January 26, 2016

Present was James Lehan, Jeffrey Palumbo, Scott Bugbee, and Marian Harrington, Executive Assistant. Jack Hathaway, Town Administrator was not in attendance.

The meeting was held in Room 124, Town Hall. Jim Lehan opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Jim announced that the meeting was video and audio taped. Scott read the agenda contents.

MASSACHUSETTS BAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Yves Salomon-Fernandez, Massachusetts Bay Community College Interim President was present. Jim introduced Yves to the Board, and the community. Jim stated that he has become involved with Mass Bay and suggested she come and speak. Yves thanked the Board for having her here this evening.

Ms. Salomon-Fernandez had a power point presentation that she explained to the Board. She said that they are a leader among its peers. She stated you can get a degree for about $40,000, and they have merged with Framingham State and you can get a degree for about $28,000 in certain fields.

Yves said that 90% of community graduates remain in the State. She pointed out the advantages to this, as they don't move on to other states.

Scott asked how many courses they offer. Yves said around 70. He asked if they partner with firms throughout the community, and she said yes.

RUN & GUN ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE

Present is Mike Brogan, owner of Run & Gun Ranch, 123 Seekonk Street.

Mike was present regarding an Entertainment License for events at his property.

Jim said that the Board reviewed his application, and found it lacking vital information. Jim told Mike we need a few things: exact dates, rain dates, #of events, participants, times and a list of other concerns. He will put together a list for Mike. Scott questioned a bigger crowd and will that need an ambulance, parking, safety issues, and can you accommodate the number of cars. Mike said more than enough room; he can accommodate 150.

Jeff asked about controlling the number of vehicles and participants. Do you have pre-registration? Mike said they only have 50 people in the club, so he wouldn't have more than that. Not just anyone can come in. Jeff asked if

people could come from all over? Mike said its pretty much New England people, but he has a few from Tennessee or that southern area.

Jeff asked about barrel racing becoming the new thing. How will that be controlled? Is that pre-registration? Mike said they have an idea of how many usually a few days before. Jim asked could you think 50 and have more – like 100? Mike said never that many. It would be 50 or under. People will carpool and put 2 or 3 horses together in a trailer to save fuel. It always works that way. He puts cars in the front yard. He said spectators' come. People drive in and sit and watch, or go get the family and come back. He said this is about as big as he thinks it will get for this area. It is bigger in the south.

Karen Clarke said because it's 6 acres, for safety purposes and in event of emergency, she would like a deeper grasp of how many people will participate and how many will just show up. She's thinking of any type of emergency – can vehicles get in, is there an evacuation route? She is concerned about the size of the lot. Mike said it's 6.5 acres and property to left is 3.2 acres and property to the right is 2.something acres. He has 12 acres. He parks all the cars and doesn't use the driveway and you can take emergency vehicles and drive them all around the property. He said they would have plenty of room. They could show up and see what it is like. An ambulance can get through. Trailers come in one driveway and out another.

Karen wants a plan on file with the town that shows all - designating what she said, including porta potties, etc. Mike told the Board that the two adjoining parcels are not 61A. He cannot combine the lots. He can only have one residential per lot.

Karen asked if he could use the other lots for agricultural. Jim said yes, because you can have animals on your property.

Larry McEachern, 131 Seekonk Street said the entertainment and venue exceed the boundaries of the lot that is 61A. Any arena or bleachers is 61A.

Dr. Carpenter, 120 Seekonk Street said he feels the goal is to see this event get bigger and bigger. It is better for him and what he's trying to do as an entrepreneur. The Board should look at this seriously and limit the number of participants, as Norfolk will be the rodeo center of the world.

Karen agreed that we need to limit it. They could hope it will grow because it will increase his revenue.

Scott said this is a one-year renewable license. We can address concerns or issues every year. It's not a license you have to live with.

Dr. Carpenter said an agricultural license is granted for raising, growing of livestock, etc., so if this is granted with property of horses, you have to sell them. Mike Brogan replied they have a stud colt on site that they send off, and they do sell horses.

Jim said to Mike that we want validation to do what you are doing, which would include appropriate licenses and certifications. He said the Board has the right to not prevent, but manage the process. We need exact dates and times of these events. We can regulate them. Jim wants the number of participants, and we can limit, but not be unreasonable. We want the number of participants and how many people will be on your property during these events. He would like a description of the events, including services you will be providing – food, bathrooms, etc. He would like plans to mitigate concerns of neighbors. With respect to noise and dust, they would like his efforts to control that – any plan he may have. All this must be part of the license. We do have the right to control this, but we need to be reasonable. It is in a residential area, and a concern to the neighbors. We are trying to satisfy both sides.

