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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES - ALCOHOL SUBCOMMITTEE
CONFERENCE MEETING ROOM 2ND FLOOR
TOWN HALL, 29 CENTER STREET
BURLINGTON, MA**

Monday, January 4, 2021

Present: Bob Hogan, Joe Morandi, Paul Sagarino

Alcohol Policy Discussion

Chairman Morandi and Selectman Hogan reviewed the Board of Selectmen's current alcohol policy which requires an all alcohol licensed premise to have 120 seats and a wines & malt premise to have 40 seats.

It was agreed that when the policy was created, there was a purpose to have this minimum seating count in place. At this time the seating limitation is a hindrance. As an example, the state recently approved a number of special legislative all alcohol and wines and malt license for the Cambridge Street Overlay District, but the buildings that fall in that district do not currently have the capacity to hold 120 seats, thus cannot obtain an all alcohol license.

This is a board policy and changes do not need to go to town meeting for approval.

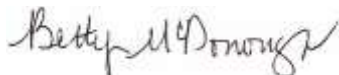
Staff did a preliminary review and most of the surrounding communities do not have seating requirements

It was noted that this discussion does not include the state regulations with respect to the number of people allowed in a facility.

Chairman Morandi and Selectman Hogan were not opposed to considering lowering the number substantially for all the licenses or to consider lowering the number of seating for certain locations.

It was agreed to place this on an agenda for a full board discussion.

Submitted by,



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Recording Secretary