

The regular meeting of the Danvers Select Board was held Tuesday December 1, 2020 at 5:30 P.M., in the Multi-Purpose Room- Holten Richmond Middle School, 55 Conant Street, Danvers.

Present: Daniel C. Bennett, Chairman; William H. Clark Jr; Maureen A. Bernard; Gardner S. Trask, III

Late to Arrive: David A. Mills

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The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance

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On a motion by Select Board Member Trask and seconded by Select Board Member Clark, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes of November 17, 2020.

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New Business:

None

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A public hearing was held under Chapter 138 of the General Laws on the application of Texas Roadhouse Holdings LLC, d/b/a Texas Roadhouse, 301 Newbury Street, John C. Moresco, Manager, for a Change of Officers/ Directors/ LLC Managers at the corporate level. Atty Andrew Upton appeared before the Board and answered various questions by the Board. A motion to close the public hearing was made by Select Board Member Clark and seconded by Select Board Member Trask. On a motion by Select Board Member Trask and seconded by Select Board Member Clark, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the application.

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The Board was requested to renew liquor licenses for calendar year 2021 as per the attached. The Town Manager confirmed the Town has provided 100% 2021 renewal fee relief to certain Chapter 12 liquor license holders as voted by the Board on November 17, 2020 (37) (restaurants, entertainment/convention venues, inn holders, and social clubs, not retail). The Town Clerk provided an update to the renewal status of licenses in process of transferring ownership. On a motion by Select Board Member Trask and seconded by Select Board Member Clark, the Board voted 4-0 to approve all current licenses.

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Chief Assessor Steve Poulos addressed the Board and provided an overview of the tax classification process. Town Meeting Members Andrea Daley and Matt Duggan addressed the Board and asked various questions of the Chief Assessor through the Select Board Chair.

The Board conducted the annual Tax Classification Hearing. Chief Assessor Steve Poulos addressed the Board and answered various questions by the Board. The Board voted separately on the following items:

On a motion by Select Board Member Trask and seconded by Select Board Member Clark, the Board voted 5-0 to a selection of a residential factor of 1.407.

On a motion by Select Board Member Bernard and seconded by Select Board Member Trask, the Board voted 5-0 'NO' to an Open space discount.

On a motion by Select Board Member Bernard and seconded by Select Board Member Trask, the Board voted 5-0 'NO' to a Residential exemption.

On a motion by Select Board Member Bernard and seconded by Select Board Member Trask, the Board voted 5-0 'NO' to a Small commercial exemption.

On a motion by Select Board Member Trask and seconded by Select Board Member Clark, the Board voted 5-0 to grant authority to the Board of Assessors Chairman to sign on behalf of the Select Board on the DOR Gateway.

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The Town Manager provided an update to the Board on items of interest, as follows:

- 2021 Select Board Meeting Calendar

- Budget Policy
- Welcoming Committee Meeting 12/5
- Memo regarding Naming Rights

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There were no consent calendar items

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Correspondence, Select Board “*New Business*,” previous “*New Public Business*” updates and Select Board closing comments:

- River Committee Update
- Smith School Building
- Inclusion Committee Yard Signs
- Town Administration
- Potential for Remote Meetings due to COVID spike

Remember the Veterans

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Attest: Catherine S. Ellsworth
Town Clerk