

**Meeting of the Waterbury Select Board
February 1st, 2021
28 North Main Street**

Present: M. Frier, M. Bard, K. Martin, and N. Fish, Select Board; S. Lotspeich, Community Planner. The meeting was held via videoconference.

Public: Lisa Scagliotti and Emmett Gartner, Waterbury Roundabout; ORCA Media; Tom Scribner; Jason Wulff; Dani Kehlmann; Dana Allen.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

APPROVE AGENDA

K. Martin made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Board Item b) to discuss education and training for Select Board on inclusion, equity and racial bias. The motion was seconded by N. Fish and passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

M. Bard made a motion to approve the consent agenda items including the minutes of the January 25th meeting, and liquor licenses for Kinney Drugs and Woodstock Farmers Market. The motion was seconded by K. Martin and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC

M. Bard made a statement that he apologized for speaking at the last Select Board meeting on January 25th and used the term "lynch mob". He said that this was an inappropriate term to use and he intended it to mean "piling on". He said that he regrets that he used the term, especially since he brought forward the inclusion statement to be added to the Town website. He will follow up with a formal written apology in the local paper.

Tom Scribner asked if the Select Board has heard anything from Frank Spaulding, the Chair of the Town Recreation Committee, regarding the disc golf course / multi-use area at Hope Davey Park. M. Frier said that he has not heard an update yet and other select Board members agreed that they have not heard anything yet. Tom Scribner requested that this item be put on the agenda for a future Select Board meeting and the Board members agreed to schedule the item. Tom said that this is the slowest use period for the disc golf course and we have an opportunity to get it right, now. He said that this needs to have a public and inclusive process.

There was no additional public comment.

SELECT BOARD ITEMS

Discuss Process of Adopting Interim Zoning Bylaws and Consider Calling a Public Hearing

S. Lotspeich introduced the Draft Interim Bylaws for the Downtown Zoning District dated February 1, 2021, that were transmitted previously to the Select Board. M. Frier asked S. Lotspeich to describe the extent of the proposed Downtown zoning district that is the subject and focus of the proposed draft interim zoning bylaws. S. Lotspeich shared the draft zoning map that is part of the draft interim bylaws and showed the Board members and the others in attendance, the extent of the expanded Downtown zoning district.

The process for review of the draft interim bylaws was discussed. S. Lotspeich described how interim bylaws in general are enabled under state statute. The Select Board must hold a public hearing on the draft bylaws and warn it in the newspaper of record at least 15-days prior to the hearing date. After the Board takes public testimony and comment on the draft bylaws, they can make substantive changes without holding an additional public hearing on the changes, before adopting the bylaws.

The bylaws are then effective immediately upon adoption. The Board discussed holding the public hearing on February 22nd since the following Monday, March 1st is the day before Town Meeting that will be done by Australian ballot this year.

M. Bard made a motion to hold a public hearing on February 22, 2021 at 7:15pm via videoconference, on the Draft Interim Bylaws for the Downtown Zoning District dated February 1, 2021. K. Martin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Education and Training for Select Board on Inclusion, Equity and Racial Bias

Training on implicit bias was discussed. M. Frier has heard from the staff of the state Human Rights Council regarding conducting the training for the Board. The cost of the training would be minimal. The training could be done outside of a regular Select Board meeting. The previous discussion held by the Board was to have the training done for the current Board then a subsequent training would be done again in the summer, 2021 for the Board, including any newly elected members. The Board members agreed to send M. Frier their available dates and times either during the day or evening when they would be available to attend a training session. M. Frier will discuss including staff in the training sessions, especially Department heads, with B. Shepeluk.

There being no further Select Board business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Lotspeich, Community Planner

Approved on: February 22, 2021