



City of Westfield, Massachusetts

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NAME OF COMMITTEE: Legislative and Ordinance

DATE: October 15, 2020

TIME: 5:45 PM

LOCATION: Municipal Building, 59 Court Street, Westfield, MA

ROOM NO: Remote

Attending: Chair Councilor Onyski, Councilor Burns, Councilor Adams
Meeting Started at 5:49 PM

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes of September 30, 2020 meeting.
--Approved 3-0
2. Submitting a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Preservation Restriction Koz Properties LLC for the Stowe House at 37 Broad Street (10-1-20)
--Work on chimney already completed.
--Funds have been expended by CPA
--This is an effort to catch up with preservation projects in the past.
--Approved 3-0
3. Submitting a Resolution relative to petition the Senate and House of Representatives to convert a Seasonal License for the sale of All Alcoholic beverages not to be consumed on the premises to an Annual All Alcoholic to support the request of Gopal Krishna Convenience Inc. d/b/a Union Mart, 420 Union Street (10-1-20)
--Site currently has beer/wine license and seasonal liquor license
-- City is has no more full liquor licenses available
--- This license would be a request to the state to allow what is referred to as a charter license. Currently there are two others in the city, Mina's and Four Mile.
-- This license is not transferrable and stays with the owner and location and is non-transferrable.
--- The business has a stellar record with the License Commission which voted in favor of the application.
-- Approved 3-0
4. Petition for Street Acceptance and Betterment for Sherman Street (2-6-20).
--This is for clean up of items in LO

- There were two almost identical items, this is for older petition that was not approved by Assessor, the second petition was accepted.
 - The older petition is not valid and is being cleaned up
 - Voted 3-0 to remove from committee without action
5. To investigate and possibly recommend an Ordinance on home bee keeping (7-2-20)
 - This was all started by a neighbor of a bee keeper and bees went into property due to bees seeking water in swimming pool
 - Bee keeper had insufficient water for bees
 - This discussion will help determine if any ordinance is created, no ordinance is created, or this becomes a Health Department regulation.
 - Original time of discussion showed that there are many bee keepers that called or emailed
 - Discussed the possibility of utilizing or working from Longmeadow regulations
 - Health Director Joe Rouse said there were a handful of calls a year regarding bee complaints
 - Nate Sperry, a bee expert and VP of Western Mass Bee Keepers Association spoke and indicated most bee keepers are very responsible. He also indicated that he would help talk to the offending neighbor that precipitated the proposed ordinance.
 - Voted 3-0 to leave item in Committee
 6. To review section 10-19 of the city ordinances related to smoking by minors to ensure consistency with state laws, the city ordinance for smoking on public property(section 8-160 which do include vaping/e-cigarette) and the Board of Health Regulations(which address the same thing as section 10-19 but are updated)(3-21-19)
 - This is to catch up so the city ordinances reflect the Health Department regulations
 - Health Director Joe Rouse questioned why we needed an ordinance when the Health Department regulations covered the same
 - Voted 3-0 to leave in Committee
 7. Adjourned at 5:53 PM