



WINTHROP
MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN OF WINTHROP BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING

VIRTUAL MEETING DATE: Monday February 8th, 2021

Start Time: 7:05pm

Adjournment Time: 8:43pm

PRESENT:

Denise Q.
Marc C.
Mark S.
Ron V
Rich A.
Stephen Rogers
B. Shane
Alicia Cooney

NEW BUSINESS

Marc C.: Speaking about Casey Goll's email regarding

"We can't reimburse the fees we didn't dictate the shutdown" Austin F.

Rich mentioned the Town of Peabody waiving the fees

Ron seconds the motion

Nick B thirds the motion

Seeking a quarter of the abatement

Ron pointed out the limitations of the board, per Ron

Hacked at 7:15pm

Resumed at 7:20pm

Betsy:

Casey,

La Siesta got fees waived in Peabody

Betsy was told Revere is waiving fees

Governor States were back up to 40% as of today per Betsy.

Not a lot of money. This has been going on for 12-13 months

Hacked again at 7:22pm

Resuming at 7:32pm

Winthrop Dollars, more Sold than ever before. Per Betsy

Need to look to help not only this year but next year as well.

State Grant money is being discussed

Mass growth capital and SBA every 2 weeks.

New PPP money. Some businesses have recovered some or both

Austin went after money for Sofa Signs Metal Solar - Explore Winthrop Signs through DOT

Winthrop Foundation/Massport Money - \$500,000.00 - Betsy

Charter was made before the Pandemic — Nick B.

Ron V.: The Winthrop Foundation money is up to the towns discretion

Small business is so important to the town

Wants to make a motion that the town will reimburse the fees.

Town Manager holds the funds - Ron

Nick B: Not sure if there's anything I can do. Town Money may be spent already.

We need to do more and perhaps apply some pressure

Policy making board under the charter

We can make a recommendation

Filing fees should be waived for 2021

We needed more grant money from the corner office

If these businesses go out of business this year there won't be fees to collect next year.

- Marc C.

Marc C. agrees with Nick B.

Rich A. : The town can go in debt, the restaurants can't

Ron V: We should send a letter requesting a town rebate in place.

Casey sent an email and 8 additional restaurants showed support of this

Nick Makes a motion based off Ron's comments suggest to the WTC BOL would like to support and recommend relief for town business

Motion Seconded by Rich A.

Marc makes alternate motion. Town council to offer some relief to license holders to account for the period for restricting seating phase.

Ron seconds the alternate motion

Nick proposes a joint meeting between the WTC and the BOL.

Marc asked for a few paragraphs by each member and he will submit a final version to the WTC

Motion Passes

Common Vics Renewals

Family Pastry (Twin Bakery)

Jac's Cafe

Kate's Kitchen

Ron V. Makes a motion
Second by Chair, Marc C.

Motion Passes

Used Cars

Bolster's Service

Jim's Auto Sales

Furlong Auto Sales

Nick Makes a motion
Ron Seconds its

Staggering Term Dates

remaining board expires in June of this Year (3 Members)

Mark Sciaraffa's term expires in 2023 (2 in 2023)

No more than 2 in any given year (60%)

It should be either 2 or 1 expiring each year

The charter wouldn't want no one to be on the board.

WTC appoints you or the town council

Must be approved by the TCP. He sets it, we make a recommendation

Ron said it must be verified by the town council president

Clerk of the town council can rectify the meetings and verify meeting minutes

2018, adopted in, committee appoints on Page 4

Committee vacancies are posted in town hall and on the website.

Committees can't appoint new members.

We are limited to a degree

Recommendation:

Make it so there' aren't 3 vacancies come this June

T.C. bylaws, were concerned about 3 terms expiring at the same time. - Ron V.

Rich A:

Nick makes a motion to make a suggestion of Rich's motion

Rich - 2021

Marc - 2022 she moves a year.

Ron - Mark 2023

Rich: the board is considering a motion to Re-Stagger the expiration dates to comply with the By-Laws

Staggering would result in No change for Nick in Rich

Marc would move to 2022

Mark and Ron would move stay in 2023

Chair Abstains from voting

Motion passes

Marc met with Peter Christopher

It falls short of municipal land

We'll continue to be under executive order. It will allow to continue outdoor seating

We need a process for these restaurants to go to

There needs to be a plan and process where restaurants can go to fire/police etc

We worked with Meredith Hurley and Al Legee and Captain Wiley to work with the process

Betsy: As soon as outdoor seating can return, restaurants want it to happen

March meeting: Rich, get it on the docket for the next meeting

Approval process, what that process will be, let's speak in March and if a second one is needed that's fine.

Public Comment - None 8:42pm

Motion to adjourn 8:43pm

Motion by Marc C.

Second by Mark S.

Motion passes

PREVIOUS MONTHS MINUTES

October 5th, 2020 - minutes accepted and approved unanimously by board.

June 18, 2020 – minutes accepted and approved unanimously by board.

June 8, 2020 – minutes accepted and approved unanimously by board.

May 18, 2020 – minutes accepted and approved unanimously by board.

July 13, 2020 – minutes accepted and approved unanimously by board.

June 1, 2020 – minutes accepted and approved unanimously by board.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nick Bracy: Staggering of Seats for this board

3 members expire in June of 2021

Nick, Marc, Rich

If possible, nearly half change over rather than 60%

Denise is starting to stagger through them in addition to other committees

She will pull applications.

Old Business: Staggering Issue

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public Comment: No one raised their hand : No Public Comment as of 7:08pm, or 7:35pm

Ended at 8:43pm