

Minutes of Meeting – October 16, 2019; meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Present: Dave Roche; Ed Lane; Neal Maxymillian; Marybeth Mitts; Warren Archey.

Announcements: None.

MOTION by NM, seconded by DR to accept the Minutes of October 2 as amended. 5/0 vote.

Citizen's Open Forum: Kate Vaughan and Ellen Jacobsen announced the 4th Fix It Fair to be held on 10/26 from 1-4 at the Town Hall. Kate also announced that the Land Trust will hold their annual meeting on 11/14.

Consent Agenda: MOTION by NM, seconded by DR to approve the consent agenda as follows: permission to erect temporary signs at 444 Pittsfield Road as requested; one-day W&M license to St. Ann Church for 11/1 from 6-9pm. 5/0 vote.

CAO introduced Katie O'Neil as his appointment for the new Library Director. He briefly went through her qualifications, and reminded the Board that current director Amy Lafave will become the Local Historian. Katie would begin with the Town on December 2. MOTION by NM, seconded by DR to ratify the CAO appointment of Katherine O'Neil as Library Director. 5/0 vote.

Susan Wissler from The Mount, Becky Cushing from MA Audubon and David Carver, trustee of the Meadow Wood Condominium parcel, appeared before the Board to inform them of a proposed Conservation Restriction on the Woodlands Parcel. The CR seeks to permanently conserve and protect 70.19 acres along The Mount's southern border. It is the hope to reactivate old carriage roads into new trails. The closing is anticipated to occur on December 2; an additional 50 +/- acres at the eastern end of the property are anticipated to receive a conservation restriction at a later date.

The CAO went through the five warrant articles with the Board. He stated that the funding in Article 1 is for paving of Cherry, Orchard, Morgan, Bentrup, High, Barberry and Housatonic Streets. MM stated that she would like the Board to endorse Article 2 (STR bylaw) and Article 4 (Demolition Delay bylaw). She feels that it is important to show support to the committees that worked so hard on these bylaws. The Board agreed that they would like to have the "Approved by Board of Selectmen" noted on the bylaw articles proposed by the Planning Board and Historical Commission. MOTION by NM, seconded by DR to call a Special Town Meeting for November 7, 2019. 5/0 vote. MOTION by NM, seconded by DR to endorse the five articles as proposed for the November 7 STM warrant. 5/0 vote.

BOS Reports: MM stated how happy everyone is with the new library director hire. NM stated that the CPC held a public hearing on 10/7, with applications seeking funding due on 11/12. WA informed the Board that he and the CAO may be traveling to UMass to meet with his associate since he is unable to travel to Lenox for a meeting. DR reminded everyone that there is a Harry Potter event at the library on 10/27. He also brought up the sidewalk sales/signs/tents around Town over the Columbus Day weekend, and wondered if they were permitted by the Town.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

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

List of Documents: Temporary sign request; One-Day W&M License application; CR information; STM Warrant.