

Selectmen's Minutes 08/10/2016

Minutes of Meeting – August 10, 2016; meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Present: Warren Archey; Ed Lane; Channing Gibson; Ken Fowler. Absent: Dave Roche.

The chairman mentioned that the Town is seeking someone interested in serving on the BRTA Board. EL reminded everyone that Richmond Mtn. Road will be closed weekdays, but open on weekends, beginning September 1 through December.

MOTION by EL, seconded by CG to accept the Minutes of July 27. 4/0 vote.

Citizen's Open Forum: None.

Consent Agenda: EL asked that a Hold be placed on the request from the Environmental Committee to insert a flyer regarding the plastic bag ban in with the water bills. MOTION by EL, seconded by CG to grant permission for the 4th Annual Bike-N-Fly cycling event to utilize town roads; permission for the Elizabeth Freeman Center to erect temporary signs in Town from 9/2-9/16 to advertise their Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event; permission for Berkshire Horse Works, Inc. to erect temporary signs in Town from 8/11-8/13 to advertise their scavenger hunt/hike; a one-day W&M license to the Lenox Dale Fire Company for Saturday, 8/20 from 6pm-midnight for their annual block dance at 70 Crystal Street; a one-day W&M License to the Lenox VFW for Saturday, 8/13 from 5-9pm at St. Ann Parish Center. 4/0 vote. The Board agreed to wait on the Environmental Committee request until the flyer is ready.

At their July 27 meeting the Board heard a request from Kameron Spaulding to close a portion of Main Street from the monument to the intersection of Sunset/Housatonic Streets to accommodate a stage for live music as part of Apple Squeeze. It was agreed at that time to obtain additional information, and wait until this meeting to take a vote on the issue. Kameron stated that most of the businesses are in favor of the idea of the street closure. He went on to state that they will be placing signage on Rte. 7 directing traffic, and will place ads in the local paper regarding the traffic configuration and parking. The road should be reopened by 6:30pm Sunday evening. Police Chief O'Brien was present, and had no issues with these scenarios. MOTION by EL, seconded by CG to grant permission to the Chamber of Commerce to close that section of Main Street from Walker Street to Housatonic Street for Apple Squeeze. 4/0 vote.

Rest of River: WA stated that a county-wide committee meeting is currently being set up.

Solar Projects: KF stated that DEP has been very supportive of our process, and it is hoped that we will have a permit from them this week.

BOS Liaison Reports: KF stated that the Planning Board is making progress on the TIF/STA document. They held a brief discussion including what type of businesses the Town wants to attract, and whether or not the current point system needs to be amended. He also thanked Rep. Pignatelli for moderating the debate held at Town Hall. EL stated that paving will begin in the Yokun, Kneeland area, and that the Morris School parking lot will be completed prior to the start of school. CG stated that applications to the CPC Committee are due by Thursday, September 1 no later than 4pm at the Town Hall. These will be summaries of proposed projects to determine if they should move forward to a more in depth application. WA stated that the Board still needs to develop an evaluation process of the TM and so the Board will not be going into Executive Session this evening.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

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

Minutes Accepted By: _____
Clerk
Board of Selectmen