

Board of Selectmen Meeting
307 Main Street
Gilbertville ma 01031
Zoom Meeting
November 21, 2022

In Attendance: Julie Quink, Chair, H. Robert Ruggles, Vice Chair, Kelly Kemp, Clerk, Nicole Parker, Town Administrator

Meeting called to order 6:30 pm

Petition From Residents to recommend Board of Selectman reconsider their yes vote for a horse race facility located at 228 Barre Road

Consideration and action on motion to reconsider vote to approve the location of a horse racetrack on Great Meadowbrook farm. Further. if not successful consideration a vote to call special election on January 7, 2023 pursuant to General Law Chapter 128A Section 13A will be require.

Cara Wilczynski, spokesperson for the group Hardwick Village for Responsible Growth, presented a petition for the selectmen to reconsider their vote.

Many comments about elections and the question posed of propenant to pay for special election. This is not appropriate to ask them to pay for this election.

Board of Selectmen's options are as follows:

1. Do nothing, and leave vote as it stands from the November 9th meeting
2. Board decides to leave vote as is. Vote on special election would be on January 7, 2023 JQ had a recommendation to develop a 7 or 9 person committee as done in the past. Have public information sessions so everyone can have as much information as they need.
3. motion to reconsider and if the motion fails then we are with vote take on Nov 9, if passes vote is reconsidered.

JQ is concerned that there are many questions that need clarification. The Board can do things to get accurate info out to the town. Most of the question seem to be around the Host Community Agreement.

(HRR) made a Motion to reconsider the vote taken on November 9th 2022, to approve the location of the horse track at the property located in the town of Hardwick known as Great Meadowbrook Farm 228 Barre Road. More fully described in deed recorded at the Worcester South Registry of deeds book 66167 page 367, pursuant to General Law Chapter 128A Section 13A. said approval being subject to the following conditions; execution of a host community agreement applicant obtains all necessary local permits and approvals and aggregate

agricultural land preservation committee determines that the project is consistent with the local APR.

KK Seconded

All in favor

HRR (N),KK (Y), JQ (No)

Motion fails and original vote on November 9th stands.

(HRR) made a Motion to hold special election on January 7 2023 pursuant to General Law Chapter 128A Sections 13A to vote on the question of whether to approve the location of a horse race track at the property located in the town of Hardwick known as Great Meadowbrook Farm 228 Barre Road. More fully described in a deed recorded at the Worcester South District Registry of deeds at book 66167 page 367. To set up approval shall be subject to the following condition execution of Host community agreement application obtains all necessary local permits and approvals and agricultural land preservation committee determines that the project is consistent with the local APR. The poll hours will be from Noon to 7 pm.

KK Seconded

Roll Call

HRR (Y) KK (Y) JQ (Y)

Any propaganda that the applicants are sending should be coming to the committee first to ensure the information is accurate.

It was suggested that the committee should consist of The Board of Health, Planning committee, Conservation commission, Board of Selectmen, Police dept, Finance committee and Town administrator, and residents that are for and against the application. The Committee will need to be appointed on November 29th at 6:30 and be sworn in by Town Clerk
All questions should be sent to the Town administrator.

(KK) Motion to authorize Town Administrator to send a letter to the applicant and also the gaming commission regarding action taken by the board at this meeting.

HRR Seconded

Roll Call

KK (I), HRR (I), JQ (I)

Open Space Recreation Plan (OSRP)

The Park and Rec committee approached the town administrator about applying for grants to update Parks throughout town. In order to do so, an updated OSRP needs to be completed. The Town Administrator and Angelique Broussard secured a \$10,750 grant to update the plan. They have created a committee and would like the Board of selectmen to appoint them. Letters of intent were sent.

(KK) made a motion to appoint the Open Space and Recreation committee. Nicole Parker, Angelique Broussard, James Broussard, Emily Cartier and Erin Ballard.

HRR Seconded

Roll call

KK (I), HRR (I), JQ (I)

Selectmen round table

HRR and JQ attended the Eagle Scout project at Paige Memorial Library done by Nicholas Bousquet and presented him with a proclamation along with Senator Anne Gobi. He completed this project in memory of his Great Aunt, who was part of the library for many years.

The Board requested that the Chair of the Board of Health, Stanley Remiszewski, attend the meeting on December 5 regarding the Leicester contract for shared health services.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

HRR seconded

All in favor

KK (I), HRR (I), JQ (I)

Meeting adjourned 8:11

