

**TOWN OF HAMILTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JUNE 7, 2010**

The Board of Selectmen met at the Hamilton Town Hall at 7:01 p.m. on Monday, June 7, 2010 with Jennifer Scuteri, William Bowler, David Carey, Marc Johnson and Jeff Stinson present. Finance Director Deborah Nippes-Mena, Police Chief Russell Stevens, Planning Board Coordinator Marcie Ricker, Assistant Town Administrator Christine Lindberg and Town Administrator Candace Wheeler also present.

Public Hearing – Application of Myopia Hunt Club re: alteration liquor license

Clerk for the Board of Selectmen David Carey read the notice for the public hearing for the alteration of the Myopia Hunt Club liquor license.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Hamilton will hold a public hearing at Hamilton Town Hall, 577 Bay Road, Hamilton, Mass. on Monday, June 7, 2010 at 7 p.m. to consider the following: 1) Application of the Myopia Hunt Club for extension/alteration of existing alcohol license to include the golf course, and 2) Restructuring of fee schedule for alcohol licenses in the Town of Hamilton. Carey noted that there would not be any discussion on the fee restructuring tonight.

Abutters have been notified. Return receipt cards collected from 47 of 52 abutters that were mailed certified letters. The Methodist Church as an abutter was notified and returned the certified receipt but no representative from the church was present at the public hearing. William Bowler spoke to the general counsel of the ABCC and the statute was changed after the Grendel's Den case that gave churches veto power over liquor licenses. He added that no Town-board should say what a church thinks about their mission. Jeff Stinson is a member of the church.

A legal advertisement ran on May 27, 2010 in the Hamilton-Wenham Chronicle.

Myopia Hunt Club representative David Cugini described how the club wanted to extend its liquor privileges to the golf course for tournaments (beer, wine and hard alcohol) and outside events held on Mondays through the summer until October where only beer and wine as well as soda would be served. This extension would not apply to horse shows since those are classified as special events.

Golfers would cross no public ways so purchasing of and consumption of beer would be contained on the club's course. Cugini knows of other golf clubs in Massachusetts that offer alcoholic beverages and soda, water and Gatorade on the courses.

The alteration of the license modifies the original application and adds three temporary fixed stations (adjacent to 1st green and 2nd tee, 2nd green and 8th tee and 10th green and 11th tee) and a mobile cart (for some of the events) that will be operational during the Golf Season. Tables will be put up and taken down before and after each event. No alcohol would be stored on the golf course. Cugini thought 15% to 20% of participants would consume a drink on the golf course whether it was beer, soda or water. All documentation has been submitted.

The bartenders that will be serving the alcoholic beverages are TIPS certified.

Police Chief Russell Stevens said guidelines related to the ABCC's 2009 decision about the Georgetown Country Club should be enforced. He suggested these guidelines be adopted by the Board including golf participant can't have more than two drinks in his hands at one time, and proper signage has to be placed in parking lots saying no alcohol can go past that point. Cugini said signs would be put up and taken down on the day of the event.

Finance Director Deborah Nippes-Mena informed the Board that this modification does not limit the club to its intention to operate the additional stations for specific events. At any time the club can have those additional stations operational on the golf course during the licensing period.

Jennifer Scuteri entertained a motion to approve the extension of the Myopia Hunt Club liquor license in the manner presented and discussed with the following conditions: 1) Placement of signage for public ways including parking lots, signs should read No Alcoholic Beverages Permitted Beyond This Point, 2) No more than two drinks shall be sold, delivered or in the possession of any one patron at any time while on the grounds of the golf course, 3) Additional signage should be posted at the perimeter of the property stating No Alcoholic Beverages Permitted Beyond This Point, 4) Only alcohol sold by this licensee can be in possession by a patron, 5) Each person employed for the direct handling or selling of alcoholic beverages is a minimum of 18 years of age and is TIPS certified, 6) The extension of the liquor license to include the Myopia golf course is not detrimental to the educational and spiritual activities of the Methodist Church of South Hamilton. Bowler so moved. Carey seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Community House Block Party – June 11, 2010

Kalil Boghdan encouraged Hamilton and Wenham residents to participate in the Block Party fundraiser for the Community House of Hamilton and Wenham on Friday, June 11 from 5 until 9 p.m. at Patton Park. There will be a tent so the event will occur whether it rains or not. Also, there will be activities for children. Tickets cost \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors, \$10 for students and children less than five years old are free. There will be a \$5 extra charge for all tickets sold at the door.

Downtown Beautification Contest

Marcie Ricker will meet the Selectmen and Town Manager Michael Lombardo at 5 p.m. at 15 Walnut Road on Saturday, June 12 to judge the 25 businesses that participated in the downtown beautification contest. Hamilton Gardens gave participants a 10% discount on any annual plants purchased for use in the contest.

Carey mentioned that further beautification in Town will include aggressive trimming of the shrubs in front of Town Hall when the building is painted in the near future. Paint colors have been selected so the main structure will be painted grey with cream trim, a deep navy will be used on the front door that will have new hardware and the dome will be painted a copper color. The granite steps will be installed in front of the Town Hall shortly.

Discuss Jeff Stinson's office hours

Stinson recently held office hours on a Saturday morning at the former Hamilton public library building. Twelve residents expressed their concerns to him especially about development in Hamilton. Stinson also visited the Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School today. Bowler will be the next Selectman to conduct office hours at old library.

Minutes Approval

Marc Johnson noted that the Board should continue to work with Town Manager Michael Lombardo to schedule a retreat with all Town boards to discuss goals for the Selectmen and issues for Hamilton.

Carey entertained a motion to approve regular and executive session minutes for March 29, April 5, 20, 26 and May 3, 10 and 17, 2010. Scuteri so moved. Bowler seconded the motion. VOTE: 3 in favor. Stinson and Johnson did not vote because these minutes were for meetings that occurred before they were elected to the Board of Selectmen.

Carey entertained a motion to approve regular session minutes for April 2, 12 and May 18, 2010. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: 3 in favor. Stinson and Johnson did not vote because these minutes were for meetings that occurred before they were elected to the Board of Selectmen.

Scuteri entertained a motion at 7:50 p.m. to adjourn. Bowler so moved. Johnson seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Dooley, Minutes Secretary

ATTEST: _____

Clerk