

Minutes of Meeting – November 29, 2023; meeting called to order at 6:00pm. Present: Ed Lane; Marybeth Mitts; Max Scherff; Dave Roche; Neal Maxymillian

Fanto and TM recording meeting
Announcements from the Chair:

Citizen’s Open Forum:
Jared Weber, 42 Golden Hill Rd – attended Lee Select Board meeting with GE representatives, happy to hear that a board member attended asked why other members did not attend. Asked about communication to the public about submitting responses to the T&D plan. Asked for evidence that Lenox is working with the other towns.

Debbie Kelly, West St – Attended Lee meeting as well. Disappointed that the Selectman present did not participate or comment.

Roberta Bianco, 39 Golden Hill Rd – Also attended Lee meeting. Asked if the Board favors trains over trucks for transportation of sediment. She doesn’t think Lenox residents know how to submit their comments about the T&D plan.

NM talked to connecting Weston and Sampson with the residents of the Town to create an impactful response in addition to individual responses from Lenox residents.

Paula Dowling, Lasher Ln – Still a large percentage of people that don’t know what’s going on. Asked if it was appropriate to make a comment at Special Town Meeting.

Matt Ruddick, Golden Hill Rd – Expressed concern and pessimism that the board is not being straightforward with citizens. Asked who signed the agreement and what would have happened if the Board hadn’t signed the agreement. Asked why the Board wouldn’t announce the response period during the Special Town Meeting.

Consent Agenda:

MOTION to approve Consent Agenda as presented by DR, seconded by NM, 5/0 vote

Elizabeth Pisano presented on behalf of applicant Loge F&B Lenox, MA LLC for their entertainment license request. The business will be run in the same manner, observing the same hours, and presenting similar entertainment as under their previous license.

MOTION to approve the application for Loge F&B Lenox, MA LLC d/b/a Seven Hills Inn Hotel, 40 Plunkett Street, Lenox for an Entertainment License dated October 26, 2023 by MM, seconded by DR, 5/0 vote

Jenn Nacht of the Chamber of Commerce thanked the Board for their support, discussed village holiday season decorations, the Chamber’s winter promotions and events, and the new location at 27 Housatonic St. at which they are fully operational. She detailed the events schedule requiring approval by the Board.

Paula Dowling, Lasher Ln – Asked the Chamber to sponsor more events in Lenox Dale.

Jenn Nacht expressed her interest in bringing more to Lenox Dale.

MOTION to approve the applications of the Lenox Chamber of Commerce for use of Lilac Park as presented by MM, seconded by NM, 5/0 vote

TM discussed Special Town Meeting warrant articles and the Board made the following presentation assignments:

- MS Article 1
- NM Article 2
- DR Article 3
- EL Article 4
- MM Article 5

Planning Board Chair Tom Delasco will present Articles 6 and 7.

MOTION to adjourn by DR, seconded by MS.