

## Selectmen's Minutes 12/14/2016

Minutes of Meeting – December 14, 2016; meeting called to order at 6:00pm. Present: Ed Lane; Channing Gibson; Dave Roche; Ken Fowler. Absent: Warren Archey.

MOTION by DR, seconded by KF to accept the Minutes of November 30. 4/0 vote.

Citizen's Open Forum: None.

Consent Agenda: DR asked that a Hold be placed on the Tanglewood Business Partner item. MOTION by CG, seconded by KF to approve the consent agenda as follows: 2017 annual license renewals, contingent upon all legal obligations being fulfilled by the licensees; approve final DPW contract with Teamsters Local 404. 4/0 vote. DR stated that he feels that the Town should do anything they can to support Tanglewood. MOTION by DR, seconded by KF to approve becoming a Tanglewood Business Partner and purchasing advertising space in their musical programs at a cost of \$750, and to waive our rights to any tangible items. 4/0 vote.

KF gave an update on the progress of the Administrative Review Committee. The next step is to schedule a public forum to receive citizen input on this issue. He stated that it is fairly obvious that two of the Selectmen from Stockbridge are not interested, but that this shouldn't hold us back from pursuing a mutual agreement with the Town of Lee. DR stated that he believes that misinformation is out there, and that we need to let people know that this would not be a merger, and that each town would maintain their own identity; further, if it doesn't work out, we can always opt out. CG feels that it is a challenge to explain this idea to the town. He sees only positive things, and we need to get that out there. The Board agreed to schedule the public forum for Tuesday, January 17 at 7pm at a location to be determined.

The TM then mentioned that we need to amend the intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Lee for a shared building department clerk. The original agreement did not plan for a shared clerk. Lee has already approved said amendment. MOTION by CG, seconded by DR to approve amendment #1 to the intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Lee to include a shared building department clerk. 4/0 vote.

The Board agreed to table the discussion regarding the Rest of River amendment to the current agreement until the 12/28 meeting when WA will be present.

DEP Conservation Restriction – Lenox Watershed: DEP has now approved the Conservation Restriction on the Lenox watershed lands. In addition, the Board accepted a gift of land (approximately 16 acres) currently owned by Berkshire Natural Resources which will be subject to the same CR conditions. Tad Ames from BNRC was present to answer the Boards questions. MOTION by CG, seconded by DR to accept and approve the gift of land from BNRC as approved by Article #2 of the 11/18/14 STM. 4/0 vote. MOTION by CG, seconded by DR to approve the CR granted by the Town to the Conservation Commission and BNRC by Article #22 of the 2013 ATM and the EPA conditions dated December 2016. 4/0 vote.

The Board agreed to table the discussion regarding the changes to the Lenox Landfill, Ameresco Solar Contract and PILOT agreement until the 12/28 meeting.

BOS Liaison Reports: CG mentioned that the Community Preservation Committee will be meeting on 1/9 to review and determine what projects to fund and at what level. DR mentioned that Gige Darey was in the hospital and would love to hear from people. KF stated that water and sewer bills are due 1/5. EL stated that the Richmond Mtn. Road project is now done and the road is open.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

Minutes Taken By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Ellen Deming  
Director of Administrative Services

Minutes Accepted By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk  
Board of Selectmen