

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

February 16, 2022

Board met in session at 7:15 p.m. via ZOOM Conferencing
Present (constituting a quorum):

Jackie Belf-Becker, Chair
M. C. Moses Grader
James E. Nye
Erin M. Noonan
Alexa J. Singer

John J. McGinn, Interim Town Administrator

The Chair called the meeting of February 16, 2022 to order. The following roll call was taken: Mrs. Noonan, present; Mr. Grader, present; Mrs. Singer, present; Mr. Nye, present; Mrs. Belf-Becker, present.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SEARCH/RECRUITMENT. Mary Flanders Aicardi, Human Resources Practice Leader Edward J. Collins, Jr. Center for Public Management, appeared before the Board to give an introduction and overview of the process the Collins Center and the Board will take in the search and recruitment of the Town Administrator which include: Creation of a recruitment profile for the next Town Administrator, Screening Committee Composition, meetings and confidentiality, timeline, screening interviews, Board interview process and negotiating employment contract. After review, motion made and seconded to appoint the following members to the Town Administrator Search Committee: Erin Noonan, Selectmen; John McGinn, Interim Town Administrator; Anthony Sasso, former Town Administrator; Rebecca Curran Cutting, Town Planner and Jackie Belf-Becker, Chair, Board of Selectmen. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mrs. Singer. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Singer, in favor; Mrs. Noonan, in favor; Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve the Screening Committee charge, as recommended by the Consultant, and to appoint John McGinn, Interim Town Administrator, Chairman. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mrs. Singer. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Singer, in favor; Mrs. Noonan, in favor; Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENT. The following applicants appeared before the Board seeking to enter into a Host Community Agreement with the Town: ARO Cannabis, 222 Beacon Street; Flower& Soul, 56 Atlantic Avenue and Green Loft, 28 Atlantic Avenue. All three applicants appeared before the Board on January 12, 2022 to present their applications. The Board initiated a 30 day period for residents to submit comments on the applications. The Chair allowed each applicant up to 10 minutes each

to address the Board and answer questions from the Board before moving to discussion and a vote. Kate Federoff, Town Counsel, spoke to the process of taking a vote. Motion made and seconded to enter into negotiations with ARO Cannabis. Moved by Mr. Grader, seconded by Mrs. Noonan. The Board continued discussion. Town Counsel clarified the Board's questions in regards to stipulating a traffic study be conducted by the applicant. Counsel advised that requiring a traffic study could be incorporated into negotiations and the final HCA with the town and also advised the Board that this is the last available license the Town has and that they may want to set a time frame for the applicant to obtain an occupancy permit. The Board voted on the 1st motion taken as follows: Mrs. Singer, in favor; Mrs. Noonan, in favor; Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor. Motion made and seconded to authorize the Town Administrator and Town Counsel to enter into negotiations for a Community Host Agreement with ARO Cannabis, 222 Beacon Street, provided that the applicant has a 2 year time limit to obtain a certificate of occupancy at the approved location. Moved by Mrs. Noonan, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Noonan, in favor; Mrs. Singer, in favor; Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING. Marblehead Firefighters, IAFF, Local 2043.

Motion made and seconded that the Marblehead Board of Selectmen designate John McGinn, Interim Town Administrator, as the Board's representative to enter into collective bargaining negotiations pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 150E, with the Town's respective Union, namely the Marblehead Firefighters, IAFF, Local 2043, regarding successor collective bargaining agreements effective July 1, 2022. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Singer, in favor; Mrs. Noonan, in favor; Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

GANNETTE NEW ENGLAND. Mrs. Noonan spoke to the Board about the recent news that Gannette New England has announced it will cease local publication of the Marblehead Reporter on February 28, 2022. Mrs. Noonan offered to draft a letter to Gannette relaying the Boards disappointment with this decision and the impact on the community this will have.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Noonan, in favor; Mrs. Singer, in favor; Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Kyle A. Wiley
Administrative Aide

List of documents used:

Letter from Collins Center regarding process

ARO Cannabis, power point / Flower & Soul, location pictures