

Minutes of Meeting – May 10, 2023; meeting called to order at 6:00pm. Present: Ed Lane; Dave Roche; Neal Maxymillian; Marybeth Mitts; Max Scherff.

DR welcomed Max Scherff to the Board. He also thanked the townspeople for showing up at the ATM and thanked the TM and the Planning Board for their hard work on the cell tower bylaw.

MOTION by MM, seconded by NM to approve the Minutes of April 26. 4/0 vote with MS abstaining.

Citizens Open Forum: Sonya Bykofsky asked if the date of the Minutes could be added to the posting. She also asked if she could correct what she stated at the Board's April 12 meeting with regard to the release of Minutes and add that the Minutes are required to be posted within ten days upon request of a citizen and not within ten days of a meeting.

Consent Agenda: NM placed a HOLD on the MOU so that the TM could give a brief explanation. The TM stated that the Holmes Road bridge will be under reconstruction, and that utilizing our North Lenox fire station will allow the Pittsfield Fire Department to better service that end of Pittsfield. MOTION by MM, seconded by NM to grant permission to accept a monetary donation to the Fire Department; accept an MOU with the City of Pittsfield for a short-term lease of the North Lenox Fire Station. 5/0 vote.

At the April 26 meeting, Shots Café came before the Board seeking an alteration of premises on their annual Wine & Malt Restaurant license. They would like to include outdoor service on their patio, offering six tables with a limit of two chairs per table. Attorney Jeff Lynch made a presentation to the Board, but the Board agreed that they needed to look into the matter further, and voted to continue the public hearing until tonight. The Board agreed that they would like additional time to review this application, so MOTION by MM, seconded by EL to continue this hearing until their May 24 meeting at 6pm. 5/0 vote.

Within the past few weeks, the Board received several requests to utilize Town property for financial gain. It was agreed that before any requests are acted upon, the Board should discuss putting together a policy for the use of Town Property for financial gain. NM stated that he is not necessarily for or against these rentals, but feels that a policy should be put into place for fairness to everyone. EL stated that it would be difficult to come up with a policy to cover these issues due to the many variables. MM agreed that a policy could create fairness. DR questioned enforcement. It was suggested to have the TM see what other towns do and report back to the Board. NM stated that if in the future the town hires a facilities-type person they could be in charge of enforcement. MS questioned how the Town would handle it if more than one group wanted to display art at the same time. The Board felt that the recent tag sale request might be fine, but that more research needs to be done before a policy can be put into place.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.

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