

Minutes of Meeting – July 6, 2022; meeting called to order at 6:00pm. Present: Marybeth Mitts; Warren Archey; Ed Lane; Dave Roche; Neal Maxymillian.

Announcements: None.

MOTION by MM, seconded by NM to approve the Minutes of June 15. 4/0 vote with WA abstaining.

Citizens Open Forum: None.

Consent Agenda: MOTION by MM, seconded by NM to approve a monetary donation to the Fire Department; approve a monetary donation to the Police Department; approve a monetary donation to the Ambulance Department; approve an innholders and entertainment license (TV, radio, CD) to MHH Lenox 70 Operating, LLC d/b/a Courtyard by Marriott Lenox Berkshires; approve an innholders and entertainment license (TV, radio, CD) to MHH Lenox 445 Operating, LLC d/b/a Hampton Inn & Suites Berkshires-Lenox; approve a one-day W&M license to Donovan Motorcar Service for Saturday, 7/16 from 12-5pm. 5/0 vote.

Annual Appointments: EL read the list of current vacancies. MOTION by MM, seconded by NM to approve the annual appointments as presented. 5/0 vote.

At this point in the meeting, Dani Lacy from Sunset Avenue asked to speak with the Board regarding the desire by several residents of Sunset Avenue to have a traffic study done and get speed bumps installed on their street. DR stated that the TM will speak with the Police Chief to get a recommendation from him. NM stated that he feels that it would be a good idea to get professionals to review more than just Sunset Avenue. DR suggested that this item be placed on the July 27 meeting agenda for additional discussion.

The Board discussed an amended outdoor dining application they received from Shots Café. EL and MM stated that they have gone over to view the area, and that they would be willing to monitor the situation as safety is an issue at this location. NM stated that he doesn't like the idea that they put out additional seating without getting a permit, and he is concerned about compliance. DR stated that this is their third offense, and that he feels that should there be a next time, their permit should be revoked. EL suggested installing a fence in the future around the area. WA stated that once we let one establishment alter their permits, others will follow. MOTION by MM, seconded by EL to approve the amended outdoor dining application as follows: 1) reduce the number of tables on Housatonic Street from five down to four; 2) limit of two chairs per table on Church Street. 5/0 vote.

MM reminded everyone about a Community Forum: Grappling with Covid to be held on Saturday, July 9 from 9-10:30am at the outdoor shrine of the Marian Fathers. She is unavailable to attend, so Katie O'Neil will represent Lenox. NM mentioned that on Saturday, July 9 from 9:30-11am the Community Center will be hosting a grand opening of the new pickle ball courts. DR brought up complaints he has received regarding increased traffic to Valley Waste on Crystal Street, and asked that it be included on the July 27 agenda.

By roll call, DR, MM, NM, WA and EL voted to go into Executive Session at 6:37pm to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the police, fire and DPW.

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