

Minutes of Meeting – March 18, 2020; meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Present: Ed Lane; Marybeth Mitts; Warren Archey. Absent: Neal Maxymillian; Dave Roche.

Announcements: EL mentioned how things will be done differently now with the coronavirus present.

MOTION by MM, seconded by WA to accept the Minutes of March 4. 3/0 vote.

Citizen's Open Forum: None.

Consent Agenda: MOTION by MM, seconded by WA to approve the consent agenda as follows: approve a seasonal A/A license to Boston Symphony Orchestra (Seranak). 3/0 vote.

The Village Inn, 16 Church Street, is seeking an A/A hotel license. MM read the legal notice as it appeared in the newspaper. MOTION by MM, seconded by WA to open the public hearing. 3/0 vote. Attorney Robbins sent an email to the Board explaining what the Inn is requesting, which MM read. MOTION by MM, seconded by WA to close the public hearing. 3/0 vote. MOTION by MM, seconded by WA to approve an A/A hotel license for Church Street Inn LLC d/b/a The Village Inn located at 16 Church Street. 3/0 vote. (NOTE: It was determined after the vote was taken that abutters were not properly notified by the applicant, so another public hearing will be held in the near future.)

Conservation Restriction, Lime Kiln Road: The Board reviewed a conservation restriction agreement between Edward Merritt/Eli Merritt, Trustee of Yokum Studio Real Estate Trust and MA Audubon of 2.558 acres along Lime Kiln Road. Since the Town is not legally part of this CR the Board felt it was fine to execute this document. MOTION by MM, seconded by WA to approve said CR as presented. 3/0 vote.

National Grid Petition Public Hearing: Matthew Songer, a representative from National Grid, appeared before the Board seeking permission to excavate the roadway and install new conduits and conductors on Main Street, install two pull boxes along Main Street and allow for reconductoring, and removal of existing cables as shown on a plan. MOTION by MM, seconded by WA to open the public hearing. 3/0 vote. The representative explained what work they are seeking permission to do. DPW Superintendent Bill Gop stated that he has no concern with the proposed work, and that it will not interfere with the Town's previous work in the roadway. MOTION by MM, seconded by WA to close the public hearing. 3/0 vote. MOTION by MM, seconded by WA to approve the petition as presented. 3/0 vote.

The Board mentioned the three Open Meeting Law Complaints that they had received. EL stated that the Board feels that there was no violation. MM stated that there was a large, highly publicized hearing held at the high school at one point that was heavily attended and moderated by EPA so it was out there what was occurring with regard to GE and the EPA. MOTION by MM, seconded by WA to direct CK to respond to the three complaints on file, and that said responses shall reflect the Board's position that they acted in accordance with the Open Meeting Law in each instance. 3/0 vote.

The Board then discussed how to proceed in the future with upcoming meetings in light of the Coronavirus. EL stated that government cannot come to a halt, and suggested that the Board deal with consent agenda items with a 48-hour notice. There will have to be future discussions regarding Town Meeting and Election, but we will work hard to make everything work.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.

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

List of Documents: Seasonal license application for Seranak; annual liquor license application; Conservation Restriction; National Grid petition.