

Selectmen's Minutes 08/09/2017

Minutes of Meeting – August 9, 2017; meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Present: Dave Roche; Channing Gibson; Ed Lane; Ken Fowler; Warren Archey.

MOTION by WA, seconded by CG to accept the Minutes of July 26. 5/0 vote.

Citizen's Open Forum: None.

Consent Agenda: MOTION by WA, seconded by CG to approve the consent agenda as follows:

One-day W&M license to Sam Canfield for Saturday, 8/12 from 2-7pm; one-day W&M license to the Lenox VFW for Saturday, August 19 from 5-9pm at St. Ann's Parish Center; one-day W&M license to Ventfort Hall for Wednesday, 8/16 from 7:30-10pm. 5/0 vote.

At 7:02pm, the Board held a joint meeting with the Board of Health to appoint someone to fill the vacancy left by Mary Jane Pignatelli. MOTION by WA, seconded by CG to appoint Dave Roche chair for this joint meeting. 7/0 vote. The Board of Health (Dianne Romeo and Marie Feder) presented the name of Dr. John Kearns. After a brief discussion, the two boards voted unanimously by roll call vote to appoint Dr. John Kearns to fill the position vacated by Mary Jane Pignatelli until the May 2018 election, at which time he would need to run for the balance of the term until 2020.

Toole Lodging Group, Inc. d/b/a Hampton Inn & Suites Lenox Berkshires is seeking an annual Hotel W&M license at 445 Pittsfield Road. WA read the legal notice as it appeared in the newspaper. MOTION by WA, seconded by CG to open the public hearing. 5/0 vote. Hotel Manager Maria Smith appeared before the Board to answer any questions. MOTION by WA, seconded by CG to close the public hearing. 5/0 vote. MOTION by WA, seconded by CG to approve an annual hotel W&M license to Toole Lodging Group, Inc. d/b/a Hampton Inn & Suites Lenox Berkshires for their establishment located at 445 Pittsfield Road. 5/0 vote.

Blantyre Ventures, LLC is seeking to transfer an annual Hotel A/A liquor license at 16 Blantyre Road. WA read the legal notice as it appeared in the newspaper. MOTION by WA, seconded by CG to open the public hearing. 5/0 vote. Attorney Matthew Mozian appeared before the Board to answer any questions, and stated that basically everything will be the same as it currently is. 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 an annual hotel A/A license to Blantyre Ventures, LLC for their establishment located at 16 Blantyre Road. 5/0 vote. MOTION by CG, seconded by KF to approve the Operating/Management Agreement associated with this license application. 5/0 vote.

MOTION by WA, seconded by CG to appoint Corey Demary as a regular full-time police officer for the Town of Lenox. 5/0 vote.

Librarian Amy Lafave was seeking permission to install planters on either side of the new front marble steps, to be funded by the LMMHS class of 1965. However, this project may not move forward. This item will be placed on the 8/23 agenda if necessary.

Charlie Flint from the 250th parade committee came before the board to update them on the status of the October parade. He stated that the committee has been working on the 250th celebration for the past two years. The parade is scheduled for Saturday, October 7 beginning at 11am, and Rep. Smitty Pignatelli will be the Grand Marshall. Olga Weiss then updated the Board on the various upcoming activities, followed by Jan Chague who mentioned that there will be a walking tour of Lenox Dale on August 12.

The CAO explained to the Board the need to amend the Traffic Rules and Regulations as they relate to Sunset Avenue parking. The Board held a brief discussion regarding the options and why it is necessary. MOTION by WA, seconded by CG to amend SCHEDULE I: PARKING of the Traffic Rules and Regulations of the Town of Lenox to reflect the following changes: 5/0 vote.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Type Parking</u>
Sunset Avenue	South	Main Street	Yokun Avenue	No Parking
Sunset Avenue	North	Main Street	55' Westerly	No Parking

The CAO presented the Board with draft FY2018 goals and objectives, based upon his recent performance review. The Board agreed to review the document and place it on the 8/23 agenda.

BOS Reports: CG commended Community Center Director Kim Graham for reaching out to the Council on Aging Director in Lee and working together to share the van for transporting the elderly to Big Y and Walmart. KF stated that there is an opening on the Environmental Committee. He also mentioned that the Planning Board has been looking at a walking plan in the downtown area, and the possibility of adding a few more diagonal parking spaces near the Library. EL stated that the Lee Road water project is now complete, and the Henry Avenue pumping station is waiting to get a pole changed so that job can be completed. DR reminded everyone about the VFW lobster bake on August 19 at the St. Ann's parish center.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Minutes Taken By: _____	Minutes Accepted By: _____
Mary Ellen Deming	Clerk
Director of Administrative Services	Board of Selectmen