BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 28,2018
Swampscott, MA 01907

Attendance: *Chairman, Naomi Dreeben, Vice Chair Laura Spathanas, Selectman Don Hause, Peter Spellios, Pat Jones and Town Administrator, Sean Fitzgerald, Town Treasurer Ron Mendes*

7:00 p.m. meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance

No Resident Comment

Town Administrator, Sean Fitzgerald gave his Town Administrator Report.

- *Assistant Town Planner, Drew Leven has resigned and has taken a position in the Town of Peabody.*
- *Town Administrator and Superintendent are continuing to work together in staffing.*
- *Met with the Capital Improvement Committee and Finance Committee and presented the budget to them.*
- *There was a presentation on View Point Software at Town Hall. Looking closely at technology and how to advance.*
- *Egg Hunt Scheduled for 3/31 at Town Hall.*

Selectman Hause made a motion to move into Public Hearing, Seconded by Selectman Spathanas, all were in favor.

Public Hearing

Red Sauce, Inc. dba Mexicali Grill on 435 Paradise Road, applied for a license to sell all alcohol to be consumed on the premises.
Attorney Nicolas Filici representing Red Sauce owner Armando Oliva and Maria Oliva, described the restaurant as an authentic Mexican restaurant that was started in Sudbury. The family has several locations. The restaurant is owned and fully operated by the family.
The only change to be made to the restaurant will be Mexican Décor.
Mr. Oliva is fully tip certified.
They Oliva family have been in business for 10 years.
The lease is a 5-year lease with option to own.
The restaurant does not anticipate much traffic after 12 a.m.
Construction will be scheduled in the next 4-6 weeks while they are waiting for ABCC license and hopefully all will be in order once license is granted.
There are no plans for outdoor seating at the time but, they will be asking for an entertainment license at a later time.

Town Administrator, Sean Fitzgerald supports the granting of the license and feels it will be a nice representation of Mexican cuisine.

Selectman Hause made a motion to close Public Hearing Seconded by Selectman Jones, Voted unanimously.

A motion was made by Selectman Spathanas for an all alcohol license for Red Sauce doing business as Mexicali Grill at 435 Paradise Road, Seconded by Selectman Jones, voted unanimously.

Pete Kane, Director of Community Development spoke about the traffic study recommendations.

First recommendation from the Traffic Committee is a traffic island at Railroad Avenue and Pine Street. The traffic island will be installed at the end of Railroad Avenue with a sign that says keep right that will force traffic to make a 90' turn. A temporary traffic barrel will be installed for a month as a trial period and after the trial period information will be brought back with results from the study to see if money should be invested to install a permanent sign.
Motion was made by Selectman Spathanas to put a temporary barrel at Railroad Avenue and Pine Street for 60 days seconded by Selectman Hause, Board was unanimously in favor.

Second Recommendation is pertaining to the sidewalk extension work intersection at Humphrey and Redington Street, specifically sidewalk extensions installed a year or two ago. The problem identified is traffic backing up on Redington. The Traffic Committee recommendation is to remove the sidewalk extensions and place on the Eastern Crosswalk instead.
BOS discussed having an Engineer look at alternative for this intersection for pedestrian safety. Town Administrator will follow up with additional alternatives.
BOS decided to table recommendation of sidewalk extensions and an engineer will give recommendations for this along with St. John's crossing.

Joint Meeting with Planning Board
Planning Board in attendance Angela Ippolito, Pete Kane (Director of Community Development), JR Young, Beth Isler, George Potts
Reminder there will be a Public meeting Monday night for these Zoning changes

Presenting of the 3 Zoning Articles by Pete Kane

- *Residential rezoning – certain neighborhoods*
- *Modification uses of Humphrey Street Overlay District*
- *Portion of Vinen Square Commercial rezoning*

Discussion was had on all 3 Zoning articles amongst the BOS and Planning Board.
All BOS members stated they would support all 3 zoning articles.

Town Administrator gave an update on the Town Meeting Warrant.
Town Administrator mentioned Two Warrant articles:

- *Amendment to demo delay*
- *Plastic bag ban.*

Town Administrator also gave an update to the budget and each department presenting to the finance committee.
Selectmen Dreeben asked for an increase to the commitment of the town to enhance programs for seniors. Request was asked to include a study in the Capital.
Capital Committee will be coming in next week to the BOS meeting to give their recommendations.

No Votes of the Board

Adjournment:

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Hause to close the meeting, seconded by Selectman Spathanas.

True Attest:

Ana Lanzilli

Administrative Assistant