

Selectmen's Minutes 07/26/2017

Minutes of Meeting – July 26, 2017; meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Present: Dave Roche; Channing Gibson; Ed Lane; Ken Fowler; Warren Archey.

MOTION by WA, seconded by KF to accept the Minutes of July 12. 5/0 vote.

Citizen's Open Forum: None.

Consent Agenda: MOTION by WA, seconded by CG to approve the consent agenda as follows: Appointment of Pam Kueber as delegate and Ken Fowler as alternate delegate to the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission; permission for the Josh Billings Runaground to utilize town roads on Sunday, September 17; acceptance of two donations to the police department; acceptance of a donation to the fire department; a temporary banner at the Library from 8/21-28 to announce their Annual Giant Book Sale; temporary signs announcing the Library's Annual Giant Book Sale; sandwich board sign to the Lenox Library. 5/0 vote.

33 Main, LLC is seeking a Hotel A/A liquor license at 33 Main Street. WA read the legal notice as it appeared in the newspaper. MOTION by DR, seconded by CG to open the public hearing. 5/0 vote. Attorney Lori Robbins appeared before the Board to answer any questions. MOTION by DR, seconded by CG to close the public hearing. 5/0 vote. MOTION by WA, seconded by CG to approve a hotel A/A license to 33 Main, LLC for their establishment located at 33 Main Street. 4/0 vote with DR abstaining.

Roseborough Grill, Inc. is seeking to transfer a Restaurant A/A liquor license at 65 Church Street. WA read the legal notice as it appeared in the newspaper. MOTION by CG, seconded by EL to open the public hearing. 5/0 vote. Laura Shack appeared before the Board to answer any questions. She briefly explained that she plans to offer Asian/Chinese cuisine, and has renovated the space substantially. MOTION by WA, seconded by CG to close the public hearing. 5/0 vote. MOTION by WA, seconded by CG to approve the transfer of a restaurant A/A license to Roseborough Grill, Inc. for their establishment located at 65 Church Street. 5/0 vote.

The Wit Gallery submitted photos of two outdoor pieces they were seeking permission to install in the downtown area. They suggested the library area, Lilac Park or at the corner of Franklin and Church Streets. EL stated that he would like additional information, and suggested a site visit. He feels that these pieces are too big for Lilac Park, and Roche Reading Park is full. KF suggested that we check with the Chamber to see what their needs are with regard to Apple Squeeze in September. He also mentioned that he feels that we shouldn't represent only one gallery over the others. Maintenance of these pieces was also brought up. CG asked if the Town wants/needs any more pieces in town. MOTION by EL, seconded by KF to work with The Wit Gallery on this issue. 5/0 vote. CG suggested that the town create an arts group to help determine these types of issues next year.

Valley Street Bridge Property and Easement Acquisitions: MOTION by WA, seconded by KF to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to execute any and all documents relating to the Valley Street project. 5/0 vote.

BOS Reports: KF stated that he will begin to attend the BRPC meetings; he wasn't aware that the alternate should attend. EL stated that the Henry Avenue pump station site work has been done, and the road will be done next. He suggested that perhaps a walkway could be created down there once the job is complete. He also stated that the Lee Road waterline is almost complete. He then asked the other members what they thought about putting a gazebo in Lilac Park. KF and EL stated that they are willing to work on this issue. They wondered if CPC funds could be used (open space/recreation). DR stated that he met with two members of the FinCom, and that they would like to meet with the Board at some time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Minutes Taken By: _____
Mary Ellen Deming
Director of Administrative Services

Minutes Accepted By: _____
Clerk
Board of Selectmen

List of Documents: Two letters from BRPC regarding delegate and alternate appointments to BRPC; Letter from Josh Billings Runaground seeking permission to utilize town roads; Three donation acceptance requests; Two e-mails seeking temporary signs/banners; Sandwich board sign application; Application for an annual A/A hotel license; Application for a transfer of an annual A/A restaurant license; request to install two outdoor pieces in the downtown area.

