

**Holliston Zoning Board of Appeals
Meeting Minutes January 10, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. via Zoom and read the following statement into the record: Pursuant to the Governor's action on March 29, 2023 relative to extending certain COVID-19 measures adopted during the state of emergency suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c 30A paragraph 20, the Zoning Board of Appeals will be using remote participation for this meeting. The audio of this meeting is being recorded and will be posted to the Town's webpage within 24 hours in accordance with keeping the public informed of actions during this meeting. I would ask that all participants remotely attending this meeting please state your name for identification purposes each time you speak throughout the meeting. At this time, a roll call attendance vote will be taken:

Present:

Chairman Jay Peabody
Elizabeth Dembitzer
Vladimir Nechev
Associate Member John Love

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Ms. Dembitzer, seconded by Mr. Nechev, the minutes of December 20, 2023 were approved as written on a roll call vote (Chairman Peabody abstained as he was not present at the meeting.).

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING:

Special Permit

Holliston Brewing Company, LLC – 747 Washington Street

The Chairman re-opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. Present for the applicant was Brian Goodman of 86 Church Street. Also present was owner, John Drohan, Jr. of Downtown 747 Washington Street, LLC.

Mr. Goodman confirmed that no porta-potties are being contemplated at this point and the property owner is working on a septic solution through the Board of Health. He confirmed that alcohol would be sourced from Rushford & Sons in Upton (beer) and La Cantina Winery in Franklin (wine). No hard alcohol is proposed to be served. He confirmed that he has not secured a liquor license for the site yet. In addition to food truck offerings, pre-packaged snacks and non-alcoholic beverages will be sold.

The Chairman noted receipt of correspondence from the following individuals into the record:

- Rick Casavant, 755-757-759 Washington Street (dated 12/15/23)

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- Correspondence from Judy doCurral and Janelle Montanez, Holliston Community Children's Center, 725 Washington Street (dated 1/5/24)
- Rev. Bonnie Steinroeder, First Congregational Church, 725 Washington Street and 24 Hollis Street, (dated January 7, 2024)
- William David Thorn, 20 Hollis Street (dated January 8, 2024)
- Roberta Weiner, Prana Center, 21 Charles Street (dated January 8, 2024)
- Gabriela Fowler, 17 Louis Street (dated January 9 2024)
- Karen Apuzzo Langton, 100 Woodland Street (January 10, 2024)
- Jason Santos 183 Marshall Street (January 10, 2024)
- Mark Bunker, 53 Green Street (January 10, 2024)
- Chief Matthew Stone, Holliston Police Department (January 10, 2024)

The Chairman opened the hearing to the audience.

The following individuals asked questions and expressed concerns about the petition: Bob Shore of 10 Cassandra Lane and the First Congregational Church of Holliston Leadership Council, Rev. Bonnie Steinroeder of the First Congregational Church of Holliston and 24 Hollis Street, Rick and Elizabeth Casavant of 755 Washington Street, Brian Pignone of 45 Green Street, and David Thorn of 20 Hollis Street. Board of Health Agent Scott Moles verified that he had met with Mr. Drohan to discuss septic options.

The following individuals spoke in favor of the petition: Lixy Carey of 37 Green Street, Michelle Mehigan of 115 Dalton Road, AJ Boucher of 52 Willowgate Rise, Kevin Rokus of 11 Willowgate Rise, Kevin Cornwell of 48 Fiske Street, and Lois Parker of 290 Marked Tree Road

On a motion by Ms. Dembitzer, seconded by Mr. Nechev, the public hearing was closed on a unanimous roll call vote. Deliberations will be posted for February 21st under General Business.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Love, seconded by Mr. Nechev with all in favor on a roll call vote. The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, 2024 and will be held remotely.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Sherman, Town Planner

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