

Minutes of Working Meeting – May 11, 2021; meeting called to order at 2:25pm. Present: Ed Lane; Marybeth Mitts; Dave Roche; Neal Maxymillian; Warren Archey.

MOTION by MM, seconded by DR to appoint Rev. Carol Ramsey to the Lenox Housing Authority. 5/0 vote.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant/Financial Discussion/Capital Budget: CAO went through the various warrant articles. NM commented that it is a large capital budget being brought before the Town. There was a discussion as to whether the School line item should be included in the Operating Budget or be a separate warrant article. It was agreed that it really didn't matter since a hold is typically placed on it and is dealt with separate from the operating budget. Members were fine with it being handled either way; NM suggested that we have it as a separate article this year and see how it goes. The Board then agreed that there should be an explanation regarding all of the borrowing articles (#13-17), i.e., reason why there are so many articles, current low rates, etc. Since quite a bit of time has now lapsed since the Town Manager Act was amended, the Board felt that it may make sense to defer that article for now.

One-Day License Policy: The Board felt that 1am is too late, and that 11pm was better. NM stated that there is a difference, however, between fundraising events vs. wedding-type events. After further discussion, MOTION by MM, seconded by DR to establish a one-day alcoholic license policy with an 11pm curfew time for the serving of alcohol. 5/0 vote.

By roll call, NM, DR, EL, MM and WA voted to go into Executive Session at 3:41pm to discuss strategy with respect to the acquisition and/or disposition of real property located at 135 Laurel Lake Cross Road, and to discuss strategy with respect to potential litigation (unrelated).

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