

Minutes of Meeting – June 7, 2023; meeting called to order at 6:00pm. Present: Ed Lane; Dave Roche; Neal Maxymillian; Max Scherff. Marybeth Mitts entered at 6:09pm.

DR stated that at the Memorial Day events he forgot to recognize Commander of the VFW Louie Fortune for all his hard work, and wanted to take the opportunity to recognize him now.

MOTION by EL, seconded by NM to approve the Minutes of May 24. 3/0 vote with NM abstaining.

Citizens Open Forum: None.

Consent Agenda: MOTION by EL, seconded by NM to grant permission to Police Chief O'Brien to accept a monetary donation; appoint Andrew Silver to the Conservation Commission until 2025; grant a one-day W&M license to Molly Merrihew, WAM Theatre for 6/22 from 4:30-6:30 at Ventfort Hall. 4/0 vote.

At the April 26 meeting, Shots Café came before the Board seeking an alteration of premises on their annual Wine & Malt Restaurant license. They would like to include outdoor service on their patio, offering six tables with a limit of two chairs per table. Attorney Jeff Lynch made a presentation to the Board, but the Board agreed that they needed to look into the matter further, and voted to continue the public hearing until May 10, and then again until tonight. The hearing was still open, so the Board held a brief discussion regarding this request. The TM explained that he will put together a 6-month revocable license between Shots Café and the Town for use of the property in question. EL stated that he had concerns as to what control the Town would have but with the 6-month license he is fine with issuing this license. MS and NM agreed. Attorney Lynch concurred with the Board's thoughts and was happy with this decision. MOTION by EL, seconded by NM to close the public hearing. 4/0 vote. MOTION by EL, seconded by NM to approve an alteration of premises on an annual Wine & Malt Restaurant license to Shots Café Lenox, LLC d/b/a Shots Café, Liliana Arteaga-Tucker, Manager, for property located at 27D Housatonic Street. 4/0 vote.

MM entered the meeting at 6:09pm. Panda House Restaurant came before the Board seeking a transfer of their license as well as a change of manager on their annual A/A Restaurant license. The clerk read the legal notice as it appeared in the newspaper. MOTION by, MM seconded by NM to open the public hearing. 5/0 vote. Attorney Jeff Lynch was present to answer any questions. He explained that this is a simple transfer with a new manager. MOTION by MM, seconded by MS to close the public hearing. 5/0 vote. MOTION by MM, seconded by MS to approve a transfer and change of manager on an annual A/A Restaurant license to Panda House Zhu, Inc., d/b/a Panda House Restaurant, Wen qi Dai, Manager, for property located at 506 Pittsfield Road. 5/0 vote.

The Board continued their discussion regarding a policy for the use of Town Property for financial gain. They all agreed to concentrate on use of the Town parks first. It was brought up that it would have to be determined if non-profit or for profit applicants would be treated differently, and that there needed to be a uniform fee. NM agreed that uniformity is needed. EL stated that he doesn't want to see Lilac Park closed off to the public and would like to see an option to waive the fee for non-profits. MM stated that community organizations are one thing but private businesses charging for services should have to pay. DR wants the process to be simple and consistent. MM reminded everyone that there are already many events planned in Lilac Park for this summer. NM offered to work with the TM on a fee structure for use of town parks.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37pm.

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