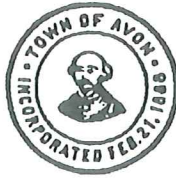


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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021
8:00 P.M.

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

Others Present: Gregory S. Enos, Town Administrator
Shanna M. Faro, Executive Assistant (via videoconference)
Joseph S. Lalli, Esq., Town Counsel
Kathleen Waldron, Health Agent (via videoconference)
Fire Chief Robert Spurr (via videoconference)
Daniel Hart, Park & Recreation Chair (via videoconference)
Oluwatoyin Adewumi, Tambo's Kitchen (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 8:00 p.m. with all members present. This was a hybrid meeting in which all Board members, Mr. Enos, and Mr. Lalli were present in the Mary McDermott meeting room, while all other participants were available through videoconference. All anticipated speakers acknowledged their presence by responding in the affirmative when Chairman Rose called their names.

Mr. Suzor led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Participation

None

Meeting Minutes

Mr. Beckerman made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of May 4, 2021 (Workshop Session) as written. Mr. Suzor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Beckerman made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of May 6, 2021 (Regular Session) as written. Mr. Suzor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COVID-19 Updates

Ms. Waldron informed the Board there has been less than five positive coronavirus cases during the past two weeks. Avon has had a cumulative total of 514 positive cases since the beginning of the pandemic. Ms. Waldron stated that 58% of Avon residents have received at least one dose of the vaccine. Ms. Waldron stated that 46% of Avon residents are fully vaccinated. Ms. Waldron informed the Board that pursuant to Governor Baker, as of May 29, 2021, masks for fully vaccinated people will not be required except for in schools, hospitals, or public transportation. Ms. Waldron stated that vaccines are available at the local Walmart as well as the vaccination clinic at the Intergenerational Center in Randolph. Chief Spurr informed the Board that Avon has outperformed neighboring communities for vaccinations for all races and ethnicity except for the white population. Chief Spurr encouraged the Board to consider ending the Local Emergency Declaration which went into effect on March 16, 2020 as the Governor's Emergency Order will end on June 15, 2021.

Update on Town Opening Plan

Mr. Enos informed the Board that Town Offices reopened to the public on May 19, 2021 with a steady flow of people entering the building. Masks are still required to enter the building at this time. Mr. Enos informed the Board he intends to speak to the Council on Aging Director regarding reinstating lunches for the seniors at the Senior Center. Mr. Enos stated that he still recommends hybrid meetings for Boards and Committees in which members participate in person at meetings, while audience member participate via videoconference.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Seasonal Workers

Mr. Beckerman made a motion to appoint Michele Goode as a Seasonal Playground Supervisor for the Park & Recreation Commission at a Grade G12, Step 5 at the rate of \$16.35 per hour effective May 24, 2021. Mr. Suzor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Beckerman made a motion to appoint Sean Mayo as a Seasonal DPW Laborer at the rate of \$15.00 per hour effective May 27, 2021. Mr. Suzor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Beckerman made a motion to appoint Noah Adams as a Seasonal DPW Laborer at the rate of \$16.00 per hour. Mr. Suzor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Beckerman made a motion to appoint Eric Ficarra as a Seasonal DPW Laborer at the rate of \$17.00 per hour effective May 26, 2021. Mr. Suzor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Appointment of GIS Intern for DPW

Mr. Beckerman made a motion to appoint Christine Paquette as a Seasonal GIS Intern at the rate of \$15.00 per hour. Mr. Suzor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Outdoor Dining Application

Ms. Adewumi appeared before the Board to request a Temporary Outdoor Dining Application for Tambo's Kitchen. Ms. Adewumi requested in her application three tables outdoors with two seats per table in the front of the building. Ms. Adewumi stated that she has removed the shrubs and covered the soil out front with white stones. Ms. Waldron informed the Board that the septic system for Tambo's Kitchen is only designed for a capacity of sixteen seats in the restaurants. Ms. Adewumi stated if necessary, she will limit the seating inside the restaurant as to not exceed sixteen seats. Chairman Rose asked if the Building Inspector has reviewed this application yet. Ms. Faro stated that he has not and there was a concern as to whether the potted plants would be sufficient barriers to the parking lot area. Mr. Beckerman made a motion to approve the Temporary Outdoor Dining Application for Tambo's Kitchen with the stipulation that the application is approved by the Health Agent, Building Inspector, and Fire Chief. Mr. Suzor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

One Day Special Permits for Avon Fish & Game Association

Mr. Beckerman made a motion to approve the One Day Special Alcohol Permit for the Avon Fish & Game Association for a club event on June 12, 2021. Mr. Suzor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Beckerman made a motion to approve the One Day Special Alcohol Permit for the Avon Fish & Game Association for a club event on July 24, 2021. Mr. Suzor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Announcements

Chairman Rose announced that the June meetings of the Board will be June 3, 2021 and June 17, 2021.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Enos informed the Board that the HVAC project for Town Offices should be completed by next week. Mr. Enos recommended duct cleaning for all units at an estimated cost of \$9,000. Mr. Enos stated that there is sufficient funding in the article for duct cleaning. The Board approved of Mr. Enos' recommendation to clean the ducts for the HVAC units and instructed the Town Administrator to proceed with this request. Mr. Enos stated that ionizers for the Avon Public Library units will be funded by the CARES Act. Mr. Enos stated that he is seeking to purchase a tent for the Park & Recreation Summer Program and looking at available options. Mr. Enos informed the Board that the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office has painted the Mary McDermott meeting room this week. Mr. Enos stated that he is seeking to purchase Rubbermaid trash barrels for the public areas throughout the town for uniformity. Finally, Mr. Enos stated that a company has reached out to the Board regarding a medical marijuana facility. Mr. Enos requested a Workshop Meeting next Thursday night to discuss this proposal in more detail.

Adjournment

At 8:53 p.m., Mr. Beckerman made a motion to adjourn the regular session and to convene in Executive Session to review and approve executive session meeting minutes to comply with 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, and Call Firefighters) or litigation as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the government's bargaining or litigating position; and to conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel. 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
Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

1. May 20, 2021 Meeting Agenda
2. May 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes
3. May 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes
4. Personnel Action Forms for Playground Supervisor, Seasonal DPW Laborers & Seasonal GIS Intern
5. Outdoor Dining Application of Tambo's Kitchen
6. One Day Special Permits for Avon Fish & Game Association