

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Swampscott, MA 01907

Attendance: Chairman, Naomi Dreeben, Selectman Don Hause, Pat Jones, Peter Spellios, and Town Administrator, Thomas G. Younger .

Public Meeting:

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman Jones to open public hearing for all parties interested in an application for a Section 12 all alcohol liquor license request from Gourmet Fusion , Inc. D/B/A CHI , 435 Paradise Road, Swampscott, Mass , for a Common Victuallers License under the provisions of Chapter 138, Section 12 of the General Laws as amended to sell serve all alcoholic beverages to be consumed on the premises described as first floor premises with approximately 2,450 Square Feet, dining room, bar, sushi bar, kitchen, walk in cooler and freezer, with one main entrance/exit and one rear exit at 435 Paradise Road, Swampscott, Mass , seconded by Selectman Spellios.

Attorney Jon Aieta represented Gourmet Fusion, Inc. and spoke on the above request.

Selectman Spellios asked what is the Town's responsibility when applications are received to make sure they are qualified for a license.

The Board voted three to one in favor on a motion by Selectman Hause to approve the above request from Gourmet Fusion, 435 Paradise Road, Swampscott, Mass for an all alcohol beverage license, seconded by Selectman Jones. Selectman Spellios abstained

Presentation / Historical Preservation Awards / Historical Commission.

The following were presented the 2016 Preservation Awards

- Ellie Miller and Freddie Phillips, 57 Greenwood Avenue, Swampscott, Mass
- Jeremiah and Catherine Hubeny, 72 Banks Road, Swampscott, Mass
- Andrews Memorial Chapel Restoration Committee –Andrew's Chapel.

Chairman Dreeben thanked Susan Munafo for her work over the years on the Historical Commission and thanked her for her work on the Preservation Awards.

Historical Re-Appointment Discussion:

Justina Oliver, Chair of the Historical Commission spoke on her not being informed on the new two appointments to the Historical Commission and feels that the appointment and re-appointments had not been open or transparent and stated the Historical Commission was informed last year they would be part of the decision making but that has not happened. Ms. Oliver commented regarding a comment made by Selectman Hause prior to the vote which was very upsetting to her and the Board. A suggestion was made to keep Susan Munafo and Jay Mahler as regular members and add the two new members as an alternates.

*Member Sylvia Belkin spoke to the Board that no member of the Historical Commission had been given a chance by the Board of Selectman to be heard on re-appointments. Ms. Belkin stated she was saddened and disgusted with the decision from the Board on not re-appointing long standing members to the Board. Ms. Belkin objected to the way these changes were just dumped on the Historical Commission, with no conversation from the Boards current liaison Selectman Hause. Ms. Belkin stated that if any member of the Selectman had trouble with the Historical Commission's mission it was never spoken of to any member.*

*Selectman Hause explained his position on his recommendation of non-renewal of appointments to the Historical Committee. Selectman Hause spoke of role of the Selectman is to ensure all Boards are acting as efficiently as possible, and if there is a perception that one is not following that role then it time for the Selectman to recommend a change.*

*Selectman Spellios stated it was unfair to blame Selectman Hause when the Board of Selectman unanimously voted five to zero on not re-appointing members of the Historical Commission. Selectman Spellios commented that the Historical Commission did not want to meet with their liaison Selectman Hause instead wanted to be heard in an open forum and suggested they build on that relationship. Selectman Spellios spoke on new perspectives, new ideas and what is in the best interest of the Town. Selectman Spellios commented that the Board has been hearing concerns on things happening and the Board did not want to do harm to the by-laws and feels it was their time to be up on the Board. Selectman Spellios commented that the Historical Commission has the most experience than any other Board in Town. Selectman Spellios spoke on the fact that the Board is hearing concerns that tells them something is not right.*

*Selectman Dreeben expressed that she hopes in the future that the Historical Commission and Liaison Selectman Hause could work together so communication is broad and open.*

*Susan Munafo questioned what the process was as she expressed her concerns of statements made that she felt are incorrect.*

*New & Old business:*

*Town Administrator's summary and timeline on four departments has been submitted to the Board.*

*Town Administrator's Report:*

*Thomas G. Younger, Town Administrator spoke on the following:*

- *Swampscott Police Department congratulated on their accreditation with the State.*
- *Building Fees are up / The DiLisio Project has generated increase due to permit fees. Manny Bettencourt, Building Inspector was present and recognized.*
- *Budget schedule has been moved up by thirty days.*
- *Town meeting date will be May 15, 2017.*
- *Special Town Meeting date-November 14, 2016.*

Discussion / Vote:

*Chairman Dreeben spoke to the Board on any candidates they have thought of to be appointed to the Town Administrators Search Committee.*

*Members spoke on the following criteria in choosing an appointment from the Board of Selectman.*

*Not deeply involved in Town government, someone not entrenched, new eyes, new focus, new people should be considered- Selectman Jones and Selectman Hause.*

*Chemistry and skill set -Selectman Spellios.*

*Knowledge of Town Government, role of a Town Administrator, experience on reviewing resumes, time to commit to the process -Selectman Dreeben.*

*Four candidates were mentioned*

- *Angela Ippolito*
- *Matthew Strauss*
- *Erin Deroche*
- *Tom Driscoll*

*The Board voted three to one on a motion by Selectman Hause to appoint Erin Deroche, 3 Ingraham Terrace, Swampscott, Mass to be appointed as the Selectmen's appointee to the Town Administrator's Search Committee, seconded by Selectman Jones. Selectman Dreeben opposed the motion.*

*Town Moderator, Mike McClung spoke on his choice of his appointments to the Town Administrator's Search Committee is Don Pinkerton and Robert Powell.*

*Selectman Spellios suggested the Board meet with the Committee next week to share each other thoughts and timing.*

Discussion:

*The Board tabled a vote on the Town of Swampscott Vs. Hiltz Disposal Service, Inc. until Town Council could weigh in on the matter.*

Votes of the Board:

*The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Spellios to approve a temporary sign for the Church of the Holy Name's craft fair to be held on October 1, 2016, seconded by Selectman Jones.*

*The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Jones to approve the Swampscott Fire Department's fill the boot for Muscular Dystrophy Fundraiser on October 15, 2016 and November 23, 2016 at the Swampscott Mall access road, seconded by Selectman Spellios.*

*The Board voted unanimously on a motion from Selectman Jones to create an additional handicapped parking space at Norfolk Avenue in front of the Clarke School, seconded by Selectman Spellios.*

*Selectman's Time:*

*Selectman Dreeben asked for the draft warrant to be distributed to all members of the Board of Selectman members.*

*Adjournment/ Executive Session:*

*The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Hause to adjourn meeting at 8:50PM and enter executive session to consider the lease of real property of the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiations position-Machon School, the Board will not return to open session, seconded by Selectman Spellios. A roll call vote was taken.*

*True Attest:*

*Maureen Shultz,  
Administrative Assistant*