

Minutes of Meeting – August 22, 2018; meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Present: Ken Fowler; Dave Roche; Warren Archey; Ed Lane; Neal Maxymillian.

Chairman Fowler offered condolences to the McNinch family, stated that next Wednesday is the last concert in the park for the season and mentioned that he had met with Pat Carlino from the Lee Board of Selectmen regarding the shared set-up; the meeting was upbeat and positive. It was suggested that a joint meeting with both boards be held before spring town meeting time.

MOTION by DR, seconded by NM to accept the Minutes of August 13. 5/0 vote.

Citizen's Open Forum: None.

Consent Agenda: MOTION by DR, seconded by NM to approve the consent agenda as follows: appoint Tara Romeo to the Scholarship Committee; appoint Kyle T. Lanoue as a reserve police officer. 5/0 vote. MOTION by DR, seconded by EL to grant a W&M License to the Lenox VFW for Saturday, 8/25 from 5-9pm at St. Ann's Parish Center for a lobster dinner. 5/0 vote.

Update on Community Garden: Tom and Dianne Romeo appeared before the Board to update them on this project. Tom Romeo stated that they have visited other community gardens to see how they are set up. The Committee has drafted a plan to be approved by the group at their next meeting. They have received a quote to have a split rail fence with wire inside of it installed for approximately \$4000. The raised beds with soil will run about \$140 for a one-foot tall box. They are thinking of 20 boxes (some 1 ft., others 2 ft.) for a total of \$8400. They are working with the school to have a shed built. Dianne Romeo asked if they could send out letters to businesses seeking donations/support. DR suggested that the boxes be higher, making it easier to work from.

BOS Reports: DR mentioned that the Library book sale was successful despite the issues with rain and mentioned the VFW lobster dinner on Saturday evening. NM stated that the school committee will be starting up with their annual retreat on Saturday, and that school begins on 8/30. EL mentioned the passing of Charlie Liston.

Pam Kueber of the Planning Board updated the Board on the proposed Town Meeting articles. She stated that the Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, 9/12 at 6pm to present the final bylaws. She explained that there are four topics for the November STM: 1) open space housing proposals; 2) creation of multi-family housing; 3) adult use of recreational marijuana; 4) short term rentals. NM suggested that the Planning Board bring forward only the marijuana by-law that they feel is right, and not offer so many options - offer one to allow and one seeking a moratorium. DR stated that he would like to see a bylaw prohibiting as well. At this point in the meeting, Chairman KF recused himself and DR took over as chairman as the Board began discussing the short term rental by-laws. Pam explained that this is for whole house rentals of 30 days or less. They are presenting two articles, one for STR rooms and one for STR of an entire dwelling. DR stated that he would like time to digest the information and discuss it further at the 9/5 BOS meeting. The Board concurred. NM suggested that the general town by-law address only registration and that the balance should be incorporated into the zoning by-law. CAO CK stated that he doesn't believe that the hotel/motel tax will automatically be applied to these STR.

On a last note, DR mentioned that the Town had received a new fire truck for the New Lenox station.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

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

List of Documents: Committee Application; reserve officer appointment paperwork; proposed town meeting articles.