

**Selectmen's Meeting
Town Hall, 3rd Floor Auditorium, 30 Martin Street**

October 23, 2023

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Further, it is likely that this meeting will be broadcast by 1623 Studios over the local cable television network. Please check your cable listings for details if you are a Comcast cable television subscriber.

AGENDA – OPEN SESSION

- 6:00 p.m. Call to Order.
- 6:05 p.m. John & Terry Tremblay to provide a quarterly report on BB Botanics.
- 6:15 p.m. Maria DiStefano to present economic development programs available through the Massachusetts Office of Business Development and its partners.
- 6:30 p.m. Martin Pillsbury of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council to present the Town's update of its Hazard Mitigation Plan and to take public input thereon.
- 7:00 p.m. Quarterly Department Head Meeting

Brendhan Zubricki: Presentation of his Town Administrator's Report for the period September 30, 2023 through October 20, 2023, regarding the following:

- Economic Development Committee Meeting Summary
- Contract for Summer Camp and Youth/Adult Enrichment Services

- School Budget Collaboration Group Meeting Summary

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Approve the weekly warrant in the amount of \$.
- Approve the minutes for the Selectmen's October 2, 2023, Open Meeting.
- Vote to exempt from Section 20 of Chapter 268A of the General Laws, the contracts and amounts for the individuals listed below contained within the 09/21/2023 warrant pursuant to subsection (d) of said Section.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DEPT'S BILL</u>
Ernie Nieberle	Nieberle's.	08/24/2023	\$ 301.80	Highway

- Vote to exempt from Section 20 of Chapter 268A of the General Laws, the contracts and amounts for the individuals listed below contained within the 10/12/2023 warrant pursuant to subsection (d) of said Section.

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Ernie Nieberle	Nieberle's	09/01/2023	\$ 130.00	Fire
Ernie Nieberle	Nieberle's	09/08/2023	\$ 30.00	Police

- Consider whether Pickering Street, Winthrop Street, and Maple Street should be closed to traffic on Tuesday, October 31 between the hours of 5 and 8 pm. Chief Francis will staff the closure if supported by the Board.
- Vote to authorize the Chairman's signature on a letter of support for the North Shore Alliance's REDO application.
- Vote to accept the resignation of Diane Polley, the Essex Housing Authority's representative to the Affordable Housing Trust.
- Consider a proposal from a high school student for a community garden and curbside recycling.
- Possible execution of an employment contract with the incoming Town Accountant.
- Continued discussion regarding the Conservation Commission's desire to be represented by separate legal counsel, the continued development of a wetlands and storm water bylaw, and the search for a Conservation Agent solution.
- Additional discussion about an assertion by an abutter to the Essex Senior Center with respect to the location of the common property line and possible discussion regarding the resolution of the matter.
- Fall Town Meeting:
 - Vote to hold the Fall Town Meeting on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at the Essex Elementary School;
 - Vote to open the warrant for the November 13, 2023 Fall Town Meeting;
 - Vote to add articles for the November 13, 2023 Fall Town Meeting per the draft warrant presented at this meeting, or as revised (which is attached hereto);
 - Vote to close the warrant;
 - Vote to approve the warrant;

- Vote to sign the warrant at or outside of a meeting (if revisions are necessary).
- Vote to approve a request from Shea's Riverside Restaurant & Bar to close for cleaning and repairs from October 15, 2023 to approximately April 15, 2024.
- Vote to accept the resignation of Shelly Bradbury from the Affordable Housing Trust and from the Economic Development Committee, effective immediately.
- Vote to ratify the Board's vote on 10/2 to assign the parking and dumpster license formerly granted to INCA NBPT, LLC to STUCOR, LLC.
- Items that could not be reasonably anticipated by the Open Meeting Law posting deadline.

CENTENNIAL GROVE COTTAGE RENTAL:

- Ales Over ALS, Nathan Woodman, for use on Saturday, November 4, 2023, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

LICENSING:

One-Day Wine & Malt License:

- Ales Over ALS, Nathan Woodman, for use on Saturday, November 4, 2023, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., within the confines of the Cottage at Centennial Grove.
- Anna Hardy, Anna Hardy Interior Design & Shop, for use on Thursday, November 16, 2023, between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., within the confines of the In Home Design Center at 117 Eastern Avenue.
- Anna Hardy, Anna Hardy Interior Design & Shop, for use on Friday, November 24, 2023, between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., within the confines of the In Home Design Center at 117 Eastern Avenue.
- Anna Hardy, Anna Hardy Interior Design & Shop, for use on Saturday, November 25, 2023, between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., within the confines of the In Home Design Center at 117 Eastern Avenue.
- Anna Hardy, Anna Hardy Interior Design & Shop, for use on Thursday, December 7, 2023, between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., within the confines of the In Home Design Center at 117 Eastern Avenue.

One-Day Entertainment License:

- Ales Over ALS, Nathan Woodman, for use on Saturday, November 4, 2023, between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., within the confines of Centennial Grove, live amplified band.

REMINDERS:

- The next regular Board of Selectmen's meeting will take place on Monday, November 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Teachers' Lounge at the Essex Elementary School, 12 Story Street.

PUBLIC COMMENT.