

Minutes of Meeting – May 20, 2022; meeting called to order at 3:00pm. Present: Marybeth Mitts; Ed Lane; Dave Roche. Absent: Neal Maxymillian; Warren Archey.

Announcements: MM announced a Grappling with Covid-19 Community Forum to be held on Saturday, July 9 from 9-10:30am at the outdoor shrine of the Marian Fathers in Stockbridge.

MOTION by EL, seconded by DR to approve the Minutes of May 4. 3/0 vote.

Citizens Open Forum: None.

Consent Agenda: MOTION by EL, seconded by DR to approve a Change of Manager for Lenox Collection LLC d/b/a Church Street Inn to Jeffrey Bourdon; approval to accept a donation to the Police Department; One-Day A/A license to Erich Hertz and Rachel McCabe for 10/22 from 4:30-10:30pm at Ventfort Hall; One-Day W&M license to the Berkshire Immigrant Center for 6/12 from 5-8pm at Shakespeare & Co. Rose Footprint Theater Tent; One-Day W&M license to Edith Wharton for 8/26 from 2-5pm; Seven, One-Day A/A licenses to Edith Wharton for 9/4 from 5-11pm, 9/17 from 5-11pm, 9/18 from 4-8pm, 9/21 from 5-8pm, 9/28 from 5-8pm, 10/1 from 5-11pm and 10/5 from 5-8pm; One-Day W&M license to the Lenox Dale Fire Company for 5/27 from 6-11pm. 3/0 vote.

Capital Projects and Appropriations: The Board discussed holding a Special Town Meeting to utilize excess funds from the sewer treatment plant project to perform needed sewer work on Church Street as well as other projects that could be funded through Free Cash. CK stated that land surveys completed just prior to the housing proposal have been found on land which now may be used for a public safety complex and could be included as a warrant article. The Library project will need additional funds to complete the complicated work on that building (chimneys, HVAC system). CK stated that the Town could do short-term notes to fund the Library projects, and possibly other projects. In addition, the school could complete some of their building issues during the summer when the building is closed. He stated that if we could hold a STM prior to June 30, none of these funding issues would impact the tax rate. We will need to get a list of proposed projects in order to prepare warrant articles for the Board to review at their June 1 meeting. It was suggested that a STM be scheduled for Thursday, June 23.

By roll call, DR, MM, WA and EL voted to go into Executive Session at 3:24pm to discuss strategy with respect to potential and ongoing litigation as discussing such strategy in public session may have a detrimental impact on the Town's negotiating position.

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