

Minutes of Meeting – July 27, 2022; meeting called to order at 6:00pm. Present: Marybeth Mitts; Warren Archey; Ed Lane; Dave Roche. Absent: Neal Maxymillian.

EL asked that the July 6 Minutes under the motion on the Shots Café Outdoor Dining application be amended by adding the words “two on Church Street” at the end of item 2. MOTION by EL, seconded by MM to approve the Minutes of July 6 as amended. 4/0 vote.

Citizens Open Forum: None.

Consent Agenda: MOTION by EL, seconded by MM to approve a one-day W&M license to the Beer Guy for Saturday, 8/13 from 11am-5pm as part of the LYBA craft fair; appoint John Hroncich to the Cable Committee; change of manager to James Khaghan on an A/A innholders license to Apple Tree Inn; appoint Blake Poore a full-time police officer; appoint Christopher Prew, captain, Cameron Sibley, lieutenant and Cameron Marcantel, Lieutenant in the Fire Department. 4/0 vote.

No one was available from the Lenox Youth Basketball Association to give an update on their craft fair, but the Board all agreed that it has always been a wonderful weekend and the events appear to be the same as in the past. MOTION by MM, seconded by EL to grant LYBA permission to utilize Lilac Park on August 12-14 for their craft fair. 4/0 vote.

At the July 6 meeting, the Board suggested discussing further the need for proposed outdoor dining fines for those establishments that are not in compliance with their outdoor dining license. EL stated that there should be a policy in place. DR stated that the Board has the authority to rescind a license at any time, but should the Board do something else such as a fine schedule. After a brief discussion, the Board felt that \$100 after the first offense, and \$100 after the second offense with the license being rescinded after a third offense seemed fair. After further discussion, the Board concurred that there should be a by-law amendment to this effect placed on the May 2023 annual town meeting warrant to accomplish this.

The Board has received requests for speed bumps on residential roadways. It was agreed that a traffic study should be considered over a wider area of town to determine what the needs may be to slow down traffic. DR stated that with regard to Sunset Avenue, he would like to see parking limited and a flashing speed sign erected there, but no speed bumps. EL felt that this would be a great first step. The TM will speak with the Police Chief to see what his thoughts are.

Don Fitzgerald from the Building Department requested that the board consider revising some of their fees to more accurately reflect uniformity with the current fee structures or to more accurately reflect the time associated with providing the required services. EL stated that this request makes total sense. MOTION by MM, seconded by EL to approve the revised fee schedule for the building department as presented. 4/0 vote.

By roll call, DR, MM, WA and EL voted to go into Executive Session at 6:30pm to discuss strategy with respect to potential land acquisition, potential litigation and collective bargaining with the police and fire, and to not return to open session.

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