

Minutes of Meeting – August 11, 2021; meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Present: Ed Lane; Marybeth Mitts; Dave Roche; Neal Maxymillian; Warren Archey.

Citizens Open Forum: Courtney Gilardi stated that she had to move from Pittsfield to Lenox due to a wireless tower located near her home that was making people sick. She asked the Board if 1) they could attend an 8/16 meeting presentation at the Curtis; 2) make sure that there is complete transparency with regard to the updating of a wireless antenna zoning by-law; and 3) offer a one-hour meeting with a different telecom attorney than the one currently under contract by the LHA and the Planning Board. Diane Sheldon stated that she supports Courtney with regard to transparency, and questioned when a needs assessment would be completed.

Announcements: The Chair reminded everyone that the Lenox Library will be holding their annual book sale at Town Hall on August 27-29.

MOTION by NM, seconded by DR to approve the Minutes of July 28. 5/0 vote.

Consent Agenda: NM placed a HOLD on the Community Center Board appointment. MOTION by NM, seconded by DR to grant permission for outdoor music at Seven Hills Inn on Friday, August 20 from 6-9pm; approve four (4) one-day A/A licenses to Edith Wharton for Thursday, September 2, 9, 16 and 23 from 4-9pm; approve a one-day A/A license to Edith Wharton for Tuesday, August 31 from 4-7pm; acceptance of monetary donations to the Fire Department. 5/0 vote. NM stated that he was happy to see someone 17 years old offering to serve on a town board, and that we need more people who wish to do the same. MOTION by NM, seconded by DR to appoint Julianne Harwood to the Community Center Board. 5/0 vote.

Police Department Appointments: MOTION by NM, seconded by DR to ratify the TM appointment of Kevin Shook as a full-time police officer. 5/0 vote. MOTION by NM, seconded by DR to ratify the TM appointment of Blake Poore and Matthew Williams as reserve police officers. 5/0 vote.

New Business/Liaison Reports: EL stated that the Town had received seven responses to the Public Safety Facility RFQ, and that the Permanent Building Committee will meet as soon as possible to interview the firms and keep the project moving forward. NM was happy that the Town had received the seven responses. MM stated that there will be a vacancy coming up on the Planning Board, and if anyone is interested they should submit an application to the Selectmen's office. She also mentioned that the Affordable Housing Trust is reviewing a marketing plan for the two homes that will be sold based on a lottery system. The applications should be out within the next thirty days. She again reminded everyone that the Library Book Sale will be held at Town Hall on August 27-29. NM suggested that the Town Committee Application be placed prominently on the Town's website.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

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