Selectmen's Meeting Tuesday, October 9, 2018 Town Office Building

Attending: T. Fydenkevez, D. Pierce, S. Bergeron S. Patch

Others: Mark Carter, RealTerm Energy, Scott Reed, Aaron Falbel, Will Sillin, Liz Sillin, Dan Murphy, Lorin Starr, Carol Kushi, Rose O'Hagen, John Reilly, Brad Shimel, Attorney, Peter Gagrin, David Wissemann

Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM.

### LED Streetlight Conversion Project

Mark Carter, Vice President of Sales for RealTerm Energy met with the board to discuss the LED Streetlight Conversion Project, and present samples for board approval. The fixtures are seven pin receptacles that will allow for smart controls in the future. There is a 10 year warranty on the fixtures. Mr. Carter advised that a photometric design team will design the project after the fixture is decided. The board will have final say on design before procurement of the fixtures. Shield options are available if needed. Design files are provided as part of the audit. Mr. Carter discussed the competitive bid process including the minimum requirements. Motion: Mr. Pierce to proceed with the Standard-Leotek fixture as recommended. Second: Mr. Fydenkevez. Voted: 2-0.

# Public Hearing Bridgeside Grille Liquor License Transfer

A public hearing was held at 6:30 pm on an application for a transfer of an all alcoholic beverages restaurant license from Rose O'Hagen, Manager, d/b/a/ Bridgeside Grille to John T. Reilly, Manager, Eighty-Seven Grille, Inc. The applicant is also seeking approval for change of manger from Rose O'Hagen to John T. Reilly, approval of a change of officers/directors/LLC Managers, approval of issuance transfer of stock/new stock holder and a pledge of collateral. Attending and speaking on behalf of the application was John T. Reilly, and Brad Shimel, Attorney for the applicant. Also, attending was Rose and Scott O'Hagen. Mr. Pierce read the legal notice. Attorney Shimel advised that there will be no changes to the existing use. Financing for the purchase of the property is through Greenfield Savings Bank. Mr. Reilly's goal is to operate a successful business. Mr. Shimel advised that Mr. Reilly is experienced in this line of work and is Serve Safe Certified. Ms. Patch advised that abutters and department heads (Police, Fire, and Board of Health) were notified as required. There was no one opposed to the application as presented. Motion: Mr. Pierce to close the hearing. Second: Mr. Fydenkevez. Voted 2-0. Motion: Mr. Pierce to approve the license application as requested. Second: Mr. Fydenkevez. Voted: 2-0.

### Municipal Aggregation

Mark Cappadona of Colonial Power met with the board to discuss next steps with regard to the municipal aggregation project. Mr. Cappadona advised that Colonial Power participated in the FRCOG RFP for Municipal Opt-Out Aggregation Program. Colonial Power was the Consultant chosen for the project. Mr. Cappadona stated that he wanted to clarify some misunderstandings regarding aggregation. The Opt-out process is required by MGL 164, section 34. Mr.

Cappadona advised that most opt-in aggregations do not require this process. Mr. Cappadona stated that the next steps in the process include plan approval by the board, a phone call with participating communities and DOER and then a filing with the DPU a legal notice will be published in the newspaper. Colonial will attend the hearing on behalf of the town. However, the public and town officials may attend. The hearing is held in Boston.

Mr. Sillin asked if any towns have participated in an opt-in program with an aggregator.

Mr. Cappadona stated that there have been no opt-in attempts at this time.

Mr. Sillin said he would like to see a pilot program. Mr. Cappadona stated that he would not be interested in providing consultant services for an opt-in program.

Motion: Mr. Pierce to approve the business plan. Second: Mr. Bergeron. Voted 2-1 (Mr. Bergeron)

## One Day Liquor License Request

David Wissemann, d/b/a Mike's Maze met with the board to discuss his application for a One Day Liquor license for the sale of beer on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Patch advised that insurance certification was submitted with the application. Department heads were notified as required. Chief Demetropoulos has advised that he has no problem with the issuance of the license. Motion: Mr. Bergeron to grant the license as requested. Second: Mr. Pierce. Voted 3-0.

#### Approval of Minutes

Motion: Mr. Pierce to approve the minutes of the meeting dated 9/24/18 as submitted. Second: Mr. Bergeron. Voted: 3-0.

#### Gearbox Award WWTP

Recommendation received from Richard Brynda for award to Universal for \$11, 998. Motion: Mr. Bergeron to award the bid to Universal as recommended by Richard Brynda. Second: Mr. Pierce. Voted: 3-0.

#### Fire Prevention Week Proclamation

Mr. Bergeron read the Proclamation submitted by Fire Chief Steve Benjamin. Proclaiming the week of October 7<sup>th</sup> -October 13<sup>th</sup> Fire Prevention Safety Week. Motion: Mr. Bergeron to proclaim Fire Prevention week October 7<sup>th</sup> – October 13<sup>th</sup>. Second: Mr. Pierce. Voted 3-0.

## North Main Street Reconstruction (TIP) Project

Dan Murphy, Liz Sillin and Lorin Starr met with the board to discuss their proposal for a design exception for the North Main Street Reconstruction Project. Mr. Murphy advised the board that he reached out to MassDOT for guidance on Complete Streets requirements prior to submittal of the design exception request. MassDOT submitted the proposal to Kittleson Associates for an independent review. Kittleson was not in favor of the proposal for 3 foot shoulders, 5 foot sidewalks and a 10 foot road width. Ms. Starr stated that from the comments received from Kittleson, it didn't seem like they understood the request. Ms. Sillin stated that the design exception proposed addresses their sidewalk concerns and Dan's traffic calming concerns. Ms.

Starr stated that they would like to ask for the 3ft shoulders and if not approved they would be agreeable to 5ft. Mr. Murphy stated that he would like physical infrastructure to address traffic calming not lights and signs and that the project as proposed would also match South Main Street. Peter Gagrin stated that signs are effective, especially when combined with speed limit signs. Mr. Pierce stated that signs should not be discounted as they are another tool. Narrative for the Design Exception will be submitted by next Wednesday.

**Updates** 

Mr. Bergeron late this evening due to Frontier Capital Subcommittee meeting. Frontier Regional School Committee now has a plan that they can work with. Mr. Pierce Personnel Meeting to be scheduled soon. Mr. Fydenkevez attended SCEMS meeting International ambulance in need of replacement. Ford chassis is preferred. Over \$17,000 spent last year in maintenance and repairs. International was not scheduled for replacement until next year. South County Senior Center new director reviewing budget. We may need to appropriate additional funds. Mr. Fydenkevez thanked volunteers and members of the 300<sup>th</sup> Committee for the Columbus Day weekend program. Gala ball to be held in November. Tickets are available. Contact Town Office for information. Ms. Patch provided an update on the Complete Streets Project. Currently, we are waiting for easement agreements from the property owners for the Hadley Road sidewalk extension. If granted, Town Meeting must also approve the easements. Ms. Patch advised that bids are due for the Riverside Park Project this Friday.

Frontier Union 38 Contract Negotiations Representative

Mr. Bergeron expressed interest in serving as the Town representative.

Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Pierce to adjourn the meeting. Second: Mr. Bergeron. Voted: 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Sherry Patch

Respectfully submitted,

Town Administrator