

Minutes of Meeting – November 20, 2019; meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Present: Dave Roche; Ed Lane; Neal Maxymillian; Marybeth Mitts; Warren Archey.

Announcements: EL mentioned the various sports teams and their victories.

MOTION by NM, seconded by DR to accept the Minutes of November 6. 3/0 vote with WA and NM abstaining.

Citizen's Open Forum: Kate Vaughan stated that she was there to discuss the disclosure form but understood that it would be pulled from tonight's agenda.

Consent Agenda: DR placed a HOLD on the ZBA appointments, and MM placed a HOLD on the disclosure form. MOTION by NM, seconded by DR to approve the consent agenda as follows: Appointment of Miyares Harrington as Special Counsel for Personnel. 5/0 vote. DR expressed his appreciation for those agreeing to serve on the ZBA. MOTION by NM, seconded by DR to appoint Albert Harper and Robert Fuster, Jr. from associate member to full member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. 5/0 vote. MM stated that while she feels that Julie DiGrigoli is very qualified to serve as an Affordable Housing Trustee, she would like to receive an opinion from Town Counsel and asked that this item be put off until the 12/4 meeting. The other board members concurred.

FY20 Tax Classification Hearing: NM read the hearing notice as it appeared in the newspaper. MOTION by NM, seconded by DR to open the public hearing. 5/0 vote. Board of Assessors Chairman Tom Romeo made a brief presentation regarding the annual tax classification hearing. Administrative Assessor Randy Austin then gave a brief power point presentation, outlining the various tax rates, home values, etc. over the years. Hearing no comments, MOTION by NM, seconded by DR to close the public hearing. 5/0 vote. MOTION by NM, seconded by DR to adopt a residential factor of 0.9577 for the purposes of determining the Fiscal 2020 tax rate (\$12.09 residential; \$14.78 commercial/industrial/personal property). 5/0 vote.

At the STM held last week, a new bylaw for the registration of Short Term Rentals was adopted. The Board now needs to approve of an application form. MOTION by NM, seconded by DR to approve the Short Term Rental Application Form as presented. 5/0 vote.

Jen Nacht from the Chamber came before the Board to update them on the Lenox Winterland events. She went through the various activities occurring the weekend of December 6/7 including a pub crawl, stores staying open late, giant gingerbread house, hay rides, etc.

The attorneys are still working through the Host Community Agreement between the Town and Navin Shah, d/b/a Krishna Lenox at 55 Pittsfield Road, so this item will be pushed until the 12/4 meeting.

BOS Reports: WA mentioned that he would like to discuss future tree work at an upcoming meeting. DR stated that the Historical Commission is very busy compiling a listing of historical homes in town. NM brought up the school athletics programs; he also mentioned that the CPC did not have a quorum for their last meeting, so they will be meeting on Monday, 11/25 to review seven applications. MM stated that the Master Plan Steering committee is meeting twice monthly, and she is concerned about the budget. Thirty people attended the hazardous preparedness meeting; BRPC will be reporting back shortly. There will be a meeting on December 9 regarding the cultural district designation, an Affordable Housing Trust meeting tomorrow night and a Charter Review Committee meeting on December 2 to finalize the document for the May 2020 Annual Town Meeting. EL was glad to see that the Planning Board had success with their warrant articles at the STM. He mentioned that he felt the electronic voting went well, and that the CAO should move forward with renting/leasing the equipment in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

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

List of Documents: Appointment memorandum; tax rate information; STR application; disclosure documentation.