

## **Saugus Board of Selectmen Minutes – October 24, 2023**

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Chairman Anthony Cogliano opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Present: Selectmen Corinne Riley, Jeffrey Cicolini, and Michael Serino; also, Vice Chair Debra Panetta, Chairman Anthony Cogliano and Town Manager Scott Crabtree.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Ms. Linda Quinlan withdrew her request for a Handicap No Parking sign in front of her house at 94 Denver Street.

Selectman Cicolini requested Minutes be taken out of order and moved to do so; Chair seconds, all in favor motion carried 5-0. Vice Chair Panetta moved to approve the Minutes with a correction noted of Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 8:00 AM meeting. Chair seconds all in favor, Motion passes 5-0.

Vice Chair Panetta moved to table the minutes of June 7, 2023; updates required. Chair seconds, all in favor, Motion passes 5-0.

Vice Chair Panetta moved to table the Minutes of August 22, 2023, Chair seconds, all in favor, Motion passes 5-0.

Vice Chair moved to table the Minutes of Oct 10, 2023, Chair seconds, all in favor, Motion passes 5-0.

Selectman Cicolini moved to take up the town managers updates. Chair seconds, all in favor, Motion passes 5-0.

Town Manager Scott Crabtree: Clifftondale Square streets are being line painted, Shared Streets Grant, and should be done soon. Hopefully, streets will be safer and more calming. Crosswalks need to be changed, and other things will be done in the spring as the budget went over funds approved.

National Grid 23 National Grid Summit this week. A grant request was submitted for a green grant. How much money the town matches – a certain amount is a return on the investment, and up over \$80,000. Money can be leveraged for much needed projects and meet regularly. Looking to replace the roof on the Senior Center.

Monday Steam Academy, October 30, for a nice sitting area, but found a dry well to absorb the storm, with river underneath. Moving forward and adding a few bike racks.

Selectman Riley, October 28, 2023, Hazardous Waste Day, on web and news feeds, Belmonte School 8 AM to 2 PM. Identification required for Saugus residents.

**7:10 PM: VFW, 190 Main Street**, requesting a Change of Manager. Representing the VFW, Jay Pinette, 24 Juniper Avenue Wakefield, MA introduced Ms. Laurieann Caterino, 126 Summer Street, Somerville, Ma to replace Mr. Nicholas Altieri.

Mr. Pinette explained that Mr. Altieri submitted his resignation after several years as manager. Ms. Caterino has served as assistant manager and recently, the Board voted to submit her name as the new manager.

Any in favor in approving or objecting? Seeing none, Vice Chair offering a Motion to close the hearing, Chair seconds, all in favor, Motion passes 5-0.

Vice Chair Panetta made the motion to approve the change of manager from r. Altieri to Ms. Laurieann Caterino. Chair seconds, all in favor, Motion passes 5-0.

Selectman Cicolini made a Motion to have a 2-minute recess, Chair seconds, Motion passes 5-0.

Chairman Cogliano: Meeting is back in session.

**7:20 PM:** Aggregate Industries, 1831 Broadway, Saugus, MA requesting an extension of their Special Permit, to allow the removal of earth and rock for the operation of a quarry at Read Broadway and Whitter Avenue, Assessor's Plan 2030, Lot A-61, and Assessor's Plan 2031, Lot A-122, for a period of six months.

Attorney Richard Magnan appearing as the representative and explained an extension of six-months acting under the Special Permit. Attorney Magnan stated that the last blast was in October of 2022, and does not expect another one until October of 2024. This request will be subject to the same 31 conditions that have always applied to this Special Permit.

Vice Chair Panetta asked about the blasting and trucking. Attorney Magnan stated that Mr. Temple has said they have increased the protocol of the truckers who are not following the rules recently being sensitive to their concerns and are still working on it.

Any in favor? Opposition: Mrs. Mary Lou Howard, 7 Birch Street spoke about the trucks coming down Lincoln Avenue and Hazel Street, no sidewalks and huge trucks lining up and running. A list of trucks was given to the town manager.

Selectman Serino stated that he did not believe they were Aggregate trucks but, rather, trucks gassing up at Angelo's, and there was a court case about Angelo's a few years ago, but the town lost.

Vice Chair Panetta read Condition #18 stating that Aggregate trucks could not use Hamilton, Main, Essex, Central, and Lincoln Avenue and the trucks in question may not be coming from Aggregate and truckers are aware of this condition.

Attorney Magnan was given the list and will present it to Mr. Temple tomorrow.

Anyone wishing to speak in favor or opposition; seeing none, Vice Chair Panetta moved to close the hearing, Chair seconds, all in favor, Motion passes 5-0. Vice Chair Panetta moved to approve



the request from Aggregate to allow for a six-(6) month extension for the removal of earth and rock and the operation of a quarry at Rear Broadway/Whiter for a period of six months with all 31 restrictions included. Chair seconds, Roll Call: Selectmen, Riley yes; Cicolini yes; Serino yes; Vice Chair Panetta yes; Chairman Cogliano yes. Motion passes 5-0.

