

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

Gala Meeting Room, Foxborough Town Hall

7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Mark Elfman, Chair, Edward O'Leary, Clerk and David Feldman

Absent: Leah Gibson, Vice Chair, Chris Mitchell

Also Present: William Keegan, Town Manager, Michael Johns, Asst. Town Manager

Chairman Elfman called the Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and called upon William Keegan to lead the Pledge of Allegiance

1. 7:02pm - Citizen's Input

Discussion

1.01 Public Comment- No Public Comment Offered

2. 7:05pm - Public Hearing - Forbes Crossing Hospitality, LLC d/b/a Hampton Inn & Suites Foxborough/Mansfield- Transfer and Change of Location of an Off Premises Annual Wines & Malt Beverages Package Store License

Action, Discussion

2.01 Application for Transfer and Change of Location of an Off Premises Annual Wines & Malt Beverages Package Store License from Antonia's International Foods, Inc. d/b/a Antonia's Deli at 369 Central Street, Foxborough, MA, Manager Giacomo Torsiello to Forbes Crossing Hospitality, LLC. d/b/a Hampton Inn & Suites Foxborough/Mansfield at 2 Foxborough Boulevard, Foxborough, MA, Manager Bonnie Lynn Brake.

Ed O'Leary read the Public ~~H~~earing Notice into the record and Chairman Elfman called the hearing to order at 7:05 P.M.

Attorney Frank Spillane, representing Forbes Crossing Hospitality introduced Mark Landry, one of the principals for Forbes Crossing Hospitality and Bonnie Lynn Brake who will be the proposed new Manager for the License at Forbes Crossing.

Attorney Spillane indicated that Antonia's International Foods was no longer interested in utilizing their beer and wine pouring license and has reached an agreement with Forbes Crossing Hospitality (FCH) to acquire their license. The action before the Board tonight is to transfer the license from Antonia's to FCH so that they could offer beer and wine to their clientele at the new Hampton Inn Hotel. Bonnie Lynn Brake is the proposed manager for the license and she has been TIPS trained and has an extensive background in serving and the hospitality industry. She is very comfortable handling this responsibility.

The paper work for the transaction appeared to be in order and the Board had no questions for the applicant.

Chairman Elfman asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to comment on the application. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Ed O'Leary made a

motion to close the public hearing. Seconded by D. Feldman. Vote: All attending members voted in the affirmative.

A Motion was then requested by M. Elfman to approve the transfer of license request. Motion made by E. O'Leary to approve the transfer and change of location of an off premises annual Wines & Malt Beverages Package Store License from Antonia's International Foods, Inc. d/b/a Antonia's Deli at 369 Central Street, Foxborough, MA, Manager Giacomo Torsiello to Forbes Crossing Hospitality, LLC. d/b/a Hampton Inn & Suites Foxborough/Mansfield at 2 Foxborough Boulevard, Foxborough. Second: D. Feldman, Vote: All members present voted in the affirmative.

A second motion was made by E. O'Leary to approve Bonnie Lynn Brake as the new Manager of record for the newly approved license for Forbes Crossing Hospitality. Second: D. Feldman, Vote: All member present voted in the Affirmative.

3. 7:20pm Public Hearing- MGPK, Inc. for Change of d/b/a Name and approval of a Seven Day Entertainment and Common Victuallers License

Action, Discussion

3.01 Application from MGPK, Inc. for change of d/b/a name from Sam's Place to Foxboro House of Pizza in connection with an Annual All Alcoholic Beverages License and approval of a Seven Day Entertainment and Common Victuallers License for the premises located at 34 Central Street.

M. Elfman called the Public Hearing to order at approximately 7:20 P.M.

Attorney Jeff Lovely, with Offices located on Railroad Ave in Foxborough is representing MGPK in the name of license application. Atty. Lovely indicated that the owner of MGPK had contemplated operating two facilities in Downtown Foxborough; one at the original Foxborough House of Pizza located on Bird Street and the second at the new 34 Main Street address. The latest to be known as Sam's Place. However, the owner had later decided to sell the Bird Street location and move his entire operation to the new 34 Central Street location. Hence he had surveyed his customers and wanted to retain the Foxboro House of Pizza Name for the new facility. He believes that this name has become synonymous with the success of his business. Sam, the owner, notified the Town Manager's Office about his potential name change. Sam met with Mr. Keegan to discuss the change. After some discussion both determined that by just listing new facility as the Foxboro House of Pizza, customers might think of his place primarily as a take-out restaurant. It was agreed upon that by simply adding the words Bar and Trattoria after the name Foxboro House of Pizza could be beneficial to business. The new name would read "Foxboro House of Pizza, Bar and Trattoria" on the sign. The Board did not disagree with the logic in changing the name and understood the significance of keeping the initial name. E. O'Leary made a motion to close the public hearing. Second; D. Feldman. Vote: All members present voted in the affirmative.

E. O'Leary made a motion to approve the new name for MGPK from Sam's Place to Foxboro House of Pizza, Bar and Trattoria. Second: D, Feldman; Vote: All members present voted in the affirmative.

4. 7:30pm Cultural Council Appointments

Action, Discussion

The Board met with the newly proposed members of the Cultural Council. The Board approved all three members to serve the terms as listed below. Motion to approve: E. O'Leary, Second: D. Feldman, Vote: All members present voted in the affirmative.

