



## MINUTES OF MEETING Select Board

Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.  
Town of New Braintree  
20 Memorial Drive  
New Braintree, MA 01531

PRESENT: Mr. Joseph A. Chenevert; Chair, Mr. Michael McQueston; Vice Chair and Mr. Dennis Letendre Jr.; Clerk

GATHERING: See Attached List

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The Chair opened the meeting at 10:0 AM and led with the Pledge of Allegiance

The Chair took the following agenda item out of order:

### ONE DAY POURING LICENSE – FARMER MATT

Due to inclement weather on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Matt Koziol (Farmer Matt) requested the One-Day Pouring License for May 30, 2024, from 4 PM to 8 PM with a rain date of May 31<sup>st</sup>) for Beer & Malt Only for Murder Hill, LLC. Lt. Landine is fine with the request, however, advises Mr. Koziol that he cannot have kids in the roadway directing traffic. With no objections from the Board, the following motion was made:

*Motion to approve the request of Matthew Koziol (Farmer Matt) for a One-Day Pouring License for May 30, 2024, from 4 PM to 8 PM with a rain date of May 31, 2024, as requested made by Mr. McQueston; second: Mr. Letendre Jr. – unanimous.*

### DISCUSSION ON THE CLOSEOUT OF THE OVERLAY ACCOUNT

The Town Auditor, Finance Committee and a Select Board member met to discuss the closing out of the overlay account as previously discussed. After a discussion, the final figure was \$30,000.00 which is all the Assessors at this time would support.

### REVIEW & DISCUSSION ON SPECIAL AND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANTS

Ms. Acerra provided drafts of both the Special and Annual TM Warrants. Most were the standard repeat articles. An article to pay prior year bills was added to the Special. The Assessors submitted an Article for the Annual, which increases the property tax exemption for seniors from \$500 to \$1,000 which will be included as well as requesting that Memorial Drive be a public way (This article may need to be passed over as additional steps may need to be done prior to taking it to a vote)

*Motion to close the STM & ATM warrant made by Mr. Letendre Jr.; second: Mr. McQueston – unanimous.*

As a further discussion took place, the following motion was made:

*Motion to re-open the ATM warrant made by Mr. Letendre Jr.; second: Mr. McQueston – unanimous.*

Mr. Letendre Jr. requested that we add two additional articles: the first moving the Annual Town Meeting to the first Monday in June and reducing the quorum of the ATM from 50 to 25.

Motion to close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant made by Mr. Letendre Jr.; second: Mr. McQueston – unanimous.

The Select Board will meet on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM to take a final vote and sign the warrants.

**DISCUSSION ON PURCHASING A LOADER FROM CHAPTER 90 FUNDS**

Mr. Chenevert stated that when previously discussed, it was clear that this item was to be leased, not purchased. Mr. Ayers stated that he had a bid from Sourcewell (\$176K) however they are no longer able to honor that. He said that we will have to go out for a bid on our own. This will be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: May 30, 2024, at 4 PM**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. McQueston; second: Mr. Letendre Jr. – unanimous at 11:10 AM.*

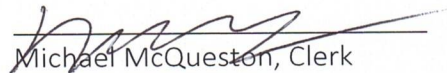
Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Acerra  
Executive Secretary

Date Approved:

6/17/24



Michael McQueston, Clerk