

Minutes of Meeting – January 30, 2019; meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Present: Ken Fowler; Dave Roche; Ed Lane; Neal Maxymillian; Warren Archey.

MOTION by DR, seconded by NM to accept the Minutes of January 9. 3/0 vote with KF and WA abstaining. Citizen's Open Forum: None.

Consent Agenda: DR asked that a Hold be placed on the appointment of Jason Saunders. MOTION by DR, seconded by NM to approve the consent agenda as follows: accept monetary donations to the Fire Department; accept monetary donation to the Police Department; approve/sign the deeds for the land exchange with Mass Audubon; ratify the appointment of William C. Hunt as a Relief Firefighter-EMT. 5/0 vote. DR and EL both stated that they thought it was an excellent choice to appoint Jason Saunders as Deputy Chief. MOTION by DR, seconded by NM to ratify the appointment of Jason T. Saunders as Deputy Chief @ the Central Fire Station. 5/0 vote.

Verizon Wireless Public Hearing: Representatives from Verizon Wireless appeared before the Board seeking permission for the installation and operation of an antenna and related equipment on an existing utility pole in the municipal right of way bordering the property known as 297 West Street. MOTION by EL, seconded by DR to open the public hearing. 5/0 vote. Verizon explained that the equipment will consist of a canister placed on top of the existing pole, and a radio box lower down on the pole. They are requesting this location to help absorb the large crowds utilizing the signals (Tanglewood). EL questioned if they will be installing more of these antennas, to which they stated that they currently only have one more scheduled. Bill Gop questioned the need for signage, to which they stated that the signage is in compliance with radio frequencies regulations. MOTION by EL, seconded by DR to close the public hearing. 5/0 vote. MOTION by DR, seconded by NM to approve the petition as submitted by Verizon Wireless to install equipment at 297 West Street. 5/0 vote.

National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition Public Hearing: A representative from National Grid came before the Board seeking permission to install and maintain a new stub pole, pole on opposite side of road from pole 54. New utility pole will support pole that services house 367. MOTION by DR, seconded by EL to open the public hearing. 5/0 vote. The representative explained that they are seeking permission to install a stub pole opposite of pole #54 for service at 367 Walker Street. MOTION by DR, seconded by NM to close the public hearing. 5/0 vote. MOTION by DR, seconded by EL to approve the petition as presented. 5/0 vote.

Price Chopper is requesting to change officers/directors listed on their current A/A package store license. MOTION by DR, seconded by EL to open the public hearing. 5/0 vote. Hearing no questions or concerns, MOTION by DR, seconded by EL to close the public hearing. 5/0 vote. MOTION by DR, seconded by NM to approve the change of officers/directors/LLC managers as currently listed on the A/A package store license for Price Chopper Operating Co. of Massachusetts, Inc. 5/0 vote.

Library Director Amy Lafave updated the Board on activities occurring at the Library: Lego League, Distinguished Lecture Series and Trivia Night, to name a few.

FY2020 Town Budget: CAO gave a power point presentation to the Board. He stated that it is a fiscally responsible and sustainable budget for 2020 and into the future. Highlights included the following: \$28.5M budget, \$2.2M in free cash, \$4.1M in OPEB, the General fund is now debt free, funding is included for Sunday hours at the Library. It was agreed to set up a budget working session for 2/6 at 2pm.

BOS Reports: EL stated that he is pleased with the proposed marijuana by-law, and that the board did a good job creating it. DR stated that he was happy with the Purple Heart Community event held on Saturday. WA stated that he will be submitting a letter to The Berkshire Eagle clarifying his stance on the EPA and damage done to the river. He feels that MA DEP needs to get involved, and he would like to see this topic discussed at an upcoming meeting. NM stated that the Planning Board held a meeting in Lenox Dale, and that there will be a public hearing on 2/26 regarding the Short Term Rentals. He also mentioned that the CPC has voted on the projects to go to Town Meeting for approval. KF went through the January employee anniversaries. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

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

List of Documents: Donation memorandums; Email regarding deeds; Fire Chief Appointment Memorandums; National Grid/Verizon pole request; Verizon Wireless request; A/A liquor license application.