

Minutes of Meeting – September 1, 2021; meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Present: Marybeth Mitts; Dave Roche; Neal Maxymillian; Warren Archey. Absent: Ed Lane.

Announcements: MM thanked Rep. Pignatelli for putting together the visit by the Lt. Governor on 8/31. She also reminded people to fill out the volunteer form should they have an interest in serving the Town; school is opening on 9/2 so there will be extra traffic and to please drive carefully.

MOTION by NM, seconded by DR to approve the Minutes of August 18. 4/0 vote.

Citizens Open Forum: None.

Consent Agenda: MOTION by NM, seconded by DR to appoint Chris Fenton to the Affordable Housing Trust; grant permission to the Chamber of Commerce to utilize Lilac Park on October 3, 3-5pm; grant permission for the Coaching Weekend to occur October 9-11. 4/0 vote.

Brushwood Farms Housing 40B Project: MM explained that the Town needs to submit their comments on this project of 65 rental units, 50 low-income and 15 moderate income housing. DR stated that he is a big proponent of home ownership, and that this would go a long way to help us meet our goal of 10% (9.4%). The Board discussed that they would like to see a preference for Lenox residents (working/living in Lenox) or perhaps for Berkshire County residents. NM suggested that individuals with family ties to Lenox should have a preference also. MM stated that she is concerned that the units are planned to be all electric, and she would like to suggest that solar be considered.

Chamber Update: Director Jenn Nacht stated that there was a good turn out for the Art Walk, and that there have been many visitors and calls to the chamber office. She stated that there are 24 banners around town, and that the Explore Lenox App, containing six tours, will be launching this weekend. Upcoming items of interest include a Lenox Bulletin Board, Fall Art Walk, Apple Squeeze and the RIG event. DR questioned her as to the status of the budget, and she stated that they are doing very well working within the constraints of the budget.

New Business/Liaison Reports: WA stated that he was happy to hear the good news about affordable housing on the horizon, and that he believes that the Town has invested wisely in the Chamber. MM stated that we need to get comments on the 40B project from the various department heads as well as the Board. NM reminded everyone that with school starting, traffic will be heavier than usual and to drive carefully. MM also mentioned that the Library has new hours; applications to the Cultural Council are now open and due October 15; the Planning Board agreed at their 8/24 meeting to pause working on a wireless communication bylaw until a professional needs analysis and assessment can be done.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

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