

Minutes of Meeting – September 16, 2020; meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Present: Dave Roche; Ed Lane; Marybeth Mitts; Warren Archey; Neal Maxymillian.

MOTION by EL, seconded by DR to approve the Minutes of September 2. 5/0 vote.

Citizens Open Forum: None.

Consent Agenda: MOTION by EL, seconded by DR to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: Appointment of Kim Graham to the Lenox Housing Authority; Appointment of Lauryn Franzoni and Pam Kueber as BRPC Delegate and Alternate; acceptance of donations to the Fire and Police Departments. 5/ vote.

Chamber of Commerce Requests: At the September 2 Board meeting, the Chamber made a request for \$50,000 for a “Live Where you Vacation” campaign. It was agreed to have two selectmen meet with the Chamber to discuss it further. After some discussion, the Board felt that since the Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for September 26, it is too late to have the Finance Committee weigh in, and they did not want to see an amendment made at the meeting. They felt that additional discussions were needed, and concurred that the current figure in the town warrant should stay. The Chamber thanked the Board for their time, and agreed to bring this back for the May 2021 ATM.

The Chamber then asked for permission to hold a Lenox Art Walk 2020 on September 26 and 27. Approximately 35 artists would be given space to set up and work while visitors could walk around to browse and purchase the artwork. The Board liked this idea, and asked that it be monitored more closely than the previous jazzfest which ended up being shut down.

ATM: The CAO stated that there are 14 articles, and that the meeting will be held at the LMMHS soccer field. MOTION by EL, seconded by DR to call an Annual Town Meeting for Saturday, September 26, 2020 at 1pm at the JV field at the LMMHS, and to approve the warrant as presented. 5/0 vote. There then was a brief discussion regarding a waiver from the state to lower the quorum requirement in light of COVID-19 and the need to hold this meeting outside. It was suggested that the quorum be dropped from 187 down to 50 residents needed to begin the meeting. MOTION by EL, seconded by MM to request a waiver of the quorum requirement from 187 to 50. 5/0 vote. It was suggested that the Board select a rain date at their September 23 meeting.

New Business: None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

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