

TOWN OF ALMA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES, UTILITY BOARD, BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS,
PLANNING COMMISSION, LIQUOR BOARD
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
HELD AT ALMA TOWN HALL
TUESDAY JUNE 17, 2014
7:00 PM

1. Call to Order : By Mayor Gary Goettelman 7:00pm
2. Roll Call: Mel Kassel, Minette Doss, Mark Ray, Andrew Zimmerman, Saam Golgoon, Matt Cole, and Gary Goettelman.
Employees: Lee Phillips, Nancy Comer, Nick Radtke, Tim Zingler, Greg Kimsey, Zack Robertson
Others: Many..... Dave Lawrence, Jason ?, Barb Martin, Jara Johnson, Mark Dowaliby, Nancy Ode, Colleen Goettelman, Cory Kritzmire, Sue Haden, Wendy Kurnermore
3. Motion to approve the agenda by Andrew Zimmerman. Second by Saam Golgoon.
4. Motion to approve the Minutes of the June 3, 2014 meeting by Mel Kassel. Second by Minette Doss.
5. Review Expenditures:
6. Citizens Comments: Cory Kritzmire extended a thank you to all who helped and attended the 1st annual Father's Day BBQ.
7. Bristlecone Montessori School – Wendy Kurner was present to request the use of North Room and Church at a reduced rate for the Bristlecone Performing arts camp July 14-17.
 - Saam Golgoon made a motion to allow the Montessori School the use of the Stone Church and the Northroom at \$20.00 per facility per day for July 14-17. Mel Kassel seconded. Roll Call: Mel Kassel-aye, Minette Doss-aye, Mark Ray-aye, Matt Cole-aye, Andrew Zimmerman-aye, Saam Golgoon-aye, Gary Goettelman-aye. Motion Carried.

Nancy Ode wanted to know what is going on at 397 North Oak. Nancy Comer will put this on for a future agenda.

Convene as Utility Board

8. Public Works Report – Nick Radtke reported that the roads have been mag chloride. We have acquired a one ton flatbed truck from the DRMO. It needs a transmission. The estimate is \$1700.00.
 - Saam Golgoon made a motion to expend \$1700 from the maintenance fund for the 1 ton truck tranny. Andrew Zimmerman seconded. Roll Call: Mel Kassel-aye, Minette Doss-aye, Mark Ray-aye, Matt Cole-aye, Andrew Zimmerman-aye, Saam Golgoon-aye, Gary Goettelman-aye. Motion Carried.

The Board expressed its thanks for the installation of the Volley Ball Court.

Public Works is working on the walking trails through town now that the snow is gone.

Convene as Liquor Board

9. PUBLIC HEARING - Liquor License Renewal – Bobcats, LTD dba Alma's Only Bar – Dave Lawrence 8:17 Mayor Goettelman read an opening statement for the public hearing.
Chief Kimsey presented his case noting several calls to the AOB. He would like to see the joining door locked permanently.
Dave Lawrence presented the Board with a spread sheet that he explained verified his food sales of at least 25% of gross sales. Mr. Lawrence stated the hotel is now booked fully and is doing a good business. He would agree to close the door between the two establishments when the dining room is not being used. He wants to preserve the historic standing of the hotel.
Charlie Osborne, Kelvin ?Sue Hayden, Tim Zingler, Danny, Kathy Brumitt, Mike Davis, Greg Sanchez, Richard Stein, all appeared in support of the renewal. Tim Zingler, Jara Johnson, Nancy Ode, Mike Matkus appeared in opposition of the renewal.

Mr. Lawrence in rebuttal proclaimed that the establishment does not sell drugs or condone the use of. He wants to keep the hotel connected to the bar. He wants to keep the music going at least once a month.

The Board asked of Mr. Lawrence

a. What is the policy regarding visibly intoxicated persons?

Mr. Lawrence said all the personnel are trained with the TIPS program. Jason, the main bartender, stated if someone comes in visibly intoxicated they are served water. Staff tries to find them a way home. The establishment will go as far as offering a reduced room rate.

b. What is the policy on drug usage? There is a feeling that a lot of drug use prevails at the AOB.

Mr. Lawrence replied that he does not use or condone the use of drugs in his bar.

c. What is the policy on serving underage people? There was an incident where a bartender was charged with serving underage people.

Mr. Lawrence responded that the bar has a sign up. It is policy not to ID everyone. The fine was paid to the state in lieu of closure for the underage serving.

d. At the last meeting an incident was discussed regarding a firearm in the bar. Mr. Lawrence had made light of the affair. Minette Doss found this very disturbing.

Mr. Lawrence responded that the bartender, Jason, acted as soon as it got real crazy.

8:25 The Public Hearing was closed

Board Discussion

Saam Golgoon reminded the Board that the issue at hand is whether to renew the existing liquor license or not. Of those present many were in favor of granting the renewal. Those opposed only want to see it cleaned up. Request of IDs must be required at all establishments.

Matt Cole stated that the issue seems to be the drunk culture. No one wants to close down the business they want the business cleaned up.

Minette Doss is pro work – pro job. She is very concerned that when people get out of hand that the bar put a lid on it.

Gary Goetelman does not want to see anyone out of work or any business closed. The AOB does not have to close if it doesn't have a liquor license. The hotel can remain open as a hotel. The AOB can remain open as a restaurant. The safety of the Town is the most serious aspect. 3 out of the 4 issues have been justifiably shown. It sounds as if there should be some stipulations. Lee Phillips suggested

1. No underage serving

2. Visibly intoxicated must not be served

3. Visibly intoxicated persons must leave the premises

(Visibly intoxicated is not a scientific equation, lay observation is sufficient)

4. The Owner needs to have regular communication with the PD

Code of Conduct and communication is up most important. The licensee is responsible for the Code of Conduct. At any time there can be a show cause hearing for revocation or suspension, it doesn't have to be only at time of renewal. Saam Golgoon stated that Mr. Lawrence needs to read and understand the law (in relation to the liquor code).

- Saam Golgoon made a motion to continue this to the 1st meeting of July with the licensee to come back prepared with written policy and procedures as to how he is going to address the concerns raised i.e.; serving under aged persons, serving visibly intoxicated persons, and the code of conduct of the establishment. Minette Doss seconded. 6 ayes. 1 nay. Motion Carried.

10. Special Use Liquor License – Alma Foundation, 17th Annual Festival in the Clouds. Chief Kimsey reported no problems with last year's festival.

- Minette Doss made a motion to approve the Special Event Liquor License for the Alma Foundation. Mel Kassel seconded. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Reconvene as Board of Trustees

11. Police Report – Chief Kimsey reported 37 of 62 shifts were covered with 46 Traffic citations issued, 46 Written warnings, 7 Agency assists, 2 Calls for service, 5 New case reports.

12. Subdivision Application – SP Investments, LLC. Parcel A Grose and Treweek. Joe Piscopio and Andrew Steinberg. - continued from May 6th.

- Andrew Zimmerman made a motion to continue this to the July 15, 2014 meeting. Matt Cole seconded. All ayes. Motion Carried.

13. Legal Report – Lee Phillips reported the Town vs Wyatt case will be heard next Wednesday.

14. Administrator Report – Nancy Comer asked for a final member count to attend the elected officials' dinner. All will be there. A reminder for the Alma Placer mine tour is this Friday or Saturday. The Fourth of July parade will start at noon on Friday. Picnic will be afterwards with fireworks at dark.

Board Comments:

Matt Cole: The price of freedom is eternal vigilance. Thomas Jefferson

Saam Golgoon is now working across the hill, but should be available.

Adjourn : 8:48pm

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