



## Town of Reading Meeting Minutes

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### Board - Committee - Commission - Council:

#### Select Board

Date: 2023-10-10

Time: 7:00 PM

Building: Reading Town Hall

Location: Select Board Meeting Room

Address: 16 Lowell Street

Session: Open Session

Purpose: General Business

Version: Final

#### Attendees: **Members - Present:**

Jackie McCarthy, Mark Dockser, Carlo Bacci, Chris Haley, Karen Herrick

#### **Members - Not Present:**

#### **Others Present:**

Town Manager Fidel Maltez, Executive Assistant Caitlin Nocella, Dave Talbot, Angela Binda, Chris Larsen

**Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:** Executive Assistant Caitlin Nocella

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### Topics of Discussion:

*This meeting was held in person and remote via Zoom.*

Chair McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

#### Public Comment

Dave Talbot noted McDonalds is currently before the planning boards for a remodel and he doesn't think the design is right for Reading. He would like the Select Board to step in if they can.

Angela Binda expressed her wishes for the board to vote for a 1.35 tax shift at their next meeting.

#### Liaison Reports

Bacci noted SWEC couldn't meet last week due to quorum issues, but they have rescheduled to next week. He also noted a new restaurant will be going into where the Common District Meeting House was supposed to be.

Haley noted the new resident open house was a great success. The Charter Review committee will meet next Monday.

Herrick noted she attended the RMLD meeting where they discussed green power. She attended a MMA conference for women elected municipal officers.

Dockser noted Council on Aging met last week. He noted they made a video of the issues at the Pleasant Street center. They have reported an odor from the heating system. They also discussed programming for the younger senior citizens.

McCarthy noted the cultural council met last week and noted the grant applications are open. The cultural council needs volunteers. The Select Board voted to issue a RFQ for a Town Manager Search committee.

#### Town Manager Report

Maltez noted they are doing a chimney inspection and air quality test at the Pleasant Street center due to concerns about a smell when the heat is on.

#### Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza – Change of Manager

Herrick read the hearing notice and noted this hearing was continued from their last meeting. The proposed manager Chris Larsen was in attendance and introduced himself to the board. Dockser noted this board takes liquor compliance very seriously and he hopes Anthony's continues to as well.

**Herrick moved to close the hearing regarding the change of manager application. The motion was seconded by Dockser and approved with a 5-0 vote.**

**Herrick moved to approve the change of manager application for an annual all alcohol restaurant license d/b/a Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza at 48 Walkers Brook Drive. The motion was seconded by Dockser and approved with a 5-0 vote.**

#### Select Board Designee to Designer Selection Panel

Maltez explained the group that will make up the Designer Selection Panel for the Senior Center feasibility study.

Dockser indicated his wishes to be on the panel as someone who has been advocating for the Senior center and sits on the ReCALC as well.

**Herrick nominated Dockser to be the Select Board Designee on the Designer Selection Committee for the feasibility study for a new senior center. The motion was seconded by McCarthy and approved with a 5-0 vote.**

#### Future Agendas

The board discussed future agenda items.

#### Minutes

The board discussed the meeting minutes from the previous meeting.

**Herrick moved to approve the meeting minutes from September 26<sup>th</sup> as written. The motion was seconded by Dockser and approved with a 5-0 vote**

**Docker moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 PM. The motion was seconded by Herrick and approved with a 5-0 vote.**