

Minutes of Meeting – February 27, 2019; meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Present: Ken Fowler; Dave Roche; Ed Lane; Neal Maxymillian; Warren Archey.

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

Citizen's Open Forum: None.

Consent Agenda: MOTION by DR, seconded by EL to approve the consent agenda as follows: approve a one-day W&M license to Sheri Gaherty for Sunday, 3/10; a one-day W&M license to Ventfort Hall for Saturday, March 16; a one-day W&M license to Valerie Lanfair for Friday, March 1; a one-day A/A license to Meg Agnew for Saturday, March 23; appointment of Carol Haythorne to the Sawmill Brook Affordable Housing RFP Selection Committee; appointment of Chris O'Brien to the Public Safety Facilities RFP Selection Committee. 5/0 vote.

Tom and Dianne Romeo updated the Board on the Community Gardens project. In addition to the funding received from the CPC Committee, they have raised \$6650. All 25 beds are now reserved, the inmates are building the beds, the storage shed was built by the LMMHS shop class, and there will be a working meeting on April 27 to get the project moving.

Verizon/Eversource Pole Petition Public Hearing: A representative from Verizon came before the Board seeking permission to install one pole on the westerly end of Patterson Road. MOTION by DR, seconded by EL to open the public hearing. 5/0 vote. The representative explained that they are seeking permission to install a pole to accommodate an electric system upgrade, and to provide for the distribution of intelligence and telecommunications and for the transmission of high and low voltage electric current. Resident Ernie Jordan spoke in favor of this petition. MOTION by DR, seconded by NM to close the public hearing. 5/0 vote. MOTION by DR, seconded by EL to approve the petition as presented. 5/0 vote.

CPC Committee chairman Tony Patella presented the Board with the committees funding recommendations: Frelinghuysen Morris House and Studio, \$25,000 to pay for structural engineering and the start of restoration; BNRC North Yokun Ridge Trail Improvement, \$50,000 to reroute a degraded portion of the trail on North Yokun Ridge; Mass Audubon Society Pleasant Valley Sanctuary Barn Improvement, \$300,000. He then mentioned that Al Harper and Gene Chague will be resigning from the committee so new members will be necessary.

FY20 Water/Sewer Rate Hearing: The Clerk read the ad as it appeared in The Berkshire Eagle. MOTION by EL, seconded by DR to open the public hearing. 5/0 vote. The TM/CAO stated that consistent with the growth in the property tax levy, he is recommending a 2.5% increase to the water rates (\$7.83/1000 gallons to \$8.02 /1000 gallons) and a 2.5% increase to the sewer rates (\$12.09/1000 gallons to \$12.39 /1000 gallons); further, that the Board review the rates in six months to determine if a rate change is warranted. MOTION by DR, seconded by EL to close the public hearing. 5/0 vote. MOTION by DR, seconded by NM to approve the TM recommendation, and to increase the water rates 2.5% (\$8.02 /1000 gals.), and sewer rates 2.5% (\$12.39 /1000gals.), and to review the rates again in six months. 5/0 vote.

BOS Reports: NM stated that the school committee is closing in on budget meetings; the Planning Board has tweaked the marijuana bylaw for the May ATM; the Permanent Building Committee received and interviewed the firms submitting proposals for a public safety facilities needs assessment. Following the interviews, the committee voted to award the work to Caolo & Bieniek Associates, Inc. of Chicopee. EL stated that there are several DPW-related bids coming up: street paving, Main Street complete streets project, Housatonic Street drainage. DR stated that he attended a meeting regarding broadband, and the need for better cell reception. He also mentioned that GLB was sold, and suggested that the Board be proactive with the businesses in town. WA read a letter he drafted to the Governor regarding the clean-up of the Housatonic River. It was agreed to pass the letter on to Channing Gibson, the Town's representative of the ROR municipal committee.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

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

List of Documents: Three, One-Day W&M license applications; one-day A/A license application; pole petition; water/sewer rate legal notice.