

**Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Tuesday, July 28, 2020
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James Potter, Vice Chair
George Slade, Clerk - Excused
Jared MacDonald
Peter Meier

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Others: Renee Gratis, Kirk Fitzgerald, Loraine Scratch, Jean Campbell, Barry Johnson

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All items within the meeting agenda are subject to deliberation and vote(s) by the Board of Selectmen.

Documents:

6:30 p.m. Call Public Session to order in Open Session

Madam Chair Froman called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Moment of Silence for our Troops and our public safety personnel /Salute the Flag

Vision: Bourne is a community that embraces change while respecting the rich heritage of the town and its villages. It is a municipality based on strong fiscal government with a durable economy that recognizes the rights of all citizens, respects the environment, especially the

coastal areas of the community, embraces excellent education, and the amenities that it affords and offers to citizens a healthy, active lifestyle.

Mission: Bourne will maximize opportunities for social and economic development while retaining an attractive, sustainable and secure coastline and environment for the enjoyment of residents and visitors. Through responsibility and professional leadership and in partnership with others, Bourne will strive to improve the quality of life for all residents living and working in the larger community.

Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items

Public comments are allowed for up to a total of 12 minutes at the beginning of each meeting. Each speaker is limited to 3 minutes for comment. Based on past practice, members of the Board are not allowed to comment or respond.

Lorraine Schratz spoke about the bridge repairs.

6) Appointments & License

- a. Discussion and vote to adopt the Town Clerk report on moving Precinct 2 to the Community Building**
- b. The Bog Tavern — Applications for a Common Victualer [Food] License, Weekday Entertainment License and Sunday Entertainment License**

6.a. Discussion and vote to adopt the Town Clerk report on moving Precinct 2 to the Community Building.

Barry Johnson spoke regarding changing the polling place. Sent the BOS a report for the need to move Precinct 2 to the Community Building. The Board of Selectmen need to evaluate and report on whether such change would have a disparate adverse effect on access to the polls on the basis of race, national origin, disability, income, or age, and make the report available on the Town's website 3 days prior to changing the polling place – this has been done on July 23, on the front page and under the Town Clerk page. If the BOS votes to adopt the report as submitted the Board of Registrars shall post that on the website. We will notify voters in Precinct 2 of the change. Precinct 1 and 3 will be in the gym. Precinct 2 will be in the west end of the building in front of the Selectmen's meeting room. This will be effective for the Primary and Presidential Election.



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***Precinct needs to Move to
Bourne Veterans Memorial Community Center
for the Safety and wellbeing of Poll Workers and Voters***

1. Impact of six (6) ft distancing -
Precinct is located on the Second Floor requires an elevator or stairs to access the poll location. Only one door in and one door out of the precinct.
Impossible to maintain a six (6) foot distance on the staircase and elevator.
Unable to maintain six (6) foot distance with only one access door in and out of the poll location. Small landing at the top of the stairs and elevator not practical for 6 ft distancing.
2. As we found in the last two elections, maintaining a safe distance between voters, with only one door in and out was going to cause the long lines and a logistical nightmare. The last Presidential Election the line on the staircase was one right after the other all the way out the door and down to the parking lot.
3. Handicap access – requires an elevator or stairs to access the poll. In the event the elevator is not operational the precinct is not handicap accessible. Fire Code and CMR requires the emergency vehicles to be in a climate control environment therefore we are unable to utilize the fire station bays as a polling location
4. Driveway is narrow and allows for only one car in and one car out. This is a traffic nightmare for entering and exiting the polling location.
5. The room is not large enough for more than 6 voting booths at 6 ft apart. Only being able to accommodate 6 voters at a time will cause long lines and delays.
6. The parking is limited and access to the parking area is one driveway in and one driveway out. No adequate parking for a high voter turnout.
7. The building houses EMT's and Firefighters and since the pandemic the handicap spaces are limited. The prior access through the front door has been eliminated for the safety of our Public Safety Officers.

Advantages in moving the precinct to the Bourne Veterans Memorial Community Center:

1. On the right side of the building we have an entrance into the building that is used for Precincts 1 and 3. Once in the building they enter through double doors into the gym. The gym is divided in half with one precinct on each side, on the right side of the building inside the gym area is another door to the outside which takes the voters to a walkway around the building. Therefore all the traffic in precincts 1 and 3 will be in one door out a side door of the building to the parking lot. There is ample room in the gym if we move them back into the rear of the gym allowing for free movement at the front of the gym.
2. Precinct 2 which is the one we are moving will enter the main front doors go to the left to a meeting room. We have had a precinct in there before depending upon circumstances and it does accommodate the precinct. The meeting room has the first door as entrance into the precinct after voting they will exit the room either back into the building or directly outside. Two doors are separate and available to exit.
3. We felt that moving the precinct was the best way to prevent long lines and maintain a safe voting environment for workers and voters alike.
4. Originally we had toyed with the idea of putting all three precincts in the gym but decided that for safety issues and a better flow at the election to place the new precinct at the left side of the building rather than the right side with the other two precincts.
5. The building has two handicapped entrances one in the back and one in the front with ample handicap parking
6. The main area in the building between the gym, offices and the meeting rooms is large and open allowing for free movement even if we have a high turnout.
7. There is parking on all four sides of the building and there is an entrance into the building from the front and back parking lots and a separate entrance at the other side of the building as an exit of the parking lots.
9. The building will be closed to everything except for voting on election day
8. Our office took careful consideration of the precinct move and evaluated all other locations that maybe considered and was forced to eliminate them

Voted: Jared MacDonald moved and seconded by James Potter to adopt the Town Clerk's report by moving Precinct 2 to the Bourne Veterans' Memorial Community Center.

Roll Call Vote: James Potter - Yes, Jared MacDonald - Yes, Judy Froman - Yes

Vote: 3-0-0.

6.b. The Bog Tavern — Applications for a Common Victualer [Food] License, Weekday Entertainment License and Sunday Entertainment License
Cranberry's LLC d/b/a/ The Bog Tavern; 11 Brigadoone Road, Bourne; Common Victualer [Food] License, Weekday Entertainment License and Sunday Entertainment License, Seating Capacity: 192; Hours 6:00 AM – 1:00 AM, Type of Entertainment and Sunday Entertainment: Live music including solos' duos, small groups and bands for restaurant, wedding and other functions, Trivia weekly. Remarks: Assessors – FOL Filed.

Voted: Jared MacDonald moved and seconded by James Potter to approve the Common Victualer Weekday Entertainment and Sunday Entertainment License for Cranberry's LLC d/b/a The Bog Tavern.

Roll Call Vote: James Potter – Yes, Jared MacDonald – Yes, Judy Froman - Yes
Vote: 3-0-0.

7) Adjourn

Voted Jared MacDonald moved and seconded by James Potter to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Roll Call Vote: James Potter – Yes, Jared MacDonald – Yes, Judy Froman - Yes
Vote 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted – Carole Ellis, secretary.