

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2021 6:30 P.M.

Members Present: Steven P. Rose, Chairman
Eric S. Beckerman, Clerk (via videoconference)
Jason L. Suzor, Associate (via videoconference)

Others Present: Gregory S. Enos, Town Administrator
Shanna M. Faro, Executive Assistant (via videoconference)
Joseph S. Lalli, Esq., Town Counsel (via videoconference)
Fire Chief Robert Spurr (via videoconference)
Kathleen Waldron, Health Agent (via videoconference)
Tracy Self, Designer Selection Committee Chair (via videoconference)
Donald Velozo, Architectural Consulting Group (via videoconference)
Michael Borghesani, Unbreakable, LLC (via videoconference)

Chairman Rose announced that pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Board of Selectmen is being conducted via remote participation. No in-person attendance of members of the public was permitted, but every effort was made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided for in the Order. Chairman Rose reminded the viewing audience that persons who would like to view this meeting while in progress may do so by watching local cable on Channel 9 or joining the Zoom link for the videoconference. Links to watch the recorded meeting will be available on the Avon Cable Access website www.avontv.org.

Chairman Rose called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with all members present. Chairman Rose was present in the Mary McDermott meeting room, while Mr. Beckerman and Mr. Suzor were present through the videoconference Zoom. Each Board member acknowledged their presence at the meeting by responding in the affirmative during the roll call. In addition, all anticipated speakers acknowledged their presence by responding in the affirmative when Chairman Rose called their names.

Selectman Eric Beckerman led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Participation

None

Public Hearing – Class One License for Unbreakable, LLC

At 7:00 p.m., the Board commenced the Public Hearing for the Class One License for Unbreakable, LLC on 105 Memorial Drive. Mr. Beckerman read the legal notice which was published in the Brockton Enterprise on December 17, 2020. Mr. Borghesani introduced himself to the Board and stated that it was his intent to sell brand new, heavy equipment and construction equipment at the property located at 105 Memorial Drive. Chairman Rose stated that this Class One license application was originally referred to the Planning Board and was approved on November 5, 2020. Their approval letter was contained in the license application packet presented to the Board. Mr. Beckerman made a motion to approve the Class One License for Unbreakable, LLC. Mr. Suzor seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Beckerman voted aye. Mr. Suzor voted aye. Chairman Rose voted aye. The motion carried.

Meeting Minutes

Mr. Beckerman made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of December 17, 2020 (Regular Session) as written. Mr. Suzor seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Beckerman voted aye. Mr. Suzor voted aye. Chairman Rose voted aye. The motion carried.

Mr. Beckerman made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of January 4, 2021 (Workshop Session) as written. Mr. Suzor seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Beckerman voted aye. Mr. Suzor voted aye. Chairman Rose voted aye. The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COVID-19 Updates & Update on Town Offices Opening Plan

Ms. Waldron informed the Board that Avon has had a total of 49 positive coronavirus cases over the past two weeks. This brings the total number of cases for the Town of Avon to 267 since the beginning of the pandemic last March. Ms. Waldron reminded residents that COVID-19 testing sites are available in the Town of Randolph.

Chief Spurr stated that vaccinations for emergency personnel cannot begin until Monday, January 11, 2021. Chief Spurr stated that he is working with Brockton Hospital to schedule a vaccination date for the first responders. Chief Spurr stated that the first responders will receive the Moderna vaccine. Chief Spurr and Ms. Waldron both agreed that the state of Massachusetts is now in the second surge of the virus.

Mr. Enos informed the Board that due to the increasing number of positive cases he did not recommend opening the Town Offices to the public at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Designer Selection Committee Change Orders

Mr. Enos informed the Board that the Designer Selection Committee will have a Change Order at the meeting of January 21, 2021.

Discussion on Special Town Meeting

Mr. Enos stated that there are several articles pending which could warrant a Special Town Meeting including the Butler School parking lot, unpaid bills from the previous fiscal year, and additional funding

for the Fire Station Renovation Project. Mr. Enos stated that he would work with the Health Agent for the proper protocols to be in place to ensure a safe meeting. Mr. Beckerman asked if holding a Special Town Meeting was truly a necessity right now as the COVID-19 positive case numbers continue to be on the rise. Mr. Suzor stated that since this issue keeps arising, he suggested holding a Special Town Meeting to move some of the more important articles along, instead of waiting until the Annual Town Meeting in May. Ms. Self and Mr. Velozo stressed the importance of holding a Special Town Meeting to access additional funds for the Fire Station Renovation Project as they did not want to delay the completion of the project. The Board decided to continue their discussion on the need for a Special Town Meeting at the Workshop Meeting of January 11, 2021.

Jacobs Driscoll Engineering, Inc. Agreement

Mr. Enos provided the Board with a revised contract from Jacobs Driscoll Engineering, Inc. for soil testing witness services for the Joanna Hills Estates project complete with a Scope of Services and estimated fees, revised Agreement, and Labor Rates sheet. Mr. Beckerman made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Authorization to Proceed. Mr. Suzor seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Beckerman voted aye. Mr. Suzor voted aye. Chairman Rose voted aye. The motion carried.

Town of Avon Subordination Request

Mr. Beckerman made a motion to approve the Subordination Agreement for 354 Main Street in Avon with the stipulation that a revised commitment letter be issued from the bank extending the offer date from the December 29, 2020 original deadline. Mr. Suzor seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Beckerman voted aye. Mr. Suzor voted aye. Chairman Rose voted aye. The motion carried.

Personnel Action Form

Mr. Beckerman made a motion to approve the Personnel Action Form of Prevention Coordinator Amanda Decker for an increase upon her anniversary date effective October 1, 2020. Mr. Suzor seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Beckerman voted aye. Mr. Suzor voted aye. Chairman Rose voted aye. The motion carried.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Enos wished the Board and all members of the viewing audience a Happy New Year and requested all residents stay safe and remain diligent to fight the spread of COVID-19. Mr. Enos stated that the Town Clerk would like to remind all residents that nomination papers are now available for the April 2021 Town Election. There is a list of vacancies for Boards and Committees available for viewing on the Town's website.

Adjournment

At 7:23 p.m., Chairman Rose requested the Board make a motion to adjourn the Regular Session and to convene in Executive Session for the review and approval of executive session minutes to comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements – and more specifically the Open Meeting Law, G.L. Chapter 30A, Sections 22(f) and (g) and to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining (AFSCME, Police, Fire) as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the government's bargaining or litigating position. The Board will reconvene in open session for the sole purpose of adjournment. Mr. Beckerman made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session and to convene in Executive Session. Mr. Suzor seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Beckerman voted aye. Mr. Suzor voted aye. Chairman Rose voted aye. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanna M. Faro

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Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

1. January 7, 2021 Meeting Agenda
2. December 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes
3. January 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes
4. Jacobs Driscoll Engineering, Inc. Agreement
5. Personnel Action Form for Prevention Coordinator
6. Town of Avon Subordination Request
7. Class One License Application for Unbreakable, LLC