

Select Board  
December 15, 2022  
Via Zoom Remote Conferencing

Stanley Wysocki  
Robert Czekanski  
Not Present: Emily Winner

Don Lowe, Town Administrator  
Jenny Jacobsen, Town Secretary

Mr. Wysocki called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was recorded.

#### HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Chair of the Historical Commission, Bob Busch appeared before the Board with a response to the discussion held on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Mr. Wysocki invited Mr. Czekanski to open the discussion. Mr. Czekanski apologized to Mr. Busch and the entire commission for his conduct at the previous meeting and recognized that there would have been the opportunity for a better discussion had he brought up his concerns to the commission in advance of the meeting.

Mr. Busch acknowledged Mr. Czekanski's call prior to the meeting but requested to read a prepared seven-minute statement. The statement encouraged people to view the meeting of December 1<sup>st</sup> minutes 40 to 93 for context. Mr. Busch acknowledged potential valid concerns that could have been addressed in a professional manner months ago had they been brought to the commission. Mr. Busch questioned the two actions of the Board to undo Bolton's hard-won national register historic districts with no regard to past precedent, impact or due process. Mr. Busch went on to explain that the December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting provided no direction and that the commission plans no action in response to the meeting.

Mr. Busch explained that he read the statement to set the record straight, to address areas of concern for which there was no apology, to provide a template for better direction in the future and raise awareness of a need to improve the Town's workplace culture. Mr. Busch acknowledged that Mr. Czekanski's apology was a very good first step.

Mr. Wysocki suggested the Mr. Busch and Mr. Lowe set up a time to have a productive discussion regarding the concerns raised by Mr. Czekanski and then report back to the Board. Mr. Wysocki did open the topic for public comment. Mr. Busch had some technical difficulty and lost connection to the meeting. Mr. Lowe offered to reach out to Mr. Busch to set up a meeting. Mr. Busch returned to the meeting.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (EDC)

Erik Neyland, Chair of the Economic Development Committee and Town Planner Todd Miller appeared before the Board to provide an update on the work of the Economic Development Committee. Mr. Neyland shared a slide presentation that highlighted the EDC's mission and projects to promote business in town including use of social media, tri-fold brochure, and Welcome to Bolton sign. Mr. Neyland reported on the events hosted by the EDC including Backyard Bolton and Business Meet and Greets. The Committee interested in conducting any research or review on Economic Development direction in Town that the Select Board might request in the future.

Town Planner Todd Miller added that there are several classes through local chambers of commerce that he would like to see local home occupation businesses have access to knit together the business community.

Mr. Lowe thanked the EDC members for their commitment to the work.

Mr. Wysocki asked if the EDC has considered a different format for Backyard Bolton to hold it more often rather than just three times a year. Mr. Neyland reported that the EDC has considered spreading the three days over the summer rather than having a singular weekend. It is a lot of work to put it together and produce growers prefer to be closer to Bolton where they can get more for their product.

#### CONSERVATION RESTRICTION

Mark N. Groudas & Maureen K. Groudas appeared before the board to request a signature of the Select Board on the conservation restriction for a 15.04-acre (Map 7.C Parcel 2.1) vacant parcel of land located southerly of 116 Bare Hill Road. Mr. and Mrs. Groudas purchased the 15 acres to prevent a housing development from going in next door to them. This conservation restriction will help to maintain the beauty of the property as well as a tax benefit to the property owners. The Board had no issues.

**On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Wysocki the Board voted unanimously 2-0 to approve the conservation restriction as described. (Czekanski-yes, Wysocki-yes)**

#### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Derby Field- Mr. Lowe gave a broad-brush overview of the proposed plans. The field would be leveled and regraded with irrigation. It would be a grass field as the cost of turf was cost prohibitive. The plans include lighting, fencing and a gravel track which would bring the cost up to \$400K or \$500K. Mr. Lowe is confident that the project could be mostly if not completely covered with grant money which is being heavily pursued. School safety is a concern. We would be looking for restricted access 180 days of the year during school hours. There are 3 grants that the Derby field team, including Rebecca Bucciaglia, Lisa Shepple, Randy Heglin and Rob Frieswick, have been pursuing. One of the grants focuses on full access to the public which could be problematic. The granting authority will be reviewing a statement of interest to see if the project meets the grant criteria. Mr. Lowe will have a plan ready for the Board in January.

