

Minutes of Meeting – October 13, 2023; meeting called to order at 3:30pm. Present: Ed Lane; Dave Roche; Max Scherff; Neal Maxymillian. Absent: Marybeth Mitts

Consent Agenda:

- Appoint Paige J. DiGrigoli to the Lenox Fire Department as relief Firefighter-EMT
- Appoint Linda Carroll to the Lenox Housing Authority
- Donation acceptance request, Lenox Community Center
- One-Day A/A request, Corcoran Lodging, October 22, 10am-2pm
- Select Board Annual Appointments

MOTION to accept the Consent Agenda as presented by DR, seconded by MS, 4/0 vote

General Business:

Discuss and vote on eliminating the Rest of River monetary fund previously approved by the board on April 20, 2022, as requested by the Housatonic Rest of River Committee

NM recused himself citing a conflict. TM indicated there is no longer a need for a reserve, the Town should move quickly as there will be much work to do in the financial office, will need to determine where to take in funds.

Channing Gibson, 141 Cliffwood St. discussed the creation of the fund and envisioned need beyond distribution funds for legal and other costs. Things can proceed without the Rest of River Committee involvement. In theory all appeals will end October 24 and will require GE funds to be released.

EL commended the Committee for its efforts, which are now over, as the implementation of cleanup begins. CG agreed that the Committee won't have anything to do after the funds are distributed. EL the towns will need to work together to make sure they are protected as we move forward. CG Lenox has done a great job getting help and is the only town involved that has a firm consulting and overseeing the implementation. TM authorized to sign for escrow accounts.

MOTION Pursuant to the Intergovernmental Agreement, the Select Board and the Rest of River Municipal Committee ("ROR Committee") authorize the elimination of an administrative ROR Monetary Fund of \$1.5 million (which was to be funded following receipt of the funds in the escrow account established pursuant to a February 2022 Escrow Agreement) and intended to pay for all legal, consulting, or other expenses, fees or costs incurred by the ROR Committee in the administration, review, and legal work related to any revised Permit issued by EPA for the remedial work in the Housatonic River by DR, seconded by MS, 3/0 vote

MOTION to adjourn by DR, seconded by MS, 3/0 vote