



TISBURY SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Friday, September 2, 2022, at 9:00 AM

Larry Gomez, Roy Cutrer, John Cahill

IN PERSON MEETING

Tisbury Town Hall, Katharine Cornell Theater, 51 Spring Street

SELECT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Gomez, Roy Cutrer, John Cahill

STAFF PRESENT: John Grande, Town Administrator, Elena De Foe, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Roy Cutrer called the meeting to order at 9:00AM.

DISCUSSION

Ballot Question: Regarding Licenses for the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages to be Drunk on the Premises in the Town of Tisbury, Chapter 196 of the Acts of 2022

Mr. Grande explained that this legislation has been pending for over a year. It only recently was signed by the Governor. He gave a brief history overview in 2009 the Town had a special legislation to issue licenses for the sale of only malt and beer. In 2016 the legislation we converted to all alcohol. The special legislation presented today relates to eliminating the food requirement for serving alcohol. Mr. Grande explained the special legislations are posted on the website under the Town Administrator's page.

Joanne Connolly asked if the public has any say at this time whether the question will be on the ballot. She stated that her family was attracted to the Town for being a dry town and over the years she has seen a change in a direction that is concerning to her. Ms. Connolly expressed a concern that the town will have more readily available liquor for people to consume without food and that will not affect the Town of Tisbury in a positive way. Mr. Grande responded that the legislation was already approved at Town Meeting on June 13th, 2020. At this time the board is only voting to put the question on the ballot for the November 8, 2022, State Election.

Mac Schilcher expressed his support of the special legislation. He stated that the consumption of alcohol without food will have a positive effect to the town's revenue.

Ben Robinson asked if the Board anticipates any by-law changes to allow bars.

Laura Beebe asked how this would affect the people waiting in line at the ferry.

Vice-Chair Cutrer responded that questions were not relevant to the discussion.

Member Cahill made a motion to submit a ballot question to the Town Clerk's Office for the upcoming November 8, 2022 election to read as follows: "Shall the board of selectmen of the town of Tisbury be authorized to convert licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages or wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises under section 12 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, originally granted or authorized pursuant to section 1 of chapter 187 of the acts of 2009 or chapter 360 of the acts of 2016, to licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages or wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises to restaurants, including restaurants within inns and hotels, without the requirement that such beverages be consumed with meals only, but subject to the requirement that the restaurant have a seating capacity of not less than 30 persons, and subject to the conditions that sales of alcoholic beverages not exceed 35 percent of the gross sales of the restaurant and that such sales shall not be permitted later than 11:00 p.m. except within the discretion of the board of selectmen on a special occasion?" Chair Gomez seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. The vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.

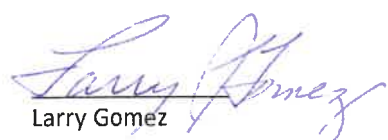
MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gomez motioned to adjourn the meeting. Member Cahill second. Roll Call Vote. The vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:13AM.

Meeting Minutes Recorded by Executive Assistant Elena De Foe

Meeting Minutes Approved September 14, 2022


Larry Gomez
Chair


Roy Cutrer
Vice Chair


John Cahill
Clerk