

SELECTBOARD AND BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Due to COVID-19 Public Participation is by Zoom
December 21, 2020

Remote Zoom Meeting was opened at 7:00 PM. Present were Selectpersons Rich Kuklewicz, Michael Nelson, and Chris Boutwell, Town Administrator Steve Ellis, Executive Assistant Wendy Bogusz, and Director of Public Health Daniel Wasiuk.

Link to Zoom Meeting: <https://vimeo.com/493606988>

Selectboard Chair opens the meeting, including announcing that the meeting is being recorded and roll call taken.

Board of Health Vice-Chair opens the meeting, roll call taken.

Approve Minutes:

Joint Selectboard and Board of Health of December 14, 2020

- *Boutwell makes the motion to approve the minutes of the Joint Selectboard and Board of Health of December 21, 2020 as presented. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*
- *Boutwell makes the motion to approve the minutes of the Joint Selectboard and Board of Health of December 7, 2020 as presented. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye*

Public Comment Period: Individuals will be limited to two (2) minutes each and the Selectboard will strictly adhere to time allotted for public comment

David Harmon asks what the next step is regarding the airport topic. Kuklewicz responds that there will likely be another meeting in January. Ellis suggests a large-scale webinar for (1) a broader outreach and (2) a means of encouraging Town Meetings to attend.

COVID-19 Updates and Action Items

Review of any Updated State Guidance or Orders

- There are three phases slated for vaccine availability. Wasiuk summarizes who the first individuals to receive the vaccination are. At present it looks as though the vaccine will not be available to the general public until approximately April 2021.
- The emergency personnel have opportunities to get the vaccination, but they are going to be on a larger scale. One of these locations is a regionalized clinic at UMass.

Update on Montague COVID case counts and other summary data

Active cases from Dec 5 through 19 equals 37 cases; Cumulative cases from October 1 through December 19 equals 95 cases; the total positive cases since the beginning of the pandemic from March 1 to December 19 is 124.

Nelson makes the motion to adjourn the Board of Health at 7:20 PM. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye

Executive Assistant Report

To approve Annual Permit Applications and Licenses as set forth in the attached documents

- *Nelson makes a motion to approve the following licenses for 2021 as follows: Liquor Licenses: Brewery/Winery Pouring Permit for Seating Under 50 to Brick & Feather Brewer, Inc., Element Brewing Company dba Element Brewing Co. LLC, Pioneer Valley Brewing, LLC, and Wild Child Cellars, LLC, dba Wild Child Cellars, LLC; a Club, All Alcohol License to Millers Falls Rod & Gun Club., Montague Bpo Elks Lodge 2521, Saint Kazimierz Society, St. Stanislaus B and M Society, and Turners Falls Rod & Gun Club; a General On Premise License to Mystic Pinball, LLC; a Package Store, All Alcohol License to Bryan Call dba Crestview Liquors, Slow Village Ahead dba Montague Village Store, Purple Meadow Ventures dba Connecticut River Liquor & Wine, Sahirat, LLC dba Carrolls Market; A Package Store Beer & Wine License to Crooked River Corp. dba Food City; a Restaurant, All Alcohol License to Arthur Binaco & Merchant dba Five Eyed Fox, Between the Uprights, LLC dba Between the Uprights at 2nd St., Bread & Water, LLC dba The Alvah Stone, Crystal String Investments, LLC dba Millers Pub, Hubies Tavern Inc., dba Hubies Tavern and Restaurant, Pamela Tierney dba Black Cow Burger, Riff's Inc. dba Riff's, North, Rocket Science, LLC dba The Rendezvous, Secondhand Smoke, Inc., dba North Village Smokehouse, and Thomas Memorial Gold & Country*

