null and void.

New and Old Business:

Selectman Dreeben spoke on the Board attending the next School Committee's meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 to show their support for their statement of interest regarding an elementary and middle school.

Selectman Spellios explained the "Statement of Interest".

Selectman Spellios spoke on a community forum to take place on March 23, 2017 to go over plans from B'Nai B'rith -plans will be added to the Town's website.

Vote of the Board:

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Spathanas to approve meeting minutes from February 1, 2017 and March 1, 2017, seconded by Selectman Hause.

The Board unanimously on a motion by Selectman Hause to approve a one day beer & wine permit request from First Church, 40 Monument Avenue, Swampscott, Mass for the Hadley School PTA fundraiser to be held on Saturday, April 1, 2017 from 7-10PM, seconded by Selectman Spathanas.

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Spellios to close the Town Meeting Warrant, seconded by Selectman Hause. Roll call vote was taken all in favor.

Town Administrator's Report:

Sean Fitzgerald, Town Administrator spoke on the following:

- *2018 Town Budget / Town Warrant*
- *Annual Town Meeting time line.*
- *State Harbor plan-support was asked by the Board to allow Mr. Fitzgerald to sign off on the plan-Selectman Spellios inquired about how it would be coordinated with the Town- Mr. Fitzgerald explained the funding and the match in kind, DPW Director Gino Cresta and Town Assistant Engineer, Sean Lannon will be working also on this plan/project. Selectman Spellios commented that all funding goes through the Town not the committee.*
- *Recent storm, recognized the DPW Department and spoke on trees falling and power outages on Roy Street during the storm.*
- *Pete Kane, Director of community Development will be applying for a Land Water Conservation Grant application which is being applied for playground restoration at the Linscott Park and Windsor Ave Park.*
- *Energy Programs / Board authorized Mr. Fitzgerald, Town Administrator to authorize the RFP.*

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Spellios to adjourn meeting seconded by Selectman Spathanas.

Adjournment:

True Attest:

*Maureen Shultz,
Administrative Assistant*