

**Hull Board of Selectmen
Final Minutes
February 3, 2021**

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was held at 7:00 p.m. on February 3, 2021 via the GoToMeeting platform as an alternate means of public access pursuant to an Order issued by the Governor of Massachusetts dated March 12, 2020 Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law.

Present: Jennifer Constable, Chairwoman; Greg Grey, Vice-Chair; Donna Pursel, Clerk; John Reilly, Member; Domenico Sestito, Member. Also present were Town Counsel James Lampke and Town Manager Philip Lemnios.

Grey called the meeting to Order and led the members in a Pledge of Allegiance.

Kenny Corporation, EZ Smoke Shop, 527A Nantasket Avenue, Bhavesh Patel, Owner re: Continuation of Public Hearing for Annual Wine and Malt License (NEW)

Prior to starting the Public Hearing Constable swore in Bhavesh Patel, Attorney Kenneth DiFazio, and Jennifer Rose Bailey.

Atty. DiFazio said that since the last meeting the structure of Kenny Corporation has been changed and that Jennifer Bailey is now the sole Director of the Corporation. Lampke said he has reviewed the change in corporate structure and that it is satisfactory. DiFazio said that Patel would like to sell beer and wine Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday. Patel said that since Covid started his business has been struggling and he feels that having a beer and wine license would help.

Constable read into the record a letter received from Daniel Sullivan of 3 Phipps Street in opposition to the application based on the fact that the nearby Village Market has a full license to sell liquor. Constable said that the Board has recently heard comments and concerns from residents regarding the number of establishments selling liquor in this area and questioned the need for an additional license in that district. Reilly asked Lampke if abutters were properly notified and Lampke said that to his knowledge they were as it would be a requirement to process this through the ABCC. Reilly asked Patel if his business has been affected by the State's ban on menthol and flavored tobacco products and Patel said it has and that this has affected his revenue. Reilly said that he does not feel this area needs another establishment selling alcohol but if he were to vote to approve this license he would only approve the sale of six-packs or cases and not the sale of individual servings or cans. He noted that Patel had taken over a vacant spot at Anastos Corner which has been a good thing for that area and that he has purchased another property across from Town Hall that he is planning on renovating. He feels Patel has invested in the community and has a good track record in the Town. Pursel agreed with Reilly's comments.

Motion	Reilly	To approve the request for an Annual Wine and Malt License (New) for EZ Smoke Shop with the limitation that there be no sale of individual servings of beer or wine
Second Vote	Sestito 3-2-0	Reilly – Aye Sestito – Aye Grey – No Pursel – Aye Constable – No

UPDATES

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen and residents of the Town Lemnios expressed appreciation to the Public Works

Department, the Fire Chief and Fire Department, Emergency Management Coordinator, Director of Wastewater Operations, John Struzziery and members of the Sewer Department for all of the work they did during the recent storm. Although the Town did not receive a lot of snow there was significant washover in a number of spots and there was some flooding. He also thanked Panos Tokadjian and Mike Schmitt of the Light Department as they were ready with the generators.

Lemnios said that the Town had held its first vaccination clinic for residents over the age of seventy-five and that it had gone well. He reinforced that they are limited by the amount of vaccine that the Town receives but he hopes that in the course of the next four to six weeks people will have an easier time signing up to receive their vaccines.

Grey gave an update on the projects that had passed the CPA Board and will go to Town Meeting including Hampton Circle, the side door entrances to Town Hall, the Story Boards at Fort Revere, the Moby Mats down at the Beach in three locations, and repairs to the Council on Aging. He said that there are a lot of good things happening and he knows the general public has ideas and asked that they start working now on ideas for next year.

Lemnios said they are in the process of preparing for Town Meeting and a presentation will be made to the Board on February 17th. Chief Dunn will also be there to speak on a summer parking proposal. He noted that on February 10th State Representative Meschino and State Senator O'Connor will come to provide a legislative update and Chris Reale will give a preview of the development proposal for the Paragon Boardwalk block.

Constable noted that the Town received a Local Recovery Grant for technical assistance to help the Town plan for recovery efforts focused on the commercial districts and she hopes that other funds will become available to help implement some of the plans. She also said that the Town of Cohasset had reached out to her regarding a Recovery Grant opportunity available for a pilot regional grant which would involve funding up to \$250,000 for supporting local businesses primarily through marketing efforts, supporting expanded outdoor seating areas and retail areas for businesses. She said that she has been in touch with Lemnios and Chris DiIorio, Director of Community Development and Planning about this possibility. Lemnios said that the State is offering opportunities to assist local businesses because they know they are having a difficult time and they discovered last summer that outdoor dining was more popular than they had realized. Constable noted that unfortunately businesses this summer will probably still be in a difficult situation so any way they can help before the season starts would be good. Sestito asked what the financial commitment of the Town would be and Constable and Lemnios said there would be none.

Reilly said he had been asked about the DCR Trust Fund for Nantasket Beach that had been put in place a few years back. He feels it would be a good time to take some of that money and put it into things that would make the roadway more welcoming and safer and could be used to help save some of the restaurants in the area. Reilly said that if they were able to get something from the DCR Trust Fund that they could add to any grant money it would be helpful. Sestito said that the money in the Trust Fund is absolutely there for the Town to use and they should not be afraid to access it.

Motion	Sestito	To support an application to the Pilot Regional Grant Program in partnership with the Town of Cohasset
Second	Grey	
Vote	Unanimous	Sestito – Aye Grey – Aye Reilly – Aye Pursel – Aye Constable – Aye

Constable said she wanted to thank the Economic Development Committee for their work on these applications. Reilly suggested that the Town Manager reach out to DCR to let them know that the Town will be coming to them with a list of items that the Town might want to use Trust Fund money for. He thought that perhaps they could talk about this more at the next meeting and that Board members should be thinking about possible items. Sestito agreed but added that he would like the Town Manager officially put in a request to DCR for funds. Reilly said that by law the Town is supposed to receive input from DCR on what money is available and how it is being used and they are

not receiving that. Constable suggested that possibly Chris DiIorio could come to explain the work that is going on in that area.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion	Constable	To go into Executive Session to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for contract negotiations with non-union personnel; To go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, and that the Chair declare that an Open Meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Body; To go into Executive Session to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property and that the Chair declare that an Open Meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Body; To go into Executive Session to comply with or act under the authority of the attorney/client privilege; To move to go into Executive Session to consult with legal counsel and obtain legal advice pursuant to attorney/client privilege and not to reconvene in Open Session. The subject matters to be discussed in Executive Session are negotiations with Police Department Management/ Deputy Chief, and Fire Department Management; ExteNet v. Hull and Green, et al v. ExteNet & Hull; Latitude 42 and the Hull Redevelopment Authority.
Second Vote	Sestito Unanimous	Constable – Aye Sestito – Aye Grey – Aye Reilly – Aye* Pursel – Aye

*Reilly said that he would recuse himself on the Police Management vote.

The Open Meeting was adjourned.

Recorded by Kathleen Fanning

Approved by:

Documents

The following documents were included in the members' packets or were presented during the meeting and are available in the Board of Selectmen's office upon request:

- Agenda for Board of Selectmen Meeting on February 3, 2021
- Kenny Corporation application materials
- Letter from Daniel Sullivan in opposition to the application for an Annual Wine and Malt License for EZ Smoke

