

SAUGUS BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting - March 29, 2023

7:00 PM

This meeting is being recorded.

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

Chairman Cogliano called for a moment of silence for the senseless shooting at the Nashville Christian school.

Continued Public Hearing. Antonio Moura Dejesus, requesting a Special Permit (S-2) at 28 Hamilton Street, Saugus, MA to operate Moura Tattoo Studio, Inc., previously scheduled to the continued hearing on April 4, 2023.

Chairman Cogliano stated that the hearing was scheduled for April 4, 2023, but was moved it up as the Petitioner is paying rent and the Board wanted to speed up the process.

Applicant took to the podium with his interpreter.

Vice Chairman Panetta: At our last meeting, I told the public that I may have a conflict with this matter. As promised, I checked with the Ethics Commission and was advised that there is no other option but for me to recuse myself. Thank you. Chairman Panetta then left the meeting.

Erick Savor and I am here to speak on his behalf. His talent is not about the money but also, helps those with scars and he has plans to help people dealing with cancer and I am asking for your support.

Selectman Serino stated that he viewed the Tattoo his Shop in Danvers and was impressed.

Selectman Cicolini stated that over 400 signatures were collected and on the Saugus Parents Facebook age, there were 323 Saugus residents who voted: 320 voted yes, and 3 no. He also noted the age disparity of the people as there were many from the senior community, along with younger residents including Mr. Nelson Miller.

Selectman Riley was amazed at the people who came out to sign the petition and she thanked those who helped gather signatures. The times have changed – tattoos are art.

Speaking in Favor: Mr. Joseph Vecchione Town Meeting Member Pct 2. There were no letters in opposition. I wrote up a petition (See attached Article). Many signed from all different ages all over town and we wanted our voices to be heard. Selectman Cicolini stated that Mr. Moura is a Saugus resident.

Dennis Joseph Gould, 28 Serino Way: In favor. Ms. Diane Vecchione, in favor. Ms. Fran Salamone: 12 Spencer Avenue in favor. Ms. Robin Berry, 24 Summer Drive in favor.

Ms. Jackie Zell, 36 Birch Street in favor. Mr. Matt Cahill, 17 Cottage Street in favor Ms. .Kerry Hogan 11 Maple Street in favor. Mr. Robert Camuso, 27 Eustis Street in favor.

The Selectmen received several letters in support of granting the Special Permit to Mr. Moura supporting the Tattoo Studio.

All in favor: Ms. Kelly Barresi, Mr. Michael Shaw, Ms. Nicole Shaw, Mr. Mark Bell, Ms. Elaine Barrett, Ms. Clarise McDonald, and Ms. Joia Cicolini, all expressing their support.

There were 670 signatures in favor and three in opposition. Also, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Young 27 Pleasant Street, Saugus, MA in opposition.

Selectman Serino agreed with the wishes of the town and changed his vote to support the tattoo studio.

A standing ovation.

Selectman Cicolini moved to close the hearing. Chair seconds, all in favor, Motion passes 4-0 with 1 abstention.

Selectman Cicolini made the Motion to grant the request of Mr. .Antonio Moura Dejesus, for a Special Permit (S-2) at 28 Hamilton Street, Saugus, MA, to operate the Moura Tattoo Studio. Hours of operation: Monday – Saturday 9 AM to 8 PM: Closed Sundays. Restrictions: There will be three artists, three customers at a time, and six parking spaces allotted.

ROLL CALL: Selectman Riley YES: Selectman Cicolini YES; Selectman Serino YES: Chairman Cogliano YES. Motion passes 4-0 with 1 abstention.

Selectman Cicolini offered a Motion to adjourn, Chair seconds, all in favor – Motion passes 4-0.

Meeting ended: 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice K. Jarosz, Temp Clerk