

Minutes of Meeting – August 14, 2019; meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Present: Dave Roche; Ed Lane; Warren Archey; Neal Maxymillian; Marybeth Mitts.

Announcements: None.

MOTION by NM, seconded by DR to accept the Minutes of July 17 and 23. 5/0 vote on 7/17, 3/0 vote with NM and WA abstaining on 7/23.

Citizen's Open Forum: None.

Consent Agenda: A HOLD was placed on the Community Center donation. MOTION by NM, seconded by DR to approve the consent agenda as follows: One-day W&M license to Lenox Dale Fire Company/St. Vincent de Paul Church for Sunday, 8/18 from 11am-9pm at 29 Crystal Street; one-day W&M license to Katherine Dulude for Saturday, 8/24 from 4-11:30pm in the Community Center Ballroom; one-day W&M license to Dawn Masiero for Sunday, 9/1 from 6-10pm in the Community Center Ballroom; appointment of Thomas J. Smachetti as a Lieutenant with the Fire Department. 5/0 vote. NM stated how wonderful it was for the Town to be included in Gige's estate. MOTION by NM, seconded by DR to accept a donation of \$10,000 from the estate of Gige Darey to the Community Center. 5/0 vote.

Lilac Park Pavilion: Ken Fowler came before the Board to present a plan to install a pavilion in the rear, lower area of Lilac Park. He went on to say that the funding will come from a donation to the Town, he would expect it to be installed in the fall even though there are no firm bids as of yet, there will be electricity wired to it, that the proposed size will be 14'x 24' and that he is seeking approval of the location in the park. The Board thanked him for all his efforts, and will vote on this issue at their next meeting.

Tub Parade: Maureen Gamelli and Harvey Waller appeared before the Board, and updated them on the Tub Parade. She stated that in past years the Town has granted the group funding to assist with expenses. This year they have a sponsor, but are asking that the Town cover the police expenses. MOTION by NM, seconded by DR to authorize the funding of the in-kind services of the police department in an amount not to exceed \$1400 to cover the police expenses associated with the Tub Parade. 5/0 vote.

Apple Squeeze: Rob Murray and Jennifer Nacht from the Chamber updated the Board on this years' Apple Squeeze events. Jennifer stated that there will be \$5 parking at Tanglewood with a shuttle to downtown, and that there will be no street closings. She went on to explain that they plan to keep everything within the downtown area, including a beer garden. The Board asked that she look into having no parking signs placed on the small side streets such as Hillside Drive, St. Ann's, etc. She then went on to say that the Chamber is now open Tuesday-Sunday, 10-5 and that there is a white board updated daily with current activities.

Lucy Kennedy, Lucinda Weiss, Jan Chague and Olga Weiss, representing the Historical Commission, appeared before the Board to discuss the commissions' proposed historic preservation bylaw covering demolition delay for identified historic structures. It is their hope to have this proposed bylaw placed on the upcoming Special Town Meeting warrant in November. Lucy explained that this bylaw would pertain to properties 75-100 years old, of which we have over 1000. She went on to state however, that if the Building Inspector determines that a building is unsafe, it must come down. EL questioned why the bylaw went from 12 months to 18 months? MM felt that even 12 months was too long, and thought that 3-6 months might be better. Lucy felt that 12 months is necessary, at a minimum. Olga stated that she would like to see \$2-5,000 included in the Historical Commission budget for a consultant to assist them with this, and other issues. NM stated that he believes that this bylaw would make it harder for people to repair their property. Lucinda stated that it is her understanding that this bylaw would not include minor improvements such as porch repairs but only for the tearing down of homes. DR stated that he doesn't think that, as written, this bylaw would pass at town meeting, and that clarity is needed. He went on to say that the commission now knows what concerns the Board has as they move forward with this bylaw. Lucy stated that they would like to hold a public meeting for further input, to which the Board agreed it was a great idea.

Host Community Agreement/Cedar Wellness: EL stated that the location for this business has now changed from 439 Pittsfield Road to 374 Pittsfield, and he wants to check in with Town Counsel to see how the Board should proceed.

BOS Reports: WA mentioned that his UMass forestry contact is now on an extended vacation so it will be awhile before he can attend a meeting. DR thanked everyone for supporting the veterans. MM stated that the library book sale went well, and that she will be serving on the Hazard Mitigation

and Municipal Vulnerability core team, working with the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. NM again stated how wonderful it is to receive the monetary gifts to the Community Center. He also stated that the Planning Board is just about done with a Short Term Rental Bylaw for the November STM. EL stated that West Mountain and Dugway Road are currently being paved. He also mentioned that there continue to be dead spots with Verizon, and he would like to try to figure out how to have better cell service in town.

By roll call, NM, DR, EL, NM and WA voted to go into Executive Session at 8:40pm to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining (DPW/Teamsters 404).

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

List of Documents: Three, One-day W&M license applications; appointment memo from Fire Chief; donation information; Historical Commission proposed bylaw.