

Town of Dudley

Board of Selectmen

Highway Commissioners

Cemetery Commissioners

December 7, 2020 @ 6:30pm

Via Remote Participation

Approved 1/25/2021

Some matters have been taken out of agenda order but were typed up in agenda order for ease of locating information when necessary.

Chairman's Disclosure for Public Meetings:

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, this meeting of the Dudley Board of Selectmen will be conducted in total or in part via remote participation. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on the Town's website, at dudleyma.gov. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to watch the meeting may do so in the following manner: via Facebook Live and/or posted link at www.dudleyma.gov.

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance:

Kerry Cyganiewicz called the meeting to order via Zoom at 6:35pm. In remote attendance were John Marsi, Jason Johnson and Steven Sullivan. Also in attendance were Richard Carmignani, Treasurer/Collector, Jonathan Ruda, Town Administrator and Michelle Jervis, Administrative Secretary. Paul Joseph was absent.

Steven Sullivan offered a moment of silence for the remembrance of Pearl Harbor as well as the 11,000 deaths in the State due to COVID-19.

2. Consent Agenda:

John Marsi motioned to approve the Consent Agenda (approval of minutes of 11/23/2020; approve but not release executive session minutes of 11/23/2020) Steven Sullivan seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Kerry Cyganiewicz, Aye

Jason Johnson, Aye

Steven Sullivan, Aye

John Marsi, Aye

4. Public Hearing:

All Alcohol License – The Ice Cream Pharm, Inc. located at 185 West Main Street, Dudley, MA. Owner and Manager – Carmela M Manzano – The Public Hearing opened at 6:47pm. There were no abutters participating in this Hearing. Ms. Manzano stated that her business is an ice cream shop, not a bar. Her ice cream and sorbets are made at the store and since she can't infuse the ice cream due to state regulations they would like to pour it on top. John Marsi stated that she is going through the proper channels and it is a good way to branch out with her business. Kerry Cyganiewicz asked if they plan on utilizing the small area outside of the store. Ms. Manzano stated that it is part of the plan that will be submitted to the ABCC. The Public Hearing closed at 6:52pm.

John Marsi motioned to grant an All Alcohol License to The Ice Cream Pharm, Inc. with Carmela M. Manzano as Manager. Jason Johnson seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Kerry Cyganiewicz, Aye

Steven Sullivan, Aye

John Marsi, Aye

Jason Johnson, Aye

2. Town Administrator's Report:

Jonathan Ruda stated that in the absence of a Highway Superintendent as well as the Foreman last week our heavy equipment operator stepped up and did a great job. The snowstorm that took place on the weekend was handled quickly and efficiently and there were no problems. All thanked M.J. Gatzke for a job well done.

He also wanted to thank Santa, the Grinch, and the Dudley Fire Department for driving Santa and his sidekick around town last Friday night. It was great to see all the children enjoying it.

3. Board Member Comments/Department Head Comments:

Steven Sullivan thanked the town hall employees, the fire department and police department on driving Santa around town on the fire truck on 12/4/20. Chief Wojnar thanked the town for it as well along with Chief Kochanowski. Chief Wojnar informed the Board that they received a grant in the amount of \$12,000 for public safety. He thanked Officer Phil Megas for writing the grant. George Patrinos, Water/Sewer Superintendent, informed the Board about the water main break last Thursday that affected the Fairview Ave. area of town. It was repaired and he did not receive many complaints. Jeff Murray, Highway Superintendent, stated his first week on the job was a busy one. He met with his staff and sat with Vinny on the payroll and the fuel readings.

4. Adjournment and Executive Session:

John Marsi motioned to adjourn at 7:10pm and to convene into Executive Session under MGL Chapter 30A, Sec. 21(a)(3) – To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. Steven Sullivan seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Kerry Cyganiewicz, Aye

Jason Johnson, Aye

Steven Sullivan, Aye

John Marsi, Aye

Respectfully Submitted:
Michelle Jervis
Administrative Secretary