

Minutes of Meeting – May 22, 2019; meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Present: Dave Roche; Ed Lane; Neal Maxymillian; Warren Archey; Marybeth Mitts.

Announcements from Chairman: MA Cultural Council announced a Lenox Cultural District; he also mentioned the various Memorial Day activities.

MOTION by NM, seconded by DR to accept the Minutes of May 8. 5/0 vote.

Citizen's Open Forum: Dick Defazio congratulated Marybeth Mitts on her election to the Board. He then explained an Electronic Voting system used by other communities at town meetings. EL stated that he would like to look into this.

Consent Agenda: MOTION by NM, seconded by DR to approve the consent agenda as follows: one-day W&M license to the Lenox VFW Post 12079 for Monday, 5/27 from 1:30-4 at the Academy Building; one-day W&M license to Jane DeCoursey for Friday, May 24 from 6-9pm at St. Ann Parish Center; one-day W&M license to the Lenox Dale Fire Co. for Friday, May 24 from 6-11pm at the Lenox Dale Firehouse; acceptance of a donation to the Fire Department; temporary signage for the Richmond West Stockbridge Artist Guild for July 1-14 and July 15-28 as requested; two, one-day W&M license to Karen Carmean for Saturday, July 6 and July 20 from 2-6pm at the Welles Gallery; one-day A/A license to Elizabeth Langmore for Saturday, June 15 from 4-11pm at Ventfort Hall. 5/0 vote. MOTION by NM, seconded by DR to grant a one-day A/A license to the Lenox Library Association for Thursday, June 6 from 5:30-10:30pm at the Library for a fundraising event, and to grant permission to the Lenox Library Association for a temporary banner announcing their upcoming fundraiser to be hung at the Library. 5/0 vote.

Retail Marijuana Sales: The CAO stated that the town had received a letter of interest from Cedar Wellness, LLC requesting a Host Community Agreement. The individuals involved are Jim Nejaime from Spirited and Steve Abraham from The Pass, for property located 439 Pittsfield Road (Essencial Day Spa). The Board briefly discussed the matter, and agreed that it would take a few weeks to bring this forward.

One-day license ending times: At a previous Selectmen's meeting, the late ending times of certain one-day licenses issued was brought to the Board's attention. It was agreed that a policy needs to be created, not just for the consumption of alcohol but for entertainment as well (a noise by-law). Whether the event is indoors or outdoors and the time of year need to be taken into consideration. It was also suggested that the ending times be consistent with closing time for bars. CAO will create a policy after meeting with the police and fire chief to receive their input.

Liaison Appointments/Goals: The Board determined who wanted to serve as liaison to which committees. They then agreed that they would like to review the town by-laws as one of their goals. MB suggested that affordable housing opportunities need to be looked at, i.e., foreclosure opportunities, etc. WA, as Tree Warden, suggested keeping track of the Town's tree plantings on a spreadsheet.

BOS Reports: DR reminded everyone of Memorial Day events, including the sale of poppies. EL read the various board/committee vacancies. Katie McNulty-Vaughan questioned why there are Affordable Housing Trustees and a Committee – couldn't they be combined?

By roll call, DR, NM, WA, EL and MB voted to go into Executive Session at 8:19pm to discuss strategy with respect to negotiations with union personnel (DPW) and ongoing litigation – EPA/GE Rest of River Mediation. NM stated that he would recuse himself from the discussion regarding EPA/GE Rest of River, but would be part of the union negotiations discussion.

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

List of Documents: Five, one-day W&M license application; one-day A/A license application; donation e-mail; temporary sign requests; retail marijuana location letter of interest.