

Minutes of Meeting – January 19, 2022; meeting called to order at 6:00pm. Present: Marybeth Mitts; Warren Archey; Ed Lane; Dave Roche. Absent: Neal Maxymillian.

Announcements: None.

MOTION by DR, seconded by EL to approve the Minutes of December 29. 3/0 vote with MM abstaining.

Citizens Open Forum: None.

Consent Agenda: EL placed a HOLD on the Community Center donations acceptance. MOTION by EL, seconded by DR to approve monetary donations to the Fire Department. 4/0 vote. EL stated how wonderful it is that so many people wanted to donate to the Town for a pickleball court. MOTION by EL, seconded by DR to approve monetary donations to the Community Center. 4/0 vote.

Preliminary FY23 budget: CK went through his preliminary budget, stating that there are many moving parts. It is a \$30.8M budget, \$26.9 operating budget. It includes a capital plan, and a 3% placeholder for the school budget. It anticipates using \$1.2M of Free Cash to fund the capital projects. MM stated that applying ARPA funds where we can will help with the budget. DR questioned how the Short-Term Rentals played into the rooms tax figure, to which the TM stated that it was substantial but that the hotels are the main source of the funds.

New Business/Liaison Reports: EL thanked the DPW for the great job done during the recent ice and snow storms. He also mentioned that the Permanent Building Committee is planning to meet next week to discuss the public safety building and library project. MM stated that the Affordable Housing Trust submitted their application to the Community Preservation Committee. DR stated that the Chamber is moving along on plans for the spring, and he welcomed Bruce Huber as a new hire at the Community Center. WA stated that he was pleased with the state of the town and its finances. MM then thanked Clarence Fanto from the Berkshire Eagle for an excellent article regarding the Planning Boards work on a proposed cell town by-law.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27pm.

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