

Minutes of Meeting – June 30, 2020; meeting called to order at 3:00pm. Present: Dave Roche; Ed Lane; Warren Archey; Marybeth Mitts via remote access. Neal Maxymillian entered the meeting at 3:25pm during FinCom Report presentation.

MOTION by DR, seconded by WA to approve the Minutes of June 17. 3/0 vote with MM abstaining.

Consent Agenda: MOTION by DR, seconded by MM to accept donations to the Fire Department. 4/0 vote.

FinCom Report: Elliott Morss presented the FinCom report to the Board. He stated that the major issue is the increase of 2.6% to 2.7% to the school budget. Michael Feder then stated that he sees the salaries and benefits of longtime employees as an issue, and would like to see some new, less expensive personnel hired. He feels that with the existing contracts set for the next few years, we don't have much control, and he would like to neutralize the school budget moving forward. There was some discussion of the fact that the Town still only receives \$5000 per choice student, with no inflationary increase in sight. It was agreed that there needs to be some belt tightening like the rest of the departments are doing. EL mentioned that we have made cuts in the capital budgets, but hopes that the Town can get back on track soon. He stated that the FinCom is asking the right questions and are on the right path. It was mentioned that there are many expenses coming down the road, however, and we need to support our schools. DR reminded everyone that the Town can only raise so much revenue. The FinCom members were thanked for all their efforts on the budget.

Outdoor Dining Applications: The Board went through the various outdoor dining applications. MOTION by MM, seconded by NM to approve the outdoor dining application submitted by Electra's Café for 6 tables/24 seats, subject to monitoring by the TM and Police Chief, and to waive the \$125 fee. 5/0 vote. MOTION by NM, seconded by DR to approve the outdoor dining application submitted by Bistro Zinc for 8-10 tables/40 seats, subject to monitoring by the TM and Police Chief, and to waive the \$125 fee. 5/0 vote. MOTION by NM, seconded by DR to approve another outdoor dining application submitted by Brava for 17-21 Housatonic Street with 6 tables/36 seats, subject to monitoring by the TM and Police Chief, and to waive the \$125 fee. 5/0 vote. EL questioned how the Town was handling the additional garbage created. TM stated that the Town Ambassadors and the DPW are making sure that the trash is being emptied.

Intermunicipal Agreement: The Board discussed the need to act upon the Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Lee for a shared CAO until Town Meetings can convene. The TM explained that it is the same agreement being extended for two months in the hopes that the two communities will convene their respective town meetings during that time. MOTION by NM, seconded by DR to approve the Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Lee for a shared CAO from July 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020 and to authorize the BOS chairman to sign on behalf of the Board. 5/0 vote. The TM then explained that it is also necessary to extend his agreement with the Town for the same two month period. MOTION by NM, seconded by DR to approve a two-month extension (7/1/20-8/31/20) of the current agreement between the Town and Christopher Ketchen. 5/0 vote.

New Business: DR stated that the Town has a strong police chief and officers and he feels that we need to let them know that the Board is behind them; that if they need training or equipment they need to let the Board know. MM reiterated the boards' support. It was suggested that the police chief attend the next BOS meeting to discuss further. MM stated that the cultural district met on Monday and they are trying to come up with positive activities such as live music in town and scavenger hunts. She mentioned that we are still waiting to hear back on the Town's CDBG grant application, and that the library is doing well with curbside pick-up services. NM stated that he believes it was a good decision to not open the town beach or the summer camps. WA thanked CK for all his efforts, and EL congratulated DR and WA for their win in the Town election.

Meeting adjourned at 4:08pm.

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