

Minutes of Meeting – April 3, 2020; meeting called to order at 3:00pm. Present: Dave Roche; Ed Lane; Marybeth Mitts; Warren Archey; Neal Maxymillian via remote access.

Announcements: EL explained that due to COVID 19, the Board will now be meeting via Zoom.

CK went through the Formal EOC Emergency Declaration for the Town of Lenox. By roll call vote, MOTION by MM to approve as drafted: MM (Yes), DR (Yes), NM (Yes), WA (Yes), EL (Yes). The Board then briefly discussed how life has changed due to the pandemic, how meetings will be posted and held, and the need to consider postponing the Annual Town Meeting and Election.

The Board then discussed the COVID 19 impacts: essential staff is performing great, non-essential staff are working from home until May 4, the Annual Town Meeting and Election will need to be rescheduled. There was a question about delaying the fourth quarter tax payments for commercial properties, but CK stated that he would need to check into the legality and ramifications of such a move. Following this discussion, MM stated that the Affordable Housing Trust met last night and voted to set aside \$45,000 for an emergency rental assistance program in Lenox. Construct, Inc. will run the program for the Town.

It was agreed that the Board should meet less on a regular basis and more strategically, with daytime hours working best.

MOTION by NM, seconded by DR to adjourn the meeting at 3:50pm: MM (Yes), DR (Yes), NM (Yes), WA (Yes), EL (Yes).

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