

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, November 15, 2023
Nauset Room, Town Hall

A meeting of the Town of Orleans Select Board was held in the Nauset Room at Town Hall and via Zoom and Channel 8 at 4:30 pm on November 15, 2023.

In attendance in the Nauset Room were Chair Herman, Ms. Reed, Mr. Runyon, Vice Chair Mathison, and Mr. Galligan. Town Manager Newman was in attendance.

4:30 p.m. Call to Order. The Chair called the meeting to order.

Public Comment. No one presented for Public Comment.

Introduction of new Recreation Director. The Board welcomed Tom DeSiervo who said he is very excited about the position.

Vote to appoint a new Building Commissioner. The Town Manager discussed the appointment of a new Building Commissioner.

Ms. Reed moved to appoint David Walters as the new Building Commissioner beginning November 30, 2023. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Vote to call the Old Kings Highway Committee election for Monday, November 20.

Mr. Galligan moved to call the Old Kings Highway Committee election for Monday, November 20, 2023. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Discussion and vote for half day closures for upcoming holidays (Thanksgiving and Christmas).

Ms. Reed moved to grant a half day closure on November 22 and December 22, 2023. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Request for the temporary closure of Nauset Gastronomy Inc. dba The Rail, 222 Main Street, from 12/18/23 to 3/18/24.

Mr. Galligan moved to approve the temporary closure of Nauset Gastronomy Inc. dba The Rail, 222 Main Street, from December 18, 2023 to March 18, 2024. Ms. Reed seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Select Board Goals updates.

Mr. Mathison spoke about the incentivization of full-time housing and driving economic activity in the downtown area. He noted five different changes begin considered to zoning bylaws. Ms. Reed addressed Energy & Climate Action actions. She noted the need to address some infrastructure challenges. Ms. Reed spoke about communications with town residents and the need to figure out a master plan uniting disparate parts of communication efforts. Mr. Galligan

spoke about reuse/repurpose of town property and next actions on the gazebo and some other projects. Mr. Galligan also spoke about the Pesticides petition. Mr. Galligan briefly talked about the Comprehensive Plan and noted the need to consider "Pay As You Go". The Town Manager spoke about some policy changes and updates. She anticipates many changes being recommended for implementation as warrant articles by May

The discussion paused and resumed after the public hearings when Mr. Herman shared an update about working with Orleans Elementary School and Nauset Middle School. The Town Manager spoke about the need for data and information about educational needs through to 2040 combined with other Town needs. She will be working with Mr. Peter Lombardi on a grant application to consider a "master plan" for the school site and addressing some of the school and town needs. It was noted that there are regional needs and opportunities to consider and many voices representing many different possible paths to flexible solutions for the community.

Succession planning as a goal was discussed briefly. There is hope that by Spring Town Meeting there will be some actions. There was discussion of the longer term aim to review classification and remuneration. Mr. Runyon spoke about the recreation goals, COA, and the goal of making the town more livable for young families. Some areas have made good progress while others are still pending. Mr. Runyon also spoke about transparency. The Town Manager confirmed that the staff is very much aligned with this goal. Mr. Mathison spoke to the goal relating to fire and rescue needs and explained how it is an ongoing issue although some constructive dialogue has begun. Housing and wastewater projects are making advances in many ways. Mr. Runyon spoke about the goals relating to regionalization of solutions. This is also slowly making advances. Opportunities are becoming clearer. Goals will be kept updated on the Town website.

5.00 pm Public Hearing – Property Classification for FY24 with Assessor Brad Hinote.

Mr. Herman read the formal language to open the hearing. Mr. Hinote reviewed sales activities around the town and discussed options for addressing tax rates. These included Splitting the Tax Rate, Adopting a Residential Exemption, or a Small Commercial Exemption. He shared projected tax levies. Mr. Runyon shared his thoughts about a Residential Tax Exemption. Mr. Galligan and Ms. Reed also spoke about taxation options. Mr. Mathison questioned the view of long-term economic opportunity in Orleans to which Mr. Hinote shared the optimistic outlook from a recent commercial buyer.

**Mr. Galligan moved to close the Public Hearing. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted Aye.
Motion carried: 5-0-0.**

**Mr. Galligan moved that the town elect to tax all classes of property at a factor of 1 and reject the residential and small commercial exemptions for Fiscal Year 2024. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted Aye.
Motion carried: 5-0-0.**

The Select Board met briefly with two Scouts from Troop 83 who were observing the Board meeting for their project "Making a Better World."

5.30pm Public Hearing – Change of License Type for the Annual Alcohol Licensee Nauset Mixology Inc. dba Barley Neck Inn, 5 Beach Road, Cameron Hadfield, Manager.

