

Minutes of Meeting – June 16, 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 June 4. 5/0 vote.

Citizens Open Forum: None.

Consent Agenda: EL placed a HOLD on the outdoor exhibit request from The Wit Gallery. MOTION by EL, seconded by DR to approve the acceptance of a monetary donation to the Fire Department; a sandwich board sign for Scott Barrow, 56 Church Street; a sandwich board sign for Janet Pumphrey, 17 Housatonic Street; one-day W&M license to Donovan Motorcar service for 7/17; outdoor dining application for Prime Italian Steakhouse. 5/0 vote. The Board briefly discussed the three new options that they were presented with by The Wit Gallery, and concurred that the placement of a tent in the driveway, behind the planters was fine with them. MOTION by EL, seconded by DR to approve the placement of a tent by The Wit Gallery in the driveway and behind the planters on July 16 and 17, July 31 and August 1. 5/0 vote.

The Board briefly discussed a request to close off Fairview Avenue for a block party on June 27 from 1-4pm. Jessie Berrick from 25 Tucker Street was present to answer any questions. NM felt that this was not something that the Selectmen should get involved with, and that it really should be handled with the Chief of Police. CK asked the Board if they would be comfortable with him working with the Police and Fire Chiefs to work the details out, which they were. It was also suggested that perhaps the weekend after Labor Day and changing the location to Orebed Field may be a better option.

The Board then discussed a request from The Bookstore to hold poetry readings in Lilac Park at various times throughout the summer months. Matt Tannenbaum was present, and stated that he has a potential event scheduled for Monday, August 2. EL suggested that Matt get his dates together and review them with Mary Ellen, but he stated that he would not approve of alcohol being served in Lilac Park.

Ken Fowler came before the Board to discuss holding concerts in Lilac Park. They would be held on Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm with the following Sunday at 2pm as the rain date. He doesn't plan to utilize the Town Hall auditorium this year. NM suggested that he look into the Community Center ballroom as a possible rain location. MOTION by EL, seconded by DR to grant permission for the Concerts in the Park to be held in Lilac Park on Wednesday evenings, with a Sunday rain date, during July and August. 5/0 vote.

The Board went through the Motions for the upcoming ATM, determining who will present which articles.

New Business/Liaison Reports: MM brought up the need to install restrooms closer to the downtown area in the parking area to the rear of the Library for 15 weeks during the summer. The cost for a nicer type version of one, and an ADA compliant one would cost \$6600 total. NM stated that they would need to stay on top of keeping it clean, and EL stated that he felt it was worth trying. WA questioned the rules for signage on the monument. MM felt that a two-week placement for events in Town is fine. In general, the Board felt that saying no signs would be better than trying to determine which signs are fine and which signs are not. They agreed that no signage would be allowed, except for political signs on election day provided there is an individual standing with the sign. Also, any signs placed in other areas around Town must be collected no later than the day following the event.

By roll call, NM, DR, EL, MM and WA voted to go into Executive Session at 8:14pm to discuss strategy with respect to the acquisition of real properties located at 41 and 51 Housatonic Street.

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