

Minutes of Meeting – May 5, 2021; meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Present: Ed Lane; Marybeth Mitts; Dave Roche; Neal Maxymillian; Warren Archey.

MOTION by EL, seconded by DR to approve the Minutes of April 21. 5/0 vote.

Citizens Open Forum: None.

Consent Agenda: EL asked that a HOLD be placed on the nine one-day license requests. A HOLD was also placed on the Transfer of Funds request. After some discussion, MOTION by EL, seconded by DR to approve a one-day A/A license to Edith Wharton at The Stables for June 19, 5-midnight. 4/1 vote with MM opposed. MOTION by EL, seconded by DR to grant an innholders license to Corcoran Lodging d/b/a The Brook Farm Inn; approve the acceptance of monetary donations to the Fire Department. 5/0 vote. MOTION by EL, seconded by DR to transfer the sum of \$40,508.22 from the Snow and Ice Account into the Town Building Capital Account. 5/0 vote.

Public Hearing: Corcoran Lodging LLC d/b/a The Brook Farm Inn came before the Board seeking a new annual A/A Hotel license for property located at 15 Hawthorne Street. EL read the legal notice as it appeared in the newspaper. MOTION by EL, seconded by DR to open the public hearing. 5/0 vote. Manager Maureen Daury-Corcoran was present to answer any questions. She stated that they plan to run the inn the same way the previous owners had. She went on to state they are would like to offer a bottle of champagne to their guests, and will set a 9pm time for alcohol to be closed down. Neighbors Gerry and Sherry Lubin stated that they enjoyed a good relationship with the previous owners, and hoped to continue with the new owners. They voiced their concerns with the close proximity to their home, but in general wished the new owners the best of luck. EL stated that should any issues occur, the Board has the authority to bring license holders back in at a meeting. MOTION by EL, seconded by DR to close the public hearing. 5/0 vote. MOTION by EL, seconded by DR to approve an A/A Hotel license for Corcoran Lodging LLC d/b/a The Brook Farm Inn for property located at 15 Hawthorne Street. 5/0 vote.

MOTION by EL, seconded by DR to grant permission to Alta Restaurant to conduct outdoor dining at 34 Church Street. There will be four tables with fourteen seats. In addition, the Board agreed to waive the fee. 5/0 vote.

Jenn Nacht updated the Board on upcoming Chamber projects: 24 banners to be hung throughout town; Farmers Market beginning 5/28; Spring Art Walk June 5 and 6; Lenox Loves Music beginning 5/16. She went on to explain about a new scavenger hunt project that the Lenox Cultural Council is funding with \$3000, and she is asking to utilize \$1500 from the Town. The full Board supported all of these projects. There was a brief discussion regarding the need for a permanent restroom structure.

New Business/Liaison Reports: EL stated that with the latest water/sewer line project in Lenox Dale, all water, sewer and pavement will have been improved. MM stated that the May 10 Master Plan meeting has been postponed, and that in the meantime, a packet will be sent out to the Board members for their review. She stated that she would like to have representatives from the Housing Trust, Permanent Building Committee and Community Preservation Committee hold a joint meeting to discuss the Sawmill property, and the potential to utilize it for a public safety building. She stated that the Library is continuing to evaluate their needed building repairs, and that the Affordable Housing Committee is hoping to acquire a few more properties. WA and NM both stated that the recognition event held last weekend for the public safety personnel was very nice and well deserved. NM also mentioned that the Community Center programming is moving forward, and he reminded everyone to get out and vote on May 10, 7am-7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

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