

Minutes of Meeting – September 28, 2022; meeting called to order at 6:00pm. Present: Marybeth Mitts; Warren Archey; Dave Roche; Neal Maxymillian.

Announcements: DR thanked Jen Nacht and the Chamber for the great job they did with Apple Squeeze.

MOTION by MM, seconded by NM to approve the Minutes of September 7. 5/0 vote.

Citizens Open Forum: Sonya Bykofsky thanked the TM for improvements that have been made to the communication on the Town website, but asked that it go a bit further with postings and bulletins.

Consent Agenda: MOTION by MM, seconded by NM to appoint Joshua Levin to the Finance Committee; appoint Ken Fowler as a full member of the Historic District Commission; approve monetary donations to the Police Department; approve a monetary donation to the Fire Department. 5/0 vote.

The Board briefly discussed a proposed Host Community Agreement for a delivery license that Kapha Cannabis is applying for with the state. It was agreed to meet again with Mr. Cohen and his attorney regarding this issue when a final agreement is put together. DR stated that he would like to know about hours, etc. MM wanted to know if other communities have delivery services.

The Lenox Teamsters Union Local 404 met and ratified the proposed contract. It is a 3-year contract with a COLA of 3%, 2.25% and 2.25%. Once a final contract is put together, the Board will need to sign it.

The Board agreed that they are all on board with the sale of Edith Wharton Park to the Mount. It is anticipated that the P&S will be signed by the Lee Selectmen next Tuesday night, followed by Lenox.

The TM briefly went through the proposed warrant articles for the upcoming Special Town Meeting. NM questioned if it made sense to place both the WWTP and the Public Safety Facility on the same warrant. Both EL and MM felt that the Town is ready to move forward with both projects. With regard to the noise by-law, NM stated that it is normal to have machinery running before crews begin working at 7am. NM and MM stated that cell coverage in Town is almost non-existent and needs to be addressed. NM stated that the Town must have the ability to have cell service available, and he would like to see it on this STM warrant rather than wait until the May ATM. MM stated that the Planning Board has been working on language, and she feels that it is a matter of public safety to have cell service available. They then discussed the date for the STM. While the first Thursday in November is preferred, with the election the following Tuesday, the Board agreed to schedule it for Thursday, November 17 at the Duffin Theatre. Sonya Bykofsky questioned how many signatures are necessary to submit a petition article on a STM warrant, and suggested that the Town reach out to its residents to see if they have anything they would like to see on the warrant. Finally, it was suggested that a definite STM date in November be incorporated into the charter review.

By roll call, DR, MM, EL, NM and WA and voted to go into Executive Session at 6:53pm to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining (Police).

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