

Approved
Select Board
minutes - 3/4/24

reviewed plans for One School Street's renovation, focusing on period-appropriate windows and an awning and the Golden Agers Club requests an update on the Senior Center project. Ms. Harrison reported that the MBTA Task Force is meeting regularly and discussing ongoing efforts related to the design work and continue to look at various parts of town.

4. Consent Agenda - Special Event permits:

Ms. Jaques moved to approve the Special Event permits; Ms. Bilotta seconded. Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

5. Request for LGBTQ+ Progress Flag on the Town Flagpole in June:

Ms. Watt-Bucci presented a slideshow to ask to raise the LGBTQ+ progress flag on the Town Hall flagpole. Some community members expressed support for the flag as a symbol of inclusivity and acceptance, while others raised concerns about potential issues with multiple flags on the same pole. Comments were made to consider a separate flagpole for commemorative flags to address these concerns, but the Board did not discuss this as it was not an agenda item. In previous meetings the Board concluded there was not enough demand to justify a separate flagpole.

Mr. Round moved that the Select Board proclaim the month of June as LGBTQ+ month in the Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea and sign a proclamation to be presented on June 1st; Ms. Bilotta seconded. Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Ms. Bilotta moved that the Board approve flying the progress flag on the town common flagpole consistent with the approved proclamation; Ms. Jaques seconded. Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

6. Discussion of Needed Committees and Request to Establish a Human Rights Committee:

Mr. Federspiel discussed the need to streamline the town's committees, proposed recommendations to reduce the number of committees and make others advisory or subcommittees. He suggested retiring three committees—Animal Control Board, Manchester Energy Efficiency Program, and House Numbering Committee. Additionally, he proposed making the Seaside One Committee and ADA Committee advisory boards to the DPW Facility Manager. Lastly, he suggested transforming the Chebacco Woods Committee into a subcommittee of the Open Space and Recreation Committee, 4th of July Committee a subcommittee of the Parks and Recreation Committee, and Manchester Stream Team into a subcommittee of the Conservation Commission.

Ms. Bilotta moved to retire the Animal Control Committee, Manchester Energy Efficiency Program Committee, and the House Numbering Committee with a great thanks from the Select Board for their service; Ms. Jaques seconded. Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Ms. Jaques moved that the Seaside One Committee and ADA Committee become advisory boards to the Facility Manager; Mr. Sollosy seconded. Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Mr. Sollosy moved that the Chebacco Woods Committee becomes a subcommittee of the Open Space & Recreation Committee, 4th of July a subcommittee of the Parks & Recreation Committee and Manchester Stream Committee a subcommittee of the Conservation Commission; Ms. Bilotta seconded. Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Establish a Human Rights Committee:

Ms. Watt-Bucci presented a slideshow encouraging the establishment of a Human Rights Committee in town. She referenced other towns and cities that have similar committees and stressed the importance of