The Chair read the public notice for a Public Hearing. Mr. Hadfield explained the costs involved in becoming an inn and how the Barley Neck will focus on the restaurant business and using rooms for workforce housing instead.

Mr. Galligan moved to close the Public Hearing. Mr. Mathison seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Mr. Mathison moved to approve the change of license type from Innholder to Common Victualler Restaurant Annual All Alcoholic Beverages license held for Nauset Mixology Inc. dba The Barley Neck Inn, located at 5 Beach Road, Cameron Hadfield, Manager, subject to all local and state conditions, rules, regulations, permits, and approvals, laws, and bylaws and in accordance with the Town of Orleans Rules & Regulations of the Liquor Licensing Authority adopted December 21, 1994, last amended on June 10, 2015, and Massachusetts General Law Chapter 138. Said license is to be issued after approvals from the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission. Ms. Reed seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

5.35pm Public Hearing – New Annual All Alcoholic Beverages common Victualler license request for OSull LLC dba Navillus Bar & Grill, 136 Route 6A (B-2A), Sean Sullivan, Manager.

Mr. Herman read the notice to open the Public Hearing. Mr. Sean Sullivan introduced himself and his plans for a new restaurant.

Ms. Reed moved to close the Public Hearing. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Mr. Mathison moved to approve the application for a new Annual All Alcoholic Beverages Common Victualler Liquor license for OSull LLC dba Navillus Bar & Grill to be located at 136 Route 6A (B-2A), Sean Sullivan, Manager, subject to all local and state rules, regulations, permits, approvals, laws, and bylaws. The licensed Hours of operations shall be from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. seven (7) days a week. Said license is to be issued for the 2024 calendar year and to expire on December 31, 2024, unless sooner revoked by the Select Board. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

New Annual Common Victualler license request for OSull LLC dba Navillus Bar & Grill, 136 Route 6A (B-2A), Sean Sullivan, Manager.

Ms. Reed moved to approve the application for a new Annual Common Victualler License for OSull LLC dba NAVILLUS BAR & GRILL to be located at 136 Route 6A (B-2A), Sean Sullivan, Manager, subject to all local and state rules, regulations, permits, approvals, laws and bylaws. Said license to be issued for the 2024 calendar year and to expire on December 31, 2024, unless sooner revoked by the Select Board. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Meet with Amanda Converse from Love Live Local for Impacts of Local Consumer Spending presentation.

Ms. Converse made a presentation to the Board about the importance of small businesses to the Cape Cod local economy. She discussed the financial contributions of small business to the local economy and the disadvantages of "big box" stores. She shared significant data about the negative

impact of national or international corporate chains on the local economy. She also addressed the racial wealth gap on Cape Cod. She listed some actions to support local businesses. The Board members discussed zoning laws, franchising, and some challenges to handling national chains. There was also discussion of the waste generated by shopping online. Ms. Lindahl, from the Orleans Chamber of Commerce, shared an initiative for evening (open hours until 8pm) shopping on Fridays during the holiday season. There was some discussion of municipal buying power and procurement. Ms. Converse said a campaign for local residents to pledge to “shop local” during the holiday season will launch soon. She noted that supporting “local” includes services like lawyers, accountants, entertainment. Façade grants were briefly discussed. Business improvement districts were reviewed.

Liaison reports and member updates

Mr. Mathison spoke about the Planning Board and the postponement of the discussion on subdivisions.

Shellfish & Waterways met and are looking to bring in some area experts to assist/address the degradation of shell fishing.

Ms. Reed provided several updates including the alum treatment under consideration with Conservation Committee. It was noted that the alum treatment of Harvey’s Pond is not performing as well as hoped.

Human Services meets tomorrow.

Economic Development heard from Elizabeth Jenkins, Planner for Barnstable Village, and Ms. Reed suggested the Select Board should hear the presentation.

Mr. Galligan spoke about Phase II of the wastewater project.

There was an excellent turnout for the Snow Library forum. There was quite a bit of Board discussion regarding height variances for Snow Library and other projects.

Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners discussed the requirement for connection to Phase I by March 2024. The number of connections is miniscule so far. A total of 301 connections need to occur by March. One significant deferment has been requested. The order to connect comes from the Board of Health so both committees are looking at a demanding workload in the next several months.

An excellent Veteran’s Day celebration occurred.

The Housing Needs Study will come to the Board in a few weeks.

Multimember body orientation was held and was well attended.

The annual Chamber of Commerce dinner was held Monday.

Mr. Herman said that Mr. Daly has resigned from the Department of Public Works and thanked him for his 10 years of valued service.

7.55pm Adjourn.

Ms. Galligan moved to adjourn the meeting at 7.55pm. Ms. Reed seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried: 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Fountain