

Minutes of Meeting – May 19, 2021; meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Present: Ed Lane; Marybeth Mitts; Dave Roche; Neal Maxymillian. Absent: Warren Archey.

MOTION by EL, seconded by DR to approve the Minutes of May 5 and 11. 4/0 vote.

Citizens Open Forum: None.

Consent Agenda: A HOLD was placed on each item. The Board stated that now that they have adopted a one-day license policy (5/11 meeting), these eight requests must adhere to it. MOTION by EL, seconded by MM to approve eight one-day A/A licenses to Edith Wharton at The Stables between June and October 2021 – July 3, 4:30-midnight; July 17, 5-midnight; August 7, 5-midnight; August 21, 5-midnight; September 4, 5-midnight; September 25, 5-midnight; October 2, 5pm-12am; October 17, 5-midnight; further, that there is an 11pm closing time with last call following shortly thereafter. 4/0 vote. MOTION by EL, seconded by DR to grant permission to the Gateways Inn to host outside jazz music on Thursday evenings 5-8pm and Sundays 11am-2pm from June-October. 4/0 vote. Attorney Lynch was present to answer any questions regarding the entertainment license request from LH Manager Northeast, LLC. He stated that there was a last minute agreement with 12 Oakes Condominiums regarding outside entertainment. MOTION by EL, seconded by DR to approve the entertainment license to LH Manager Northeast, LLC with a 10pm closing time, per the stipulations listed in an agreement with 12 Oakes. 4/0 vote.

LH Manager Northeast, LLC came before the Board seeking a new annual A/A Hotel license for property located at 194 Pittsfield Road. This was a continuation of the public hearing originally opened on March 10, continued until April 21 and again continued until May 19. Attorney Jeff Lynch was present to answer any questions. He explained that there will be a complete renovation with a new registration building containing a small bar area. The proposed hours would be Monday-Thursday 11am-11pm, Friday and Saturday 9am-1am, and Sunday 9am-11pm. He described the new hotel as a boutique hotel with higher rates than currently charged. Per the agreement with 12 Oakes, outside service would end at 10pm, but that service would continue inside. DR stated that he is concerned with a 1am closing hour and wants to be consistent with other establishments