4.01 Appointment of Lydia Hage to the Foxborough Cultural Council for a 3-year term to expire 10/29/2022

Action, Discussion

4.02 Appointment of Nancy Kaeser to the Foxborough Cultural Council for a 3-year term to expire 10/29/2022

Action, Discussion

4.03 Appointment of Nicole Vachon Hanlon to the Foxborough Cultural Council for a 3-year term to expire 10/29/2022

5. 7:40pm- GMRI, Inc. d/b/a The Olive Garden Italian Restaurant #1808- Change of Manager

Action, Discussion

5.01 Application from GMRI, Inc., d/b/a The Olive Garden Italian Restaurant #1808- for Change of Manager from Shalom S. Bennett to Richard H. Swatton, Jr.

M. Elfman welcomed Mr. Richard H. Swatton, Jr. to the meeting and he confirmed that he is the candidate for consideration by the Board to be the new Manager of record for GMRI, Inc. d/b/a/ The Olive Garden Italian Restaurant #1808. The Board had the opportunity to ask questions of the candidate. His background was appropriate and the paper work submitted was acceptable. E. O'Leary made a motion to approve Richard H. Swatton, Jr. as the new Manager of Record for GMRI, Inc. d/b/a/ The Olive Garden Italian Restaurant #1808. Second: D. Feldman, Vote: All members present voted in the affirmative.

6. 8:00pm - Prop, Inc. Film Shoot

Discussion

6.01 Discussion on film shoot for various locations in Foxborough

The Board met with Joseph Piasecki, who is a Location Scout for Local Event Management. Mr. Piasecki has been working with a film company to do a film shoot on location in a Massachusetts community. After several weeks of searching, they settled on four sites here in Foxborough, among the twenty total sites for filming, all of which are in ~~Massachusetts~~ Massachusetts. While the Board has no action to take on this matter, Mr. Piasecki offered to come in and explain the work and the timeline for the work that they are going to do over the next few days. He provided a map (attached to the record) that shows all the locations where his film crew will be working. He indicated that he has been working with the Town Manager's Office to coordinate the schedule. He has also worked with the Police Chief, with the neighbors and business owners of any area where their work will be performed. There should be no surprises to anyone when the crews show up. There may be some minor traffic delays for work that will occur in the center of town on Thursday morning of this week, but privately paid police details have been arranged.

The Board asked several questions about the film that they are shooting and appreciated him coming in to explain what was planned. No Board Action required.

7. 8:15pm - Selectmen's Update

7.01 Selectmen's Update- There were no updates from Board Members

8. 8:20pm - Town Manager's Update

8.01 Town Manager's Update- Mr. Keegan offered a few updates for the Board. He first indicated that he was pleased with the turnout and the response to the ~~F~~financial ~~S~~summit. He has received a lot of positive feedback from those who participated and there is good anticipation for the next phase of the process. He will be working on that following the completion of Town Meeting next week. He reported that the changes to the traffic pattern at the Common Rotary have been performing well. We continue to monitor this closely but so far the Police Chief has been reporting significant improvements to traffic flow, especially on Main Street and around the rotary. The new Pilot Commuter Rail service began on Monday at Gillette Stadium and is performing well so far. While we know new things take a while to catch on, we fully expect the service to be very successful. He reminded everyone about the Special Town Meeting that is occurring on Monday ~~n~~ight, November 4, 2019 at Foxborough High School. Earlier in the day he taped a cable show with the Director of Finance, George Samia and went through the Warrant to explain all the articles that were being presented that evening. Finally, he is planning to meet with the Seniors tomorrow at the Senior Center to do his monthly meeting and go over the Warrant with them.

9. 8:25pm - Assistant Town Manager's Update

9.01 Assistant Town Manager's Update- Mr. Johns reported that he was working with all the new wellness programs for employees and that MIIA has come out with several new offerings. He noted that MIIA has also designated Foxborough for a new return to work pilot program for employees injured on the job. They will be working with us over the next year to determine how successful the new program can be. Finally, he announced that ~~Ren~~ene Tocci has been offered the position of Deputy Director of the Recreation Department. Ms. Tocci has served as one of the program coordinators for the Department for the past three years.

10. Action Items

10.01 Veterans Services- Acceptance of Gift Donation of \$100.00 to the Veteran Services Department from American Legion Post 93 in Memory of Don Rodman.

Action- Motion to approve: E. O'Leary, Second: D. Feldman, Vote: All members present voted in the affirmative.

10.02 Recreation- Acceptance of Gift Donation of \$20,000.00 to the Recreation Department from Friends of Foxborough Recreation, Inc. to be used for the Booth Playground

Action- Motion to approve: E. O'Leary, Second: D. Feldman, Vote: All members present voted in the affirmative.

10.03 Veterans Services- Acceptance of Gift Donation of \$250.00 to the Veterans Services Department from Foxboro Never Forgets, Inc. to be used to for the Purple Heart Signs

Action- Motion to approve: E. O'Leary, Second: D. Feldman, Vote: All members present voted in the affirmative.

10.04 Historical Commission- Acceptance of Gift Donation of \$100.00 to the Foxborough Historical Commission from anonymous from book sales

Action- Motion to approve: E. O'Leary, Second: D. Feldman, Vote: All members present voted in the affirmative.

10.05 Historical Commission- Acceptance of Gift Donation of \$25.00 to the Foxborough Historical Commission from Paul F. and Carolyn M. Godin from book sales

Action- Motion to approve: E. O'Leary, Second: D. Feldman, Vote: All members present voted in the affirmative.

10.06 Historical Commission- Acceptance of Gift Donation of \$75.00 to the Foxborough Historical Commission from Mark and Beth Ferencik from book sales.

Action- Motion to approve: E. O'Leary, Second: D. Feldman, Vote: All members present voted in the affirmative.

11. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn at 8:30 P.M. – Ed O'Leary, Second D. Feldman, Vote: All Members present voted in the affirmative.