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Club; Restaurant, Beer & Wine License to Argy Pizza, Inc. dba Turners Falls Pizza, CVB Harvest LLC dba Great Falls Harvest, Lady Killigrew Café, Inc., Shady Glen, Inc dba Shady Glen, Shea Theater Arts Center, Inc. dba Shea Theater; Miscellaneous Licenses: Automatic Amusement License to Between the Uprights, LLC dba Between the Uprights at 2nd St., Millers Pub, Hubies Tavern and Restaurant, Millers Falls Rod & Gun Club, Inc., Montague B.P.O. Elks #2521, St. Kazimierz Society, Shea Theater Arts Center, Inc., and St. Stanislaus B and M Society, Inc.; Class II - Used Cars License to Bob's Auto, Koch's Auto Sales, Mark's Auto, Mark's Auto at 484 Federal Street, Montague Garage, Rau's Sunoco, Semaski General Contractor & Equipment Sales, and Zak's Auto Sales and Repair; Class III - Junk License to Bob's Auto and Rau's Sunoco; Entertainment License to Arthur Binaco & Merchant dba Five Eyed Fox, Between the Uprights, LLC dba Between the Uprights at 2nd St., The Alvah Stone, Millers Pub, Great Falls Harvest, Element Brewing Company, Hubies Tavern, Millers Falls Rod & Gun Club Inc., Montague Book Mill, Montague Elks #2521, Black Cow Burger Bar, Pioneer Valley Brewery, LLC, Riff's, North, Rocket Science, LLC dba The Rendezvous, St. Kazimierz Society, Secondhand Smoke, Inc., dba North Village Smokehouse, Shea Theater Arts Center, Inc., St. Stanislaus B and M Society, Inc., Thomas Memorial Golf & Country Club, Inc., Turners Falls Rod & Gun Club; Common Victualler License to Argy Pizza, Inc., dba Turners Falls Pizza, Arthur Binaco & Merchant dba Five Eyed Fox, Between the Uprights, LLC dba Between the Uprights at 2nd St., Bread & Water, LLC dba The Alvah Stone, TF F. L. Roberts dba NEC OPCO I, Inc., Ce Ce's Chinese Restaurant, Country Creemee, Crooked River Corp. dba Millers Pub, CVB Harvest LLC dba Great Falls Harvest, Hubies Tavern Inc. dba Hubies Tavern and Restaurant, Lady Killigrew Café, Inc. dba Lady Killigrew Café, Inc., Millers Falls Rod & Gun Club Inc., Montague B.P.O. Elks Lodge 2521, Black Cow Burger, Pioneer Valley Brewery, LLC, Riff's Inc. dba Riff's, North, Rocket Science, LLC dba The Rendezvous, Sahirat, LLC dba Carrolls Market, St. Kazimierz Society dba St. Kazimierz Society, Scotty's, Secondhand Smoke, Inc. dba North Village Smokehouse, Shady Glen, Inc. dba Shady Glen, Inc., St. Stanislaus B and M Society, Inc., Subway dba CK Sandwiches, Tasty Treats Baking Col., Inc. dba 2nd Street Baking Company, Thomas Memorial Golf & Country Club, Thomas Memorial Golf & Country Club - Clubhouse, Turners Falls Rod & Gun Club, Inc., Sow Loud, LLC dba The Upper Bend, Element Brewing Company, and Brick & Father Brewery, Inc.; and Lodging House license to F.C. Housing Authority. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

- Nelson reminds the public that the Board significantly reduced the fees of many of the licenses in order to help community businesses and encourages the public to continue to support these businesses.
- Bogusz will contact everyone to let them know that she will set aside times on December 28, 29, and 30 for the licenses to be picked up.

Town Administrator's Report

Discuss CodeRED add-on feature, Foreign Language Message Translation

- Ellis states that for a modest sum, we could potentially add the ability to share messages in multiple languages.
- Bogusz states that for \$250 per year, we could have a service that enables us to record a message in Spanish plus two other languages.
- The Board approves the service Bogusz mentions.

Discuss IT Coordinator Position & Update on FY22 budget

- Ellis reports that our long-term IT consultant will be leaving his position, which could have impacts on our FY21 operations. Our IT consultant is willing to remain a resource via remote. The Town needs to decide whether we should budget for external resources or whether we should bring someone in and have a full-time IT coordinator.
- In response to a question by Nelson, Ellis states that currently Lieutenant Bonnet takes care of the IT needs for the Police Department.
- Nelson states that as technology is at the forefront of everything we do, to have any interruption would be detrimental to the community.
- Kuklewicz believes that finding somebody with the depth and skill set as our current IT consultant might be a difficult and expensive hire. He suggests either looking at a contracted services or a hybrid approach. The hybrid approach would consist of hiring someone with the skills to handle networking and hardware issues, then having a second-tier contracted services that can handle the more high-tech issues.
- In response to a suggestion by Nelson regarding a shared service with a neighboring community, Ellis states that the FRCOG has in the past considered the possibility of trying to create some type of regional IT solution.

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- Ellis states that he would rather have somebody spend all of their time focused on Montague.
- Ellis feels that the biggest thing we have lacked at times is project management capacity as relates to IT.

Topics not anticipated in 48 hour posting

Naming Greenhouse Cannabis, Inc.

Ellis explains corrections in the document regarding the naming of Greenhouse Cannabis, Inc. and asks the Board to accept the changes and resign the document.

Town Meeting Survey

Ellis states that he hopes the people who have not responded will return their surveys. Bogusz will do an outreach. He states that Zoom is the platform that the majority of people who have responded is comfortable with.

Code Red Sign Up

Bogusz shares information on how to sign up for Code Red: Go onto the Town's website (www.montague-ma.gov) and click on Sign Up for Notifications: Code Red Emergency Communication Systems Sign Up.

Trash Pick-Up Schedule

In response to a question by Boutwell, Ellis asks Bogusz to double-check with the DPW regarding trash-pick up changes for the next two weeks.

Boutwell makes the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye