

Minutes of Meeting – October 6, 2021; meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Present: Marybeth Mitts; Neal Maxymillian; Warren Archey; Ed Lane; Dave Roche.

Announcements: MM suggested that people consider cleaning out their street drains of leaves to help out the DPW.

MOTION by NM, seconded by EL to approve the Minutes of September 22. 4/0 vote with DR abstaining.

Citizens Open Forum: Ellen Jacobson and Katie McNulty-Vaughan stated that the Fix-It Fair is canceled for this year, but will be held virtually. People should call the COA phone number to get information as to how to get their items repaired.

Consent Agenda: A HOLD was placed on the Change of Manager petition and the two donation acceptances. MOTION by NM, seconded by EL to appoint Blaise Gregory to the Finance Committee; approve 17 one-day A/A licenses to The Mount; approve an outdoor entertainment request at the Seven Hills Inn on Saturday, 10/23 from 5-10:30pm; approve a one-day W&M license to Ventfort Hall Association for Tuesday, October 19 from 5-6:30pm. 5/0 vote. Attorney Michael MacDonald and Jeremy Berlin appeared before the Board to introduce Mr. Berlin as the new manager at the Gateways Inn. NM stated that it was important to thank those individuals making donations to our Town. MOTION by NM, seconded by EL to approve a change of manager to Jeremy Berlin at the Gateways Inn; accept donations to the Fire Department; accept a donation to the Police Department. 5/0 vote.

The TM updated the Board on the Town's fiscal first quarter. The Town has \$1.3M in Reserves, \$4.2M in Free Cash and \$730,000 currently in ARPA funds. The Rooms Tax is running high at \$1.16M, with the Meals Tax hitting target. NM questioned how the Town could make outdoor dining more permanent since it will be expiring in April 2022. DR questioned how the Town made out with FEMA covering the Town's issues, to which the TM stated that all expenses should be covered.

New Business/Liaison Reports: EL stated that the Permanent Building Committee interviewed four firms for the public safety facility project, and that one firm was selected earlier tonight to move the project forward. NM stated that he was impressed that the Town received eight responses to this RFQ. MM stated that the Affordable Housing Homeownership program paperwork is moving along, and that Construct will be handling the marketing, etc. for the two homes that the Town currently owns and plans to offer via a lottery. She then asked if the Board could consider changing the meeting time to 5 or 5:30pm. After a brief discussion, it was agreed to hold the next Selectmen's meeting at 6pm and see how that works for everyone. WA mentioned that many people call him complaining about dead or diseased trees. He stated that many of the trees are just reacting to all of the rain and wind the Town has received over the past few months.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

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