

Meeting Minutes of the Hanover Select Board Special Meeting held in a Hybrid Format with both in person attendees in the First Floor Hearing Room of Hanover Town Hall as well as remote attendees via Zoom videoconference, on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 @ 7:00pm.

Call meeting to order and Pledge of Allegiance

At 7:00pm the Chair called the meeting to order.

Present at Town Hall were Chair Vanessa O'Connor, Vice Chair Rhonda Nyman, Selectman David Delaney, Selectman John Tuzik and Selectman Steve Louko.

Also present at Town Hall were Town Manager Joe Colangelo (TM), and Director of Public Affairs, Licensing and Insurances Janet Tierney (DPA).

All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments

The Chair requested any public comments, reminding those present that there is a limit of 3 minutes per person for public comments, seeing none.

Meeting Minutes

The Chair requested any questions or comments on the Meeting Minutes listed for approval this evening, seeing none. The Board voted to approve the Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2023, July 24, 2023, and August 21, 2023.

The Chair requested any questions or comments on the Executive Session Minutes of January 30, 2023 and July 24, 2023, seeing none. The Board voted to approve the Executive Session Minutes of January 30, 2023 and July 24, 2023.

Licensing and Permitting – Public Hearing

Public Hearing on the Application from XG Hanover LLC, dba XGolf Hanover, located at 1207 Washington Street, Suite 30, Hanover, MA 02339, for a Section 12 On-Premise Restaurant All Alcoholic Beverage's License with proposed Manager of Record Bryan McClellan.

The Chair opened the Public Hearing and read the public hearing notice into the record.

Bryan McClellan and Atin Bhadouria of XGolf Hanover appeared before the Board, discussed their Liquor License Application and presented XGolf Hanover Presentation, attached, to the Board. DPA confirmed for the Board that all the necessary paperwork for the application has been received and the application had received interdepartmental approvals. The Chair requested any questions or comments. Mr. Bhaduoria confirmed for the Board that XGolf will be family friendly and that the facility can be rented out for Private, Corporate and or Fundraising Events and that they also host leagues.

The Chair requested any questions or comments on the application.

Seeing no further questions, the Board voted to approve the application from XG Hanover LLC, dba XGolf Hanover, located at 1207 Washington Street, Suite 30, Hanover, MA 02339, for a Section 12 On-Premise Restaurant All Alcoholic Beverage's License with proposed Manager of Record Bryan McClellan.

Licensing

General License Application from XG Hanover LLC, dba XGolf Hanover, located at 1207 Washington Street, Suite 30, Hanover, MA 02339

DPA presented the application to the Board noting that similar to, for example, axe throwing lanes, batting cages and rock-climbing walls, the golf simulators will fall under a General License, and that the application has received all necessary approvals. The Chair requested any questions or comments on the General License Application, seeing none. The Board voted to approve the General License Application from XG Hanover LLC, dba XGolf Hanover, located at 1207 Washington Street, Suite 30, Hanover, MA 02339.

Entertainment License Application from XG Hanover LLC, dba XGolf Hanover, located at 1207 Washington Street, Suite 30, Hanover, MA 02339

DPA presented the Entertainment License, and the following Sunday Entertainment License application, from XGolf Hanover to the Board. The Chair requested any questions or comments, seeing none.

The Board voted to approve the Entertainment License Application from XG Hanover LLC, dba XGolf Hanover, located at 1207 Washington Street, Suite 30, Hanover, MA 02339

Sunday Entertainment License Application from XG Hanover LLC, dba XGolf Hanover, located at 1207 Washington Street, Suite 30, Hanover, MA 02339

The Chair requested any questions or comments on the Sunday Entertainment License Application from XGolf Hanover, seeing none. The Board voted to approve the Sunday Entertainment License Application from XG Hanover LLC, dba XGolf Hanover, located at 1207 Washington Street, Suite 30, Hanover, MA 02339.

Entertainment License Application from Sage & Salt LLC, dba Sage & Salt, located at 1202 Washington Street, Hanover, MA 02339

Andrea Schnell Co-Owner of Sage & Salt appeared before the Board. DPA presented the Entertainment License Application, and the following Sunday Entertainment License application, from Sage & Salt to the Board. The Chair asked for any questions or comments. Selectman Delaney inquired about the type of musical entertainment Sage & Salt will be offering.

Ms. Schnell informed the Board that it will be light acoustic music, possibly a Sinatra Brunch. The Chair inquired about the opening date. Ms. Schnell estimated that Sage & Salt will be opening in the Spring.

Hearing no other questions, the Board voted to approve the Entertainment License Application from Sage & Salt LLC, dba Sage & Salt, located at 1202 Washington Street, Hanover, MA 02339.

Sunday Entertainment License Application from Sage & Salt LLC, dba Sage & Salt, located at 1202 Washington Street, Hanover, MA 02339

Ms. Schnell informed the Board that this application is for the occasional Sunday Brunches. DPA confirmed that this application is the same as the Entertainment License Application with the only difference being that this is for Sundays.

The Chair asked for any questions or comments, seeing none. The Board voted to approve the Sunday Entertainment License Application from Sage & Salt LLC, dba Sage & Salt, located at 1202 Washington Street, Hanover, MA 02339.

