

Minutes of Meeting – March 24, 2021; meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Present: Ed Lane; Marybeth Mitts; Dave Roche; Neal Maxymillian. Warren Archey entered meeting at 7:13pm.

MOTION by EL, seconded by DR to approve the Minutes of March 10. 4/0 vote.

Citizens Open Forum: None.

Consent Agenda: EL placed a HOLD on the request to place a flier into the water or tax bills. MOTION by EL, seconded by DR to accept a donation to the Ambulance/EMS; accept donations to the Fire Department. 4/0 vote. MM explained that the Affordable Housing Committee would like to insert a flyer regarding the housing rehab program. EL stated that he thought it was a great way to get information out to the residents. DR suggested the tax bill rather than the water bill so you would reach the most people. NM suggested a distribution through the schools. MOTION by MM, seconded by DR to approve of a flier being inserted into the next tax or water bills. 5/0 vote.

Chamber Budget: Jenn Nacht came before the Board to discuss the chamber's budget request. EL stated that he doesn't have a problem with the increased budget, but he would like to see more communication from the Chamber and would like to see a member of the Select Board sit on the Executive Board. NM concurred, and added that he wants to see the Town promoted as a place for families to live. DR stated that since the Town funds the Chamber 50%, he sees this as a Town/Chamber partnership and feels that the Town should have representation on their board. MM asked if covid funding received by the Town could be used to assist with some of the Chamber requests. MOTION by MM, seconded by DR to move forward with the Chamber budget increase as requested. 5/0 vote. Finance Committee Member Kristine Cass stated that they unanimously supported this budget request.

Budget Discussion: TM stated that the budget is almost complete; he is still waiting on the school budget figure. They plan to vote on a final figure at their April 5 meeting. NM stated that he feels that since the Town laid off 14 employees during Covid, the school needs to do their part and come in on target (3%).

Outdoor Dining Recommendations: The Board agreed that the Town should expect a busier season than last year now that people are getting vaccinated. They also agreed that safety needs to be the main concern, and that establishments need to be 4' off the curb as there will most likely be more vehicular traffic this year. MM suggested erecting tents in various locations as was done last year. Everyone was reminded that the Town by-law adopted at last year's special town meeting regarding outdoor dining was for no more than six months, and not a permanent situation.

New Business/Liaison Reports: None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

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