

Minutes of Meeting – March 15, 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 March 1. 3/0 vote with NM abstaining.

Citizens Open Forum: Courtney Gilardi mentioned how compassionate the Board was about people being displaced by Air B&Bs, and their offer to review the bylaw. She would like to see the best wireless bylaw presented at the Annual Town Meeting, and would hope that the Board would review the information that she has supplied to them. Sonya Bykofsky asked about a list of appointed committee openings to which MM stated that anyone can apply for any board at any time, and that there is a listing in the annual town report. Bob Vaughan stated that board agendas are typically set by the chair of that board and they can determine whether or not to allow public comment. NM stated that open comments are not a requirement. Kate McNulty-Vaughan announced the Fix-It Fair on April 22, 1-4pm at the Community Center. Jim Wilusz mentioned a household hazardous waste collection event on May 20, 9-1. Diane Sheldon stated that she is concerned about town residents' ability to speak at Planning Board meetings. Planning Board member Kate McNulty-Vaughan stated that sometimes the Planning Board is working with deadlines, but that a public hearing on the bylaw will be held on April 4. In addition, it takes time to complete Minutes timely, but that if people read the MA Open Meeting law they will see what the parameters are for minutes, agendas and meeting conduct.

Consent Agenda: DR placed a HOLD on the Ambulance Coordinator appointment. MOTION by MM, seconded by NM to approve a one-day W&M license to Dianne Romeo for 3/25 from 7-10pm at the Community Center; a temporary sandwich board sign for April 22 to announce the Fix-It Fair; ratify the appointment of Matthew Tyer as Ambulance Coordinator; renew the seasonal A/A license to the Boston Symphony Orchestra d/b/a Seranak. 4/0 vote. NM and DR thanked Matthew Tyer and Dianne Romeo for coming forward to support the Town.

MA Electric Public Hearing: MA Electric is seeking permission to install one pole on East Street near the intersection of East Street and Sherwood Drive. MOTION by MM, seconded by NM to open the public hearing. 4/0 vote. No representative was present to answer any questions from the Board, but they had knowledge as to the location of this pole and agreed to move forward with the hearing. MOTION by MM, seconded by NM to close the public hearing. 4/0 vote. MOTION by MM, seconded by NM to approve the installation of one pole on East Street near the intersection of East Street and Sherwood Drive as petitioned. 4/0 vote.

Verizon Public Hearing: Verizon came before the Board seeking permission to install one pole on Crystal Street near Valley Street. MOTION by MM, seconded by NM to open the public hearing. 4/0 vote. A representative was present and explained that they want to raise the wires a bit in order for taller trucks to be able to drive beneath them. MOTION by MM, seconded by NM to close the public hearing. 4/0 vote. MOTION by MM, seconded by NM to approve the installation of one pole on Crystal Street near Valley Street as petitioned. 4/0 vote.

Common Victualler and Entertainment License Requests, Antimony Brewing: Robert Trask, Manager of Antimony Brewing came before the Board seeking a common victualler and entertainment license for live music, theater, comedy and the spoken word. He stated that he expects to open mid-May. MOTION by MM, seconded by NM to approve a common victualler and entertainment license to Antimony Brewing as requested. 4/0 vote.

SOI: The TM read the lengthy Statement of Interest for MSBA. MOTION by MM, seconded by NM to authorize the School Superintendent to submit a Statement of Interest to the MA School Building Authority documenting the deficiency at the Lenox Memorial Middle High School and the priority category for which an application may be submitted in the future as read by the TM. 4/0 vote.

Allocation of Opioid Settlement: Board of Health member Dianne Romeo stated that she would like to see the discussion begin on the use of the settlement funds, and then turned it over to Tri-Town Health Director Jim Wilusz. He stated that there is not enough treatment or resources currently available, and suggested that Gary Pratt, Director of the Rural Recovery Center explain how this organization works. He explained that they offer direct services throughout the recovery period, including holding recovery meetings and Narcan training. These services are offered at no cost to the individual, and they are available to assist throughout the process. MM explained that the Town is merely the pass-through for the funds that then need to go to opioid treatment facilities. She went on to state that the Town will receive a report on the number of individuals assisted through 2031. DR asked if there was any other organization out there that may be in need of this type of funding, but all agreed that if there were they would have come forward already. DR stated that, as in the past, he feels that this item should not be voted on tonight, but at the next BOS meeting. All agreed that it

would be good to get the funding where it is needed sooner rather than later. Construct, Inc. Director Jane Ralph stated that Rural Recovery is an excellent organization to grant the funding to, and that they work very closely with Construct should housing be needed during the recovery process.

BOS Reports: MM reminded everyone that there will be a public hearing regarding a wireless bylaw on April 4. This bylaw proposes to provide better cell service as well as restoring local control back to the Zoning Board for the placement of cell towers in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57pm.

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