Public Hearing – Licensing and Permitting

Public Hearing (7:20pm) on the [National Grid and Verizon Cross Street Utility Pole Petition](#)

The Chair opened the Public Hearing and read the Hearing Notice into the record.

DPA presented the National Grid and Verizon Cross Street Utility Pole Petition to the Board. Director of Public Works Victor Diniak appeared before the Board and provided his recommendations to the Board on the petition, noting that the proposed location is o.k. but he would recommend that the pole be moved further away from the abutters driveway to improve the abutters site line when exiting the driveway, and inquired if it would be possible to move the pole 100 feet or so away from the driveway. Mr. Aron Bourque of National Grid appeared before the Board via Zoom to speak on the application. Mr. Bourque informed all that unfortunately it would not be possible to move the pole 100 feet away from the proposed location. Mr. Bourque informed all that he has spoken with the direct Abutter and agreed to put the anchor pole outside of the Abutter's property. The Chair requested any questions or comments from the Board. The Board discussed the petition with the DPW Director and Mr. Bourque and expressed an interest in the pole being positioned further away from the abutter's driveway. Mr. Bourque noted that the current proposed location is about 30 feet from the driveway of the abutter, however moving it an additional 10 feet or so away would not pose a problem for National Grid. The Chair confirmed with DPA that the Abutters had been notified of this hearing having been directly mailed a copy of this evening's Hearing Notice. Chair requested any further questions or comments, seeing none. The Board voted to approve the National Grid and Verizon Cross Street Utility Pole Petition subject to moving the proposed location of the pole approximately 10 feet Southeast to facilitate a better site line for the abutters when exiting their driveway.

Presentation

The Chair noted that the Board has requested that the various the Department Heads attend Select Board Meetings throughout the year in order to provide a better understanding of the services and value their Departments provide for the Town. The Chair introduced Fire Chief Cavallaro to provide the Fire Department's overview this evening. Fire Chief Cavallaro appeared before the Board and presented the [Overview of Services Provided by the Hanover Fire Department](#) and provided all with a copy of the [Fire Department Strategic Plan](#). The Board discussed the presentation with Chief Cavallaro and thanked the Chief for coming.

Budgeting and Finance

Finance Director Chelsea Stevens (FD) appeared before the Board and introduced Scott McIntire of Marcum LLC, formerly known as Melanson, who joined the meeting via Zoom and presented the [Fiscal Year 2022 Audit](#) and [Governance Letter](#) presentation to the Board. FD informed all that the audit went very well with no management findings again this year.. The Board thanked Mr. McIntire and FD.

Town Manager's Initial FY2025 Capital Budget + 5 Year Capital Plan Presentation to the Select Board

TM informed the Board that the First Draft Capital Budget + 5 Year Plan will be posted online tomorrow and TM and FD will provide more details on it to the Board at the next meeting.

Policy

Consider Adopting [Select Board Public Comment Policy](#)

TM informed the Board that Town Counsel had reviewed the policy drafted by Student Intern Sean Dever. The Chair informed all that the intent of the policy is not to limit freedom of speech but to facilitate the purpose of the Public Comment Section of Select Board Meetings and bring it in line with the newer guidelines coming out of the recent SJC case. The Chair requested any questions or comments. Resident Mike Cianciola appeared before the Board and asked if the policy would apply to topics both on and off the Agenda. The Chair informed all that the policy only relates to topics that are not listed on the Agenda and are brought up during the Public Comment portion of a meeting. Seeing no further questions, the Board voted to adopt the Public Comment Policy as it was presented this evening. DPA agreed to have a copy of the statement from this policy readily available for the Chair at the next meeting.

Discussion

Discuss [Proposed Change to Hanover General Bylaws: 6-10 Animal Control Bylaw.](#)

The Board discussed the change to the Animal control Bylaw proposed by Town Counsel with TM. The Board voted to put the proposed change to Hanover General Bylaws - 6-10 Animal Control Bylaw presented this evening on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant at the 2024 Annual Town Meeting.

Town Manager Report

TM informed all that the Middle School Waterline and the Turf Projects are going well. The vestibule project is moving forward. The Rail Trail project is coming along and the signage turned out nicely. TM informed all that the student interns did a really nice job on the Hanover Welcome Packet, which is online, and has a lot of useful information for anyone moving to Town.

Select Board Forum

The Chair mentioned that she had seen firsthand that the security of the new school vestibule is working perfectly. The Chair also mentioned that now that the Budgeting and Capital Planning season has kicked off, the Select Board will regroup on the Basketball Tournament in the Spring. Selectman Delaney agreed that that is a good idea to regroup on the Basketball Tournament in the Spring and noted that he has been taking photos of local courts inside and outside of Town. Selectman Louko commented that the new sign in front of the Library looks very nice and spruces up the center of Town.

Executive Session

At 8:59pm, in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, §21(a)3, the Chair requested a Roll Call Vote to enter into Executive Session to discuss Strategy with respect to Collective Bargaining Agreement Negotiations with the Fire Fighter's Union, as a discussion of this topic in Open Session could have a detrimental effect on the Bargaining Position of the Public Body. The Chair announced that the Board will not be returning to Open Session,

Roll Call Vote: Selectman Louko, aye, Selectman Delaney, aye, Chair O'Connor, aye, Vice Chair Nyman, aye, Selectman Tuzik, aye.

Adjourn

The meeting ended and adjourned at 9:40pm.