58 Main Street- The host community agreement for 58 Main Street expired. Ben James is still wrapping up aspects of his business plan. He would still like to do business in Bolton, but he is still trying to identify a place for the retail aspect of his business which would be outside of Bolton.

#### SELECT BOARD BUSINESS

Public Service Announcements-There were none.

Licenses-The Board reviewed the license renewals for 2023:

##### Common Victualer Licenses

The International Beverage Company	159 Ballville Road
Bolton Spring Farm	159 Main Street
Great Brook Farms	356 Main Street
Bolton Bean	626 Main Street
Dunkin Donuts	476 Main Street
Subway	476 Main Street
Giu Inc. DBA Classic Pizza III	1076 Main Street
Davis Farm DBA Bolton Orchards	125 Still River Road
Colonial Candies	47 Sugar Road
Nashoba Valley Spirits Ltd	92 Wattaquaddock Hill Road
Baba & the Legacy Kitchen	544 Wattaquaddock Hill Road

##### Class II Licence

Castro Auto Repair	496 South Bolton/333 Central St Hudson
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##### Alcoholic Beverages Licenses

*The International Beverage Service Company LLC 159 Ballville Road	Restaurant License- All Alcoholic Beverages
Daigneaults Liquor Inc. 25 Forbush Mill Road	Package Store-All Alcoholic Beverages
Great Brook Farms Inc. 356 Main Street	Restaurant License- All Alcoholic Beverages
Bolton Country Cupboard Inc. 476 Main Street	Package Store-All Alcoholic Beverages
Bolton Bean Inc. 626 Main Street	Restaurant License- Wines and Malt
Nashoba Valley Spirits Ltd 92-100 Wattaquaddock Hill Road	Farmer Series Pouring Permit-19H for Distilled Spirits, Wines and Malts
Baba & The Legacy Kitchen 544 Wattaquaddock Hill Road	Restaurant License- All Alcoholic Beverages

\*conditional upon completion of the Fire Department Inspection

**On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Wysocki the Board voted by roll call vote 2-0 to approve the liquor license renewals, the common victualer license renewals and the class 2 license renewal contingent upon completion of the final inspection in the case of the International Beverage Company. (Czekanski-yes, Wysocki-yes)**

Future Agenda Items-Mr. Wysocki reiterated the future agenda item discussed earlier in the meeting to have the Chair of the Historical Commission meet with the Town Administrator who will report back to the Board. Mr. Wysocki proposed an agenda item in January in which the Board could discuss what the expectations of the Board are for the School Committee relative to the scrubbing of the FY24 budget. Mr. Czekanski did not have any additional items.

#### Bills and Payroll Warrants-

**On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Wysocki, the Board by roll call vote to approve the bills/payroll warrants W23-11 and W23-11A. (Czekanski-yes, Wysocki-yes)**

#### Minutes-

**On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Wysocki, the Board by roll call vote to approve the regular session minutes of November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022. (Czekanski-yes, Wysocki-yes)**

#### Executive Session-

**On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Wysocki the Board voted by roll call vote 2-0 to enter executive session pursuant to MGL c. 30A, §21(a)3 to discuss strategy with respect to impact bargaining with The Police Union, Local 286 IUPA-AFLCIO if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the Select Board at 7:49pm. (Czekanski-yes, Wysocki-yes)**

The Chair announced that the Board would return to open session for the purpose of adjournment only.

The Board returned from executive session at 7:54pm.

Approved on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Wysocki the Board voted by roll call vote 2-0 to adjourn at 7:54pm. (Czekanski-yes, Wysocki-yes)**

*All attendees participated remotely via Zoom Remote Conferencing pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A Section 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place.*