



Town of Swampscott
Select Board and Board of Health Joint Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 24, 2020 – 5:00 PM
Virtual Meeting

SELECT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Peter Spellios (Chair), Naomi Dreeben (Vice Chair), Polly Titcomb, Don Hause, Laura Spathanas

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS PRESENT

Marianne Hartmann, (Chair), Emily Cilley, Stephanie Goodman

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT

Sean Fitzgerald, Town Administrator; Allie Fiske, Assistant to the Town Administrator; Assistant Town Administrator of Administration and Finance

The meeting was called to order at 5:10pm

CIVIL DISCOURSE

The Select Board and Board of Health engaged in a joint conversation regarding civil discourse. Stephanie Goodman, member of the Board of Health provided a statement and emphasized how important it is that public leaders hold themselves accountable for their words and actions to model for the community appropriate behavior. She referenced a particular appointed board member who had been using inappropriate language when engaging in virtual Select Board and Board of Health conversations in regards to COVID-19. It was stated that the issue is not about free speech, but rather appropriate speech.

On Board of Health **MOTION** (Goodman) and **SECONDED** (Cilley) it was **VOTED** by roll call to adjourn the Board of Health portion of the meeting. Roll Call: Hartmann (YES) Cilley (YES) Goodman (YES)

OUTDOOR SEATING

The Select Board discussed two applications for outdoor seating and ABCC Licenses for Paradiso Ristorante and Mission on the Bay. Paradiso's outdoor seating would be on the sidewalk adjacent to their property. Two tables would be placed on private property. Chairperson Spellios requested that the Office of Community & Economic Development confirm that the plan is in compliance with ADA requirements.

Mission on the Bay would like to place 10 tables around the flagpole in the public space adjacent to the business. The park benches would be temporarily relocated to sidewalk along the beach. Several Select Board members expressed concerned about converting a public park to outdoor seating, particularly as they do have outdoor seating on their building. Select Board Member Don Hause abstained from a vote pertaining to Mission on the Bay.

There was a conversation about how the parklets are affecting the businesses on Humphrey St. as parking has been diminished. DPW and the Police are working to determine if parking spaces can be placed next to Jersey Barriers to restore the spaces.

On **MOTION** (Dreeben) and **SECONDED** (Titcomb) it was **VOTED** by roll call to approve application for Right of Way approval with alcohol for Paradiso Ristorante consistent with submitted plans and take no action on Mission on the Bay application. Titcomb (YES) Spathanas (YES) Spellios (YES) Dreeben (YES)

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of 6/9/20 Meeting Minutes
- Approval of 6/17/20 Meeting Minutes

On **MOTION** (Dreeben) and **SECONDED** (Titcomb) it was **VOTED** by roll call to approve the consent agenda. Dreeben (YES) Titcomb (YES) Hause (YES) Spathanas (YES) Spellios (YES)

WASTE REDUCTION PROGRAM

Assistant to the Town Administrator Allie Fiske provided an update on the Waste Reduction Program, which will start on Monday, August 3. As part of the program, all residents will be issued one 35-gallon barrel with the option to purchase additional overflow bags. Residents will also have to pay for bulk item stickers to dispose of large items that cannot fit into a barrel or bag. Ms. Fiske reviewed different components of the program including where to buy the bags and stickers, what to do with existing barrels, and what the communication and outreach schedule will be.

SELECT BOARD MEMBER TIME

This meeting is the final meeting for Select Board Members Naomi Dreeben and Laura Spathanas before new members are elected. The Select Board thanked them for their time and all they have contributed to the Select Board.

On **MOTION** (Spathanas) and **SECONDED** (Dreeben) it was **VOTED** by roll call to adjourn the meeting. Roll call: Dreeben (YES) Titcomb (YES) Spathanas (YES) Titcomb (YES) Hause (YES)

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM

True Attest,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allie Fiske". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Allie Fiske, Assistant to the Town Administrator

Minutes APPROVED by vote of the Select Board 7/8/2020