**7:30 PM Flo Golf** Travis J. Snell, agent for 880-910 Broadway, LP, address 1 Main Street, Concord, MA, Managers Cuong Mai 57 Second Street, Malden, MA and Thanh Nugent 273 Lincoln Street, Malden, MA, addressed the board requesting a Special Permit (S2) to operate an indoor golf simulator program for training and entertainment.

It will be training and entertainment. Selectman Cicolini stated the plan contains a kitchen which was our original plan, but it will be an additional public hearing. There will be 10 simulators.

Anyone to speak on this, seeing none, Selectman Cicolini made the motion to close the public hearing, Chair seconds, motion passes 5-0. Selectman Cicolini made the motion to grant the request of Flor Golf, Travis J. Snell, agent for 880-910 Broadway, Saugus Ma, managers Cuong Mai and Thanh Nguyen, to operate an indoor gold simulator program for training and entertainment. Hours of operation: Monday through Thursday, 7 AM to 10 PM; Friday – Sunday 7 AM to 11 PM. This Special Permit is conditioned that it will not include the kitchen that is on the present plan submitted and us also conditional upon approval and signed off by the Board of Health and the fire department.

The petitioners will need to reapply for a Common Victualer and entertainment license. Chair seconds, Any discussion? Seeing none, Roll Call Vote: Selectmen Riley, Cicolini, and Serino, YES; Vice Chair Panetta YES; Chairman Cogliano YES. Motion passes 5-0.

**7:40 PM: Gill Oil Company, Inc.**, Mr. Kevin Gill owner, for a Special Permit to house one truck and one trailer at 344 Central Street, Saugus, MA. Property owner Mr. Arthur Sordello, 402 Sherwood Forest Lane, Saugus, MA 01906.

Mr. Gill addressed the board. The chair read a letter from neighbors, see attached, asking to deny the application. Chairman Cogliano suggested a site visit. The Chair asked if anyone would like to speak? Michael and Lauren Green. 8 Webb Place, direct abutters, and has a problem with the trucks and asked about the fire department. A cease and desist was ordered recently but stated they continue to work without permits; they know they are not supposed to operate but they continue seven days a week. I am twenty feet from the problem.

Mr. Ronald Howard, 8 Birch Street, in favor of the applicants.

Vice Chair Panetta made the motion to continue this hearing until November 21, 2023 with a site visit on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at 8:00 AM., and inviting the Conservation Commission, and fire department. Chair seconds, all in favor, Motion passes 5-0.

**7:50 PM Innergy Café**, 496 Lincoln Avenue, Saugus, MA withdrew his application.

**8:00 PM Soc's Ice Cream**, 67 Lynn Fells Parkway, and also at 24 Bennett Highway, requesting a Transient Vendor's Permit to sell Christmas Trees at both locations.

Mr. Paul Cacciola, and son Steven, 12 Cider Mill Road, Saugus, Ma, addressed the board. The plan is to sell Christmas trees starting after Thanksgiving for the following three weeks, and then close.

Mr. Cacciola stated that they have permission from the owner at 24 Bennett Highway, will place temporary fencing for security, and sell just Christmas trees at 24 Bennett Highway. Socs continues with their partnership with Boy Scouts, Troop 62, who will be working as it is their annual fundraising, event. They help set up and will work some of the hours, but not missing school.

This is a public hearing, would anyone like to speak? Seeing none, Selectman Cicolini moved to close the hearing. Chair seconds, all in favor, motion passes 5-0. Selectman Cicolini moved to grant the request with hours stated. Chair seconds, motion passes 5-0.

**SELECTMEN APPOINTMENTS:** Mr. Anthony Speziale, 47 Hobson Street, for appointment to the Saugus Board of Registrars. Vice Chair Panetta made the motion to grant the request to a three-year appointment to October 24, 2024, to serve the unexpired term of a former Registrar. Chair seconds, all in favor, motion passes 5-0.

Saugus Cultural Council Appointment: Ms. Niveditha Amernath, 22 Victoria Street, Saugus Cultural Council. The Board thanked her for offering to serve, and stated the appointment to three-year appointment that will expire on 12-31, 2025. Selectman Cicolini made the motion to appoint Ms. Ms. Niveditha Amernath, 200 Victoria Street, Saugus, MA to the position with the term expiring on 12/31/2025. Chair seconds, all in favor, motion passes 5-0.

Selectman Serino made the motion to adjourn, Chair seconds, all in favor, motion passes, 5-0.

Meeting ended at 8:32.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice K. Jarosz, Temp Clerk