

Minutes of Meeting – December 12, 2018; meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Present: Ken Fowler; Dave Roche; Ed Lane; Neal Maxymillian; Warren Archey.

Chairman Fowler announced the employee anniversaries, reminded residents to sign up for Code Red and to not flush 'flushable' wipes into the system as they clog it up.

MOTION by DR, seconded by EL to accept the Minutes of November 28. 4/0 vote with NM abstaining.

Citizen's Open Forum: At the end of the meeting, at the request of Attorney Jeff Lynch, Tom Johnson asked if the short term rental (STR) topic could be placed on the January 9 agenda. The Board explained that a strategy meeting will be planned as mentioned earlier in the meeting, and that the Board will go from there.

Consent Agenda: EL asked that a Hold be placed on the Sealer of Weights & Measures Contract. MOTION by DR, seconded by NM to approve the consent agenda as follows: Set seasonal population estimate at 10,000 for purposes of seasonal liquor licenses; approve 2019 license renewals; one-day W&M license to Ventfort Hall for Saturday, 12/15 from 5-9pm; appoint Jonathan Boehm as a relief firefighter/EMT; approve amendment to Firefighters Association Union contract. 5/0 vote. EL stated that he felt that it was a great deal for the Town to contract with the state for sealer of weights and measures services at a cost of \$2200. MOTION by DR, seconded by EL to approve a contract with MA Division of Standards for Weights and Measures services. 5/0 vote.

MOTION by DR, seconded by EL to appoint Joshua Romeo as a firefighter/EMT, effective December 17, 2018. 5/0 vote.

FY19 Tax Classification Public Hearing: Board of Assessors Chairman Tom Romeo made a brief presentation regarding the annual tax classification hearing. Administrative Assessor Randy Austin then gave a brief power point presentation, outlining the various tax rates, home values, etc. over the years. DR read the hearing notice as it appeared in the newspaper. MOTION by DR, seconded by EL to open the public hearing. 5/0 vote. Hearing no comments, MOTION by DR, seconded by EL to close the public hearing. 5/0 vote. MOTION by DR, seconded by EL to adopt a residential factor of 0.9557 for the purposes of determining the Fiscal 2019 tax rate (\$11.95 residential; \$14.76 commercial/industrial/personal property). 5/0 vote.

George Propane, Inc. temporary storage facilities public hearing: DR read the notice as it appeared in The Berkshire Eagle. MOTION by DR, seconded by EL to open the public hearing. 5/0 vote. CAO mentioned that the office had received several letters stating concerns with this request. Michael George from George Propane, Inc. explained that he is seeking permission to install up to 18,000 gallons of propane storage (9 sites with 2000 gallons each) for a period of up to 18 months, for temporary heating during construction at Cranwell Resort. He presented a plan showing the nine sites. Fire Chief O'Brien then spoke to the safety of the tanks, and that he would incorporate an inspection of them as part of his quarterly inspections of the property. Don Fitzgerald stated that he would like to keep this project moving forward and get it done. He went on to state that he hopes that he won't need 18 tanks, but wanted to ask for them just in case; he's hoping to need only nine. He also stated that while they are asking for 18 months, the project is slated to be completed by December 2019. Several individuals asked questions, and then stated that they were fine with this license being issued following what they had learned. KF suggested that the condo association designate one individual as a point person to keep in touch with Don Fitzgerald throughout the project. MOTION by DR, seconded by EL to close the public hearing. 5/0 vote. MOTION by DR, seconded by NM to issue the license to George Propane, Inc. to install up to 18,000 gallons of propane storage (9 sites with 2000 gallons each) for a period of up to 18 months, subject to quarterly inspections by the Fire Chief. 5/0 vote.

Charter Review Committee: The CAO reminded the Board that at the May ATM it was voted to review the Town's current charter, and that a committee needs to be set up to begin the process. MOTION by KF, seconded by DR to appoint the following: Tom Romeo, Mary Jo Miller, Marybeth Mitts, Shaun Leary Considine, Mike King and Dave Neubert as an alternate. 5/0 vote.

Master Plan Steering Committee Appointments: The Board discussed having Chairman Ken Fowler be the representative for the Selectmen, but after further discussion it was agreed to have whoever is chairman during this process be the representative. MOTION by DR, seconded by EL to appoint the Board of Selectmen chair as the representative to the Master Plan Steering Committee; other

members appointed included: Pam Kueber, Kate McNulty Vaughan, Olga Weiss, Elliott Morse, Carolyn Butler with Sukey Werman as alternate, Isabella Williams, Julianna Monteleone, Allyn Burrows with Adams Davis as alternate, Rob Murray, Marybeth Mitts, Tom Matuszko, Gwen Miller. 5/0 vote.

Personnel Policy Amendments: This item was tabled until the January 9, 2019 meeting.

BOS Reports: EL mentioned the public safety facilities RFP has been drafted, and that the project is moving along. He also mentioned that the school shop class built a shed for the community garden. Finally, he stated that the BRTA is still in talks with the union as they rejected the latest proposal. DR stated that there was a very well-attended art show at the Academy Building hosted by the Historical Society, and that the library continues to be thriving. WA stated that while it is too late to transplant a tree in Lilac Park now, he is hopeful to do it on Arbor Day in the spring. NM stated that the School Committee has extended a contract with the new superintendent. He stated that the Planning Board is looking to the state before they continue work on the short term rental issue, and are now focusing on a marijuana bylaw. They are hoping to set up a strategy meeting with the Selectmen to discuss the next steps on the short term rental (STR) issue. It was agreed that EL and NM would represent the Board at this meeting. KF mentioned that a new solar group may be coming to town that will be able to offer solar to residents.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

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

List of Documents: License approval list; one-day W&M license application; appointment letters; draft contract with MA Division of Standards; two legal notices; memo on Master Plan Steering Committee appointments.