

Minutes of Meeting – June 26, 2019; meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Present: Dave Roche; Ed Lane; Warren Archey; Neal Maxymillian; Marybeth Mitts.

Announcements from Chairman: Summer is here with plenty of activities occurring; concerts in the park begins tonight.

MOTION by NM, seconded by DR to accept the Minutes of June 19. 4/0 vote with MM abstaining.

Citizen's Open Forum: None.

Consent Agenda: A HOLD was placed on the Innholders License request and the Special Municipal Employee Status. MOTION by NM, seconded by DR to approve the consent agenda as follows: one-day W&M license to Donovan Motorcar Service for Saturday, 7/13 from 1-5pm. 5/0 vote. Alan Goldstein, the manager of The Village Inn, introduced himself to the Board and explained how the new owners hope to update and improve the inn. MOTION by NM, seconded by DR to approve an innholders license to Church Street Inn LLC d/b/a The Village Inn. 5/0 vote. The CAO then briefly explained that the SME designation is really just a housekeeping item, and that most of the other boards and commissions already have it. MOTION by NM, seconded by DR to designate as Special Municipal Employees members of the Planning Board, Community Center Board, Environmental Committee, John Drummond Kennedy Park Restoration Committee and the Permanent Building Committee. 5/0 vote.

Retail Marijuana Sales: At the May 22 meeting, the CAO stated that the town had received a letter of interest from Cedar Wellness, LLC requesting a Host Community Agreement. The individuals involved are Jim Nejaime from Spirited and Steve Abraham from The Pass, for property located 439 Pittsfield Road (Essencial Day Spa). The Board briefly discussed the draft HCA with them. There was some discussion regarding the Community Impact Fee, when payments to the Town would be made and indemnification language. It was agreed that a smaller group should meet to work out the details toward finalizing the agreement to bring back before the Board.

Appointments: The Board discussed the various vacancies on the boards, and the desire to appoint anyone that has shown interest in serving the Town. MOTION by MM, seconded by DR to appoint Julie Digrigoli to the Affordable Housing Trust. 5/0 vote. MOTION by NM, seconded by DR to appoint Jon Gotterer, Chris Fenton, Frederick Keator and Donna Lefkowitz to the Affordable Housing Committee. 5/0 vote. MOTION by NM, seconded by MM to appoint Donna Lefkowitz to the Community Center Board. 5/0 vote. MOTION by NM, seconded by MM to appoint Church Koscher and Max Scherff to the Community Preservation Committee. 5/0 vote. MOTION by NM, seconded by MM to appoint Cynthia Farkus to the Historic District Commission. 5/0 vote. MOTION by NM, seconded by MM to appoint Lucy Kennedy to the Historical Commission. 5/0 vote. MOTION by NM, seconded by MM to appoint Donna Pignatelli to the Lenox Cultural Council. 5/0 vote.

The Board then discussed whether or not an additional Selectmen should serve on the Master Plan Steering Committee. It was agreed that MM should represent the Board, and that the Plan, once completed, will be a working document and not just sit on a shelf.

MOTION by NM, seconded by DR to approve the terms of the three-year Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Lenox Patrol Association and the Town of Lenox as described by the CAO. 5/0 vote.

BOS Reports: WA stated that he met with the UMass Forester, and drove around town looking at trees that may need to come down and where trees should be planted. He would like to have him come to a future meeting to speak with the Board. He also mentioned that he would like to see an urban forestry program put together for interested students. DR mentioned that the veterans will be selling poppies, and that the library summer reading program now has 143 participants vs. 126 last year. MM stated that she is looking forward to attending the Linde Center opening on Friday and meeting with the departments/committees that she is liaison to. NM stated that Darlene is doing well as the new director at the Community Center. He also mentioned that the Town should look into creating a general bylaw to regulate food trucks. EL stated that the Main Street project is now done, and looks great. The meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

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

List of Documents: Innholders license application; one-day W&M license application; BRPC request for Steering Committee representative.