

Minutes of Meeting – April 10, 2019; meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Present: Ken Fowler; Dave Roche; Ed Lane; Neal Maxymillian; Warren Archey.

Chairman Fowler announced the various Town Hall notices.

MOTION by DR, seconded by EL to accept the Minutes of March 27. 3/0 vote with WA and NM abstaining.

Citizen's Open Forum: Peter Arment asked if a traffic feasibility study had been done for the Sawmill Brook property. Katie McNulty-Vaughan stated that none had been done yet, but one is typically done as part of the process. It was mentioned that the Cultural Council is holding a grantee reception in the Welles Gallery on April 25 from 5:30-7:30pm. Deborah Burke gave an overview of the Affordable Housing Committee/Trust membership. Katie McNulty-Vaughan reminded everyone that the Fix-It Fair is this Saturday from 1-4pm at the Community Center. She also mentioned the recent candidate's forum which was well received by the community. Wayne Lemanski requested that the date, time and reason for one-day licenses listed under the Consent Agenda be read prior to a vote being taken. KF suggested that the Board look at ending times for one-day licenses.

Consent Agenda: MOTION by DR, seconded by EL to approve the consent agenda as follows: one-day W&M license to Ventfort Hall for Saturday, April 13 from 5-9pm; one-day W&M license to Kerry Sullivan for Tuesday, April 16 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Community Center Ballroom; permission to hold an Easter Egg Scramble in Lilac Park on Saturday, April 20 at 11am. 5/0 vote.

Intermunicipal Agreement: The CAO stated that he is happy to serve for the final year of the pilot agreement. MOTION by DR, seconded by EL to approve an extension of the Intermunicipal Agreement between the Towns of Lee and Lenox for a shared Chief Administrative Officer, dated June 28, 2017-June 30, 2020. 5/0 vote.

ATM Warrant: The CAO went through the warrant articles one by one. Following a discussion regarding the placement of the three articles dealing with marijuana, it was agreed to place the Planning Board sponsored article first, followed by the taxation article and then the citizen petition article (DR, NM, WA/EL, KF). The CAO went through the various scenarios that would need to occur depending upon the outcome of the vote, i.e., whether a Special Town Meeting may be needed, if a special election would be needed, and what could happen depending upon the outcomes of these events. He then reminded everyone that if nothing is in place by June 30, the moratorium will expire. In addition, it was agreed to place the short-term rental general by-law (registration) citizen petition prior to the zoning by-law citizen petition. MOTION by DR, seconded by NM to call the Annual Town Meeting for Thursday, May 2 at 7:00pm in the Duffin Theatre, and to approve the warrant for the ATM and election as presented by the CAO/Town Manager, and subsequently amended by the Board of Selectmen, subject to approval of Town Counsel. 5/0 vote.

BOS Reports: EL stated that the community garden project is coming along great, and that the Main Street crosswalk project should begin shortly. DR mentioned that the Library gala will be June 6 at 5pm. WA stated that he is working with the utility company to remove troublesome trees around town. He also stated that he would like to transplant a permanent evergreen tree in Lilac Park. NM stated that the Planning Board will hold a public hearing on April 23 at 6pm.

By roll call, KF, DR, NM, WA and EL voted to go into Executive Session at 8:03pm to discuss strategy with respect to ongoing litigation – EPA/GE Rest of River Mediation.

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

List of Documents: Two, One-day W&MA license applications; letter seeking permission to utilize Lilac Park