

Minutes of Meeting – December 29, 2021; meeting called to order at 6:00pm. Present: Warren Archey; Ed Lane; Dave Roche. Absent: Neal Maxymillian; Marybeth Mitts.

MOTION by DR, seconded by WA to appoint Ed Lane as temporary chairman. 3/0 vote.

Announcements: EL stated that Covid is getting crazy and for people to be careful and take precautions.

MOTION by DR, seconded by WA to approve the Minutes of December 15. 3/0 vote.

Citizens Open Forum: None.

Consent Agenda: MOTION by DR, seconded by WA to approve monetary donations to the Police Department; monetary donations to the Fire Department. 3/0 vote.

West Marble Table, Inc., d/b/a Cookout came before the Board seeking a transfer and change of manager of an annual A/A Restaurant license for property located at 80 Church Street. DR (as temporary clerk) read the legal notice as it appeared in the newspaper. MOTION by DR, seconded by WA to open the public hearing. 3/0 vote. Attorney Jeff Lynch was present to answer any questions. He stated that the owner plans to run the restaurant as a cantina/tapas restaurant, and that renovations will occur over the winter months. MOTION by EL, seconded by DR to close the public hearing. 3/0 vote. MOTION by DR, seconded by WA to approve the transfer and change of manager of an annual A/A Restaurant license to West Marble Table, Inc. d/b/a Cookout for property located at 80 Church Street, Jane Blanchard, Manager. 3/0 vote.

Fiscal 2022: The Town Manager stated that the FY23 operating budget will be seeing a cost escalation in energy, health insurance migration, Berkshire County Retirement assessment and collective bargaining agreements which will be negotiated this year. He stated that things will be looking quite different from past years, both positively and negatively. He went on to say that the Town is currently holding our own in expenses and revenues this year, with the hotel tax going up.

New Business/Liaison Reports: DR and EL wished everyone a happy new year and reminded everyone to stay healthy. CK thanked the DPW crews for making sure the roads were safe during the Christmas holiday.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.

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