

**TOWN OF WINCHESTER
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Thursday, June 11, 2020
Record**

OPENING

Chair Michael Bettencourt called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM via Zoom remote participation due to the State of Emergency COVID-19. Present were Select Board members Vice Chair Susan Verdicchio, Jacqueline A. Welch, Mariano Goluboff and Amy Shapiro. Also present was Town Manager Lisa Wong. (Note - due to the remote participation all Select Board votes are roll call votes.)

NOTIFICATION OF MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

1. Monday, June 15, 2020 - Regular Session

ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS

*Motion That the Select Board accept, with gratitude, donations in the amount of \$2,000 from the Preston and Flannery families to support the Saltmarsh Park.

Verdicchio - Welch

Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt

VOTED

*Motion That the Select Board accept, with gratitude, a grant award from the Cummings Foundation to the Council on Aging in the amount of \$100,000.

Verdicchio - Welch

Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt

VOTED

TOWN MANAGER REPORT AND COMMENTS

COMPTROLLER 'S REPORT

HEARINGS

BUSINESS

1. **Outdoor Dining Applications** - The Select Board first discussed changes to the closing of Thompson Street. Staff has been in close conversations with the retail businesses and there seems to be a difference of opinion on the closing. Retailers are requesting that Thompson is closed at 5 p.m. and keep the street open until 5 p.m. on Saturdays, as the retailers' particular business model is not conducive to foot traffic. Ms. Wong, Mr. Bettencourt and Ms. Shapiro had met with the Thompson Street business owners this past Wednesday and they asked to be given time to prepare if Thompson Street is going to be closed on Saturday. Richard Mucci, Winchester Chamber of Commerce Board member, that the closing on the weekends is a gray area for businesses, all in favor except for the full closure on Saturdays.

Christopher Mulhern, Winchester Chamber Downtown Planning Committee, presented to the Select Board their recommendations for parking in Winchester Center. Their goals are to 1) Maximize available spaces, 2) Facilitate curbside pickup, 3) Maintain parking for the business and town employees. Of the suggestions, Ms. Wong informed the Select Board that staff supports converting the lower portion of the Waterfield Lot from permit to 2-hour parking and convert 20 permit spaces in the Aberjona Lot to pay and display. Board members strongly

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recommended that there needs to be strong signage letting everyone know where they can park. Ms. Wong told the Board that staff has to review the rest of the Chamber's requests and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

*Motion That the Select Board authorize staff to close Thompson Street for vehicular traffic, except for the access by the Postal vehicles to their lot, starting on June 18, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday starting at 5 p.m. and all day Sunday. And that we allow two (2) hour parking at the Aberjona Lot.

Verdicchio - Welch

Roll Call - In favor: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Bettencourt VOTED

Not in favor: Goluboff (Motion passes 4-1)

*Motion That the Select Board approve the conversion of the 57 spaces in the Waterfield parking lot to two (2) hour parking.

Verdicchio - Welch

Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED

*Motion That the Select Board approve the extended premises restaurant application for A Tavola to use three (3) parking spots in front of their business.

Verdicchio - Shapiro

Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED

Ms. Welch left the meeting.

*Motion That the Select Board approve the extended premises restaurant application for China Sky but limited to each side of the property making sure that the Fire Department can make the turn.

Verdicchio - Shapiro

Roll Call: Verdicchio, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED

*Motion That the Select Board approve the extended premises restaurant application for Comella's to have two (2) take out only parking spots.

Verdicchio - Shapiro

Roll Call: Verdicchio, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED

*Motion That the Select Board approve the extended premises restaurant application for Eleni's Mediterranean to have two (2) take out only parking spots.

Verdicchio - Shapiro

Roll Call: Verdicchio, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED

*Motion That the Select Board approve the extended premises restaurant application for First House Pub to use four parking spots in front of the restaurant with the hours being noon to 11:00 p.m.

Goluboff - Shapiro

Roll Call: Verdicchio, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED

*Motion That the Select Board approve the extended premises restaurant application **for Frozen Hoagies to have 4 café style tables on the sidewalk.**

Verdicchio - Goluboff

Roll Call: Verdicchio, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED

*Motion That the Select Board approve the extended premises restaurant application for Lucia's to use four parking spots in front of the restaurant for dining and 1 spot for takeout only.

Verdicchio - Goluboff

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VOTED

2. **Town Common Event** - Liora Norwich, Network for Social Justice, informed the Board that they are planning to have an informal Black Lives Matter flag raising on June 19th. There will be no speaker, just the raising of the flag and she will update the Board with any changes.

CONSENT AGE NDA

1. **Approve/Correct Minutes for March 9, 23 & 30, 2020** - Chair Bettencourt continued the vote to the meeting on Monday, June 15th.

ADJOURNMENT : 10:00 AM

*Motion: That the Select Board adjourn for the day.

Verdicchio - Shapiro

Roll Call: Verdicchio, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt

VOTED

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Wong, Town Manager