

Minutes of Meeting – February 1, 2023; meeting called to order at 6:00pm. Present: Ed Lane; Dave Roche; Neal Maxymillian; Marybeth Mitts. Absent: Warren Archey.

MOTION by MM, seconded by NM to approve the Minutes of January 18. 4/0 vote.

Citizens Open Forum: None.

Consent Agenda: DR placed a HOLD on the Chamber requests to use Lilac Park. He wanted to make sure that there were no conflicts with these dates, to which the TM stated that these dates were clear. MOTION by MM, seconded by NM to approve a one-day W&M License to Community Access to the Arts for 2/15 from 5-7:30pm at the Lenox Library; grant permission to the Chamber of Commerce to utilize Lilac Park on Sundays from 3-6pm on 5/18, 6/4, 18 and 25, 9/3 and 24 and 10/1 and 8; grant permission to Mass Audubon to host a 5K/10K trail race/walk in Kennedy Park on 6/25 from 9-11am. 4/0 vote.

The Board agreed to table their discussion regarding a request they received asking them to consider sending a letter to the FCC and federal/state officials relative to the health effects of wireless infrastructure. NM questioned if we had heard back from the Planning Board with their feedback. The TM stated no, and that he is recommending the Board wait until then to discuss this issue further.

FY24 Budget: The TM stated that \$32.8M needs to be raised to cover this budget. He went on to state that he has backed off from some of the more aggressive recommendations, and those amounts have been reinstated into the budget. Health insurance rates for the schools came down approximately \$100,000; he has included a robust capital plan; the operating budget is up 4.5%; the overall tax impact is currently at 6%. School Committee members in the audience joined in on the conversation briefly. DR asked them if they thought that the announcement that Pittsfield will be offering more electives may have an effect on School Choice. MM agreed with everything that was said with regard to the budget, and thanked the schools for the great job they are doing in hiring new administrators.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

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