

Minutes of Meeting – December 9, 2020; meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Present: Ed Lane; Marybeth Mitts; Warren Archey; Neal Maxymillian. Absent: Dave Roche.

Per the Open Meeting Law, the Chairman recognized the board members present.

The Chairman announced that the Governor officially announced that Massachusetts will revert to Step 1, Phase 3 of the Covid roll-out plan effective December 13, 2020.

MOTION by EL, seconded by MM to approve the Minutes of November 18 and December 2. 3/0 vote with WA abstaining.

Citizens Open Forum: None.

Consent Agenda: MOTION by EL, seconded by MM to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: Acceptance of a monetary donation to the Fire Department; acceptance of monetary donations to the Police; one-day A/A license to Birchwood Inn for New Year's Eve; establish seasonal population at 10,000; approve 2021 annual license renewals as presented. 3/0 vote (temporarily lost WA connection).

FY21 Tax Classification Hearing: The Chairman explained that this public hearing was opened at the Boards' November 18 meeting, and continued at a subsequent meeting, so there was no need to open the hearing. Board of Assessors Chairman Tom Romeo stated that the Town has enjoyed a good amount of new growth, and that Randy Austin, the Board's assistant, would give a brief power point presentation, outlining the various tax rates, home values, etc. over the years. MOTION by EL, seconded by MM to close the public hearing. 4/0 vote. MOTION by EL, seconded by MM to adopt a residential factor of 0.9577 for the purposes of determining the Fiscal 2021 tax rate. 4/0 vote.

Liaison Reports: EL thanked the many people that have stepped up to help others during Covid. In particular, he mentioned Mat and Hannah Keator who donated meals worth almost \$36,000. MM stated that the Affordable Housing Committee purchased their first property, with options to purchase three more in the same area of town. She is also working on putting together an Affordable Home Ownership Program. She mentioned that while the library will now be at 40% capacity, you can still browse the books. The Lenox Cultural District, working with the Chamber, had thirty trees installed around Town and decorated by local artists. The Mount is offering Night Wood, a light extravaganza that is enjoying much interest. NM asked that the Town place the Covid guidelines on the banner of the website.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

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