

**SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, MAY 23, 2022**  
**APPROVED**

**SB Members Present:** Rebecca H. Pine, Chair (via Zoom); Alison S. Manugian, Vice Chair; Peter S. Cunningham, Clerk; Joshua A. Degen, Member; John F. Reilly, Member

**Also Present:** Mark W. Haddad, Town Manager; Dawn Dunbar, Executive Assistant to the Town Manager

Ms. Manugian called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and reviewed the agenda.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Haddad said that tomorrow, May 24<sup>th</sup> was election day with polls open from 7am-8pm with polling locations at the Center and GD Middle School.

Mr. Haddad said that the Groton Destination Committee was holding forums to receive input on their plans. He said that the second forum was being held on June 12<sup>th</sup> at the Center from 2-4pm.

Mr. Haddad said that the Memorial Day parade would take place on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00am with kickoff at Legion Hall. Mr. Black asked the Board to consider participating in the parade and thanked them.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

1. Mr. Haddad said that the deadline for RFP proposals on the Broadmeadow Engineering yielded 3 proposals from CEI, Nitsch Engineering and Environmental Partners. He said that the \$100K set aside from ARPA funds was not going to be enough adding he set up a small team to review the proposals. Mr. Haddad asked if they wanted a representative from the Board to also review them. Mr. Degen said he would like to be that person should he be reelected tomorrow. Mr. Degen would be the representative regardless of the election tomorrow.
2. Mr. Haddad reviewed the Board's meeting schedule for the next few weeks.

**SELECT BOARD ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

1. Mr. Haddad said that the Sustainability Commission has requested that Andrew Scott be appointed to the Commission. Mr. Haddad respectfully requested that the Board consider making this appointment.

*Mr. Cunningham made the motion through June 30, 2022. Mr. Degen seconded the motion. Roll Call: all ayes*

2. Mr. Haddad said that the Board asked how the sale of beer and wine would be regulated and what the Park Commission had granted for the River Styx Brewing / Rollstone Concert Series.

Ms. Jackie Cullen of River Styx Brewing said that she would bring cans and could have a section of some sort where sale and consumption would be allowed. She said that there would be one entrance and exit to contain the alcohol and be able to card people. Ms. Manugian asked if there was a limit on how much one could purchase. Ms. Cullen said that they would shut people off like they would if they appeared intoxicated. She said that they would only allow them to purchase 1 beverage per person to consume. Mr. Degen said if there was a section in the middle where one section was non-alcoholic, that might make it more family friendly around the bandstand. Ms. Cullen said that their brewery was family friendly adding at events they had done before in Fitchburg, that was what they had done. Ms. Pine said she was curious about the whole origin of these band concerts. Ms. Cullen said she was approached by Rollstone Bank. Mr. Reilly asked if River Styx Brewing has done this before. Ms. Cullen said they had in Fitchburg and Leominster before. Ms. Manugian said her concern was the field use permit of the Park Department and their local bylaw said no alcohol was allowed. Mr. Cunningham said that he thought they were covered here.

*Mr. Degen offered a motion to grant a one day beer and wine license for Thursday, June 16, 2022 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (Rain Date: Thursday, June 23rd) Thursday, July 21, 2022 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (Rain Date: Thursday, July 28th) Thursday, Aug 18, 2022 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (Rain Date: Thursday, August 25th) Thursday, Sept 15, 2022 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (Rain Date: Thursday, September 22nd) subject to review by Town Counsel for applicability and submission of a revised layout. Mr. Reilly seconded the motion. Roll Call: Reilly-aye; Degen-aye; Cunningham-aye; Manugian-aye; Pine-aye*

3. Mr. Haddad said that at last week's meeting, the Friends of Prescott requested permission to change the sign on the front facade of Prescott School to read "Prescott Community Center". He said that the Board delayed making a decision on this request until such time as they received feedback from the Historic Districts Commission (HDC). He said that the Friends of Prescott met with the HDC last week and the HDC gave preliminary approval to change the sign, subject to submitting a formal application for the change. Mr. Haddad respectfully requested that the Board consider approving the name change.

*Mr. Degen moved that the Select Board grant permission for the building name to be changed from Prescott School to Prescott Community Center subject to a formal application and HDC approval. Ms. Pine seconded the motion.*

Mr. Cunningham said he was going to vote against this adding he didn't see any issue with leaving it further adding people knew that it was the Prescott School and that the Community Center was also well known. Mr. Reilly said he had a little issue with it as the landowner was not making the request but the tenant. Ms. Pine said that the tenant was advertising who they were adding that was common practice. Ms. Pine gave examples of other properties around town where the tenant was not the owner of a particular property but the signage represented the tenant's business. She said she saw no issue changing the name of the building. Ms. Pine asked if anyone had registered a comment about this. Mr. Haddad said he received one call in opposition of this proposed change. Mr. Degen said that the Board had no input into the restaurant at the Country Club when they named the restaurant and put signage out by the street. He said that the legacy of the Prescott School was still there. Ms. Manugian said that the signs at the Country Club were out by the road and not on the building which was different. Mr. Cunningham said that the Tarbell School was still named the Tarbell School even though there was housing there. He said that the Community Center had a beautiful sign out front that told people what they were and did there and didn't see it as confusing.

Mr. Steve Lane said that the Friends of Prescott voted to drop the word school from their name and call it Prescott Community Center. He said people were afraid of change but wanted to change it to what it was. Mr. Cunningham said that the Friends had done a great job identifying themselves but didn't think the building name was going to confuse people.

*Roll Call: Reilly-nay; Degen-aye; Pine-aye; Cunningham-nay; Manugian-nay – The motion failed 3-2.*

*Mr. Degen moved to authorize the name of the building to be Prescott School Community Center. There was no second.*

4. Mr. Haddad said that they had a bond rating call last week to go over the Town's finances. He said that the bond rating agent was happy with the meeting and felt confident their bond rating would remain a AAA bond rating.

### **ON-GOING ISSUES**

B: Mr. Haddad said that DEP was coming out on Thursday night, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm at the MS South Library to discuss PFAS in joint session with GDRSC and Dunstable Board of Selectmen. He said that they would be there to discuss causes, solutions and answer any questions.

D: Mr. Haddad said that June 1<sup>st</sup> at 4pm was the groundbreaking for the Florence Roche Elementary School.

**MINUTES**

*Mr. Cunningham moved to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting on May 16, 2022. Mr. Degen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Peter S. Cunningham, Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_ respectfully *submitted*: Dawn Dunbar,  
Executive Assistant to the Town Manager

Date Approved: 6/6/2022