Mike said lessons are not part of this. Jim said he checked with Town Counsel. You are providing entertainment in a residential area under the agricultural act. There are conditions to qualify. We have the right to insure that you have met all these requirements.

Karen said that horses over 6 months have to have certain equine certifications medically. Jim said for what we are doing, we don't have the right to ask for that. Board of Health, or someone else can, but we can't as it is not our jurisdiction. Mike said horses on his property better have a health certificate or they cannot take the horse out of the trailer.

Karen felt that they need a stable license in conjunction with the lessons. Jim said this has nothing to do with the entertainment license or us.

Jim explained that we need this level of detail to be part of the application for entertainment. It is a public document, and we can share it. We just need to have Mike validate that he is able to do this.

Jim said there could be hand-off s and approval from other boards such as food or porta potties. We could need the Board of Health to approve, too.

Karen questioned the Sunday license. We would have to check, but a license can have different hours for Sundays.

Jeff would like Mike to track how many people are on the property during an event, and let us know.

Larry Clarke asked about the noise. Jim said we will do the test, but it cannot be a condition of the license this year. We cannot retroactively go back and do that, according to Town Counsel. If the first shoot is decibel levels and breaking the bylaw, he is still allowed to have a second shoot. Jim said we have spent a lot of time with state and local levels of noise bylaws/controls. We cannot make it beyond reason for him to continue what he is applying for when we do a test retroactive to his application. We can use this information for next year's license. We cannot condition it into this years' license.

Larry Clarke questioned what Mike makes doing this. Mike said 61A says he has to make $500 a year. One horse is $450. He boards horses. That's how he qualifies for 61A. He said you could check it out. He said it is perfectly legit and you can do it. Jim said the threshold is very low.

Karen did research from other towns and she said you need to comply with all zoning requirements. If we put that on this license, he won't comply with noise and will not be allowed to have a second event. Another statement she read subject to suspension, revocation or forfeit regarding licenses.

Jim isn't sure we can be that specific. All licenses say the Board has the ability to revoke a license for cause.

Mike will be given a list of items we need to complete the license, and Marian and Scott will prepare it for the Board to review.

Jim advised the Board that this would be discussed at our next meeting on February 16th.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Action Items

Scott Bugbee moved to award contracts for DPW Services through SERSG for the period of February 1, 2016 – January 31, 2017 per the attached. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Scott Bugbee moved to open the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting. Articles will be due to the office by 4 p.m. on February 25, 2016. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Scott Bugbee moved allow use of the DPW building for the Norfolk Library's annual book and bake sale from Wednesday, April 20 through Saturday, April 23. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Discussion Items
Jim said that the Public Safety Building article passed at the recent election, and we are very grateful. Jim said we would have lost the regional dispatch if this hadn't passed. The Towns were getting discouraged and may have pulled out.

We have to build the Public Safety first so that we can get the Police out in order to renovate the Fire building. Work at the present building needs to be done to the roof and HVAC systems immediately. Jim said the Architect led them to believe that this work wasn't priced in. They went back and reviewed it, and we are in good shape. They wee told the projects are coming in under bid, but that remains to be seen. Jim said every member of the Committee has been through a building project before, which is a good thing.

Jim said $12.2 million is a real number. $2.4 million site work is built into these estimates. The DPW can do a lot of the work, and hopefully half of that will not be spent. There are contingencies and other things that will help with the costs.

There are weekly working meetings of the Public Safety Building Committee on Monday at 4 p.m. Then there will be a monthly meeting with a status report to the BOS.

Jim reported going to the KP Budget Meeting and he was the only Selectman there. He said they did a good job with the budget and asking for 7.9% increase. $300K for safety vestibules installed, which all Chiefs' favor and recommend. Jim said this is over and above their budget request. Substantially lower special needs meeting.

Jim said at the MMA Conference in Boston this past weekend; they were told that no health insurance increase would be over 12.2%.

Acceptance of Minutes
Scott Bugbee moved to accept the minutes of September 8, 2015 – executive session; and January 5, 2016. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was **so voted**.

At 8:47 p.m., Scott Bugbee moved to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was **so voted**.

This is a true and accurate report of the Selectmen's Meeting of January 26, 2016.

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Scott Bugbee, Clerk