

Minutes of Meeting – October 3, 2018; meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Present: Ken Fowler; Dave Roche; Ed Lane; Neal Maxymillian. Absent: Warren Archey.

Chairman Fowler announced the October employee anniversaries, and congratulated the Chamber on a successful Apple Squeeze event.

MOTION by DR, seconded by NM to accept the Minutes of September 5. 4/0 vote.

Citizen's Open Forum: Ellen Jacobsen announced the Fix-It Fair on Saturday, 10/27 from 1-4 at the Town Hall auditorium.

Consent Agenda: MOTION by DR, seconded by NM to approve the consent agenda as follows: accept a donation to the Fire Department; accept donations to the Police Department; appoint Katherine Landers, Anne Meczywor and Charles Holt to the Cultural Council; a temporary sign to Spirited from 9/24-10/8; appoint Joan Bruno to the Finance Committee; grant a Class II Auto Sales license to Southern States Auto Sales, 62 Crystal Street; one-day A/A license to Edith Wharton Restoration for Saturday, 10/6 from 7-10pm at The Stable at the north end of the property; one-day W&M license to Samantha Melvin for Friday, 10/5 from 6-9pm at the Lenox library. 4/0 vote.

National Grid Pole Petitions Public Hearing: A representative from National Grid came before the Board seeking permission to 1) relocate 22 poles and remove 1 pole and install 4 poles along Walker Street; 2) relocate 1 pole along East Street; and 3) temporarily relocate pole #49 & #50 to Southeast of Walker Street per the State plan. In addition, they are seeking permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes. Also, National Grid agrees to reserve space for one cross-arm at a suitable point on each of said poles for the fire, police, telephone, and telegraph signal wires belonging to the municipality and used by it exclusively for municipal purposes. MOTION by DR, seconded by NM to open the public hearing. 4/0 vote. There was discussion as to what they want to do and why. He explained that this project is part of the DOT road widening of Walker Street. It was suggested that should any residents have any concerns, they should first reach out to our DPW Superintendent Bill Gop. Ken Lagarce (#335 Walker Street) asked for a clarification of the work to occur near his residence, and Gail Bice (#313 Walker Street) questioned if the pole could be relocated somewhat so that it won't be directly in front of her bedroom window. MOTION by DR, seconded by NM to close the public hearing. 4/0 vote. MOTION by DR, seconded by NM to approve the three National Grid petitions as presented, with the caveat that reconsideration of the position of pole #41 be reviewed to the extent that sidelines can be improved on the residents' property. 4/0 vote.

Special Town Meeting Warrant: The COA went through the draft STM warrant articles. The final draft of the warrant will need to be approved at the October 17 meeting.

BOS Reports: NM stated that CPC has received some Phase 1 applications, and that Phase 2 applications are due by October 31. EL mentioned that the Permanent Building Committee met to discuss three main items: 1) public safety building, 2) center school building, 3) upgrade to the WWTP. He also brought up the community garden project, and that volunteers are always welcome. KF stated that the Environmental Committee met on Monday, and that they are looking for others to serve on this committee. He also mentioned that the HDC is working on a streamlined process for sign approval in the historic district. A public hearing to discuss this is scheduled for November 20.

By roll call, KF, DR, EL, and NM voted to go into Executive Session at 7:50pm to discuss strategy with respect to potential litigation, LD Builders; acquisition/disposition of real property; ongoing litigation, Housatonic Rest of River Clean-up.

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

List of Documents: Donation memos from Fire Chief and Police Chief; committee applications (3); temporary sign request; committee application; Class II auto sales license application; one-day A/A license application; one W&M license application; three National Grid pole location petitions; list of proposed STM warrant articles.