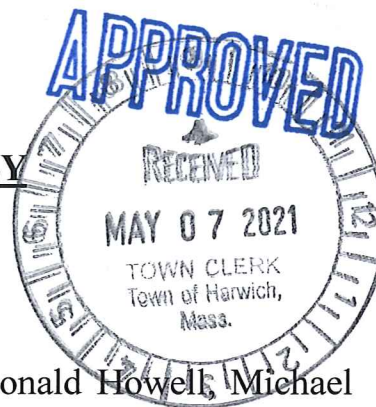


**MINUTES  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
REMOTE PARTICIPATION ONLY**

**Monday, April 12, 2021  
6:30 P.M.**

**RELEASED**



**SELECTMEN PARTICIPATING:** Larry Ballantine, Donald Howell, Michael MacAskill, Edward McManus.

**ALSO PARTICIPATING:** Town Administrator Joseph Powers, Assistant Town Administrator Meggan Eldredge

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Ballantine opened the meeting at 6:38 pm, and called to order the Board of Selectmen. He explained that he first called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm for Executive Session, where they discussed litigation strategies regarding the Ember and the Port and the town of Harwich and also discussed with respect to the collective bargaining for all town unions. They are still proceeding on those discussions and more will come later as they go forward.

Mr. Ballantine said that they will go directly to Public Hearings.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- A. Discussion and possible vote to continue until Monday, April 26, 2021 at 5:30 P.M. - Ember Pizza, 600 Rt. 28 – Public hearing on applications for renewal of the Seasonal All Alcoholic Beverages License and the Annual Entertainment License; discussion and vote and public hearing on reconsideration of January 24, 2021 decision to renew the Annual Wine and Malt Beverage License for said premises; discussion and possible vote to order discipline based on Town Administrator's February 8, 2021 findings and recommendations.

Mr. MacAskill moved that they open the continued hearing on Ember Pizza, 600 Rt. 28. Seconded by Mr. Howell.

**Roll Call Vote: Mr. Howell - Aye, Mr. McManus - Aye, Mr. MacAskill - Aye, Mr. Ballantine - Aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

APPROVED

Mr. MacAskill moved that they continue the hearing on Ember Pizza, 600 Rt. 28, until Monday, April 26, 2021 at 5:30 pm. Seconded by Mr. Howell.

**Roll Call Vote: Mr. Ballantine - Aye, Mr. McManus - Aye, Mr. Howell - Aye, Mr. MacAskill - Aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

- B. Discussion and possible vote to continue until Monday, April 26, 2021 at 5:35 P.M. - Port Restaurant and Bar, 541 Rt. 28 - Public hearing on applications for renewal of the Seasonal All Alcoholic Beverages License and the Seasonal Entertainment License; discussion and possible vote to order discipline based on Town Administrator's February 8, 2021 findings and recommendations.

Mr. MacAskill moved that they open the continued hearing on - Port Restaurant and Bar, 541 Rt. 28. Seconded by Mr. Howell.

**Roll Call Vote: Mr. MacAskill - Aye, Mr. McManus - Aye, Mr. Howell - Aye, Mr. Ballantine - Aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

Mr. MacAskill moved that they continue hearing on - Port Restaurant and Bar, 541 Rt. 28, until Monday, April 26, 2021 no earlier than 5:35 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Howell.

**Roll Call Vote: Mr. MacAskill - Aye, Mr. Howell - Aye, Mr. McManus - Aye. Mr. Ballantine - Aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Ballantine announced that due to the sad passing of Selectmen Stephen Ford, on Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, they have decided to postpone the rest of the agenda. He will start with a brief comment and will ask each of the Selectmen to comment as well.

Mr. Ballantine said that he received a nice email from Ms. Shareen Davis, Chair, Chatham Select Board. She offered her condolences, and said that Mr. Ford will be very missed and the effects will be felt in Chatham as well. Mr. Ballantine commented on the statement from Mr. Ford's brother, Michael Ford, that stated that his brother's leadership abilities were evident from a young age, even as the youngest of five children. Mr. Ballantine said that Mr. Ford's leadership was obvious to them,

and as a first term Harwich Selectmen, he was a selectman that they all inspired to be. Mr. Ford spent time to learn about issues through discussions with residents, and did his homework, to be able to have reasonable and calm discussions at their board meetings.

Mr. Howell said he just has a heavy heart, and has lost a very good colleague and a good friend. The Town of Harwich has also lost a good friend. He is really going to miss him.

Mr. MacAskill said he had the same heavy heart. He offered his deepest condolences to Mr. Ford's entire family. Mr. MacAskill discussed their time as Board members, and how seriously Mr. Ford took his role as a Selectman. He has so much respect for him and for how dedicated he was, despite his illness. Mr. MacAskill said that Mr. Ford always showed up, and he was still playing an active role right up until the end. He really does admire him, said that Mr. Ford loved what he did and had said that it gave him more fight.

Mr. McManus said he agreed with everyone that he had become a good friend. He said that the entire Ford family really expresses those core values, of neighborliness and family. Mr. McManus said that it is a loss for their town, and he offered his condolences to the family.

Mr. Powers also echoed what has been said and also wanted to share some comments to Mr. Ford's family. He wanted to thank the family for sharing Mr. Ford. They will miss him, but wanted to convey their gratitude for his service to the Town, and the sacrifice that his family made for letting him be a part of it. Mr. Powers said that the Selectmen have long meetings, and difficult tasks, and that is born no greater than the families that support them while they do that.

Ms. Eldredge said that Mr. Ford will be greatly missed, with his steady hand and great attitude. She offered her condolences to his family

Mr. Ballantine said that there will be a wake on Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Doane, Beal and Ames Funeral Home in Harwich. The funeral will be held on Thursday, April 15 at 10:00 am, at Holy Trinity Church in Harwich.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. McManus moved that they adjourn at 7:51 pm. Seconded by Mr. MacAskill. Mr. Ballantine said they do this in memory of Selectman Stephen Ford.

**Roll Call Vote: Mr. Howell - Aye, Mr. MacAskill - Aye, Mr. McManus - Aye, Mr. Ballantine - Aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Schwab  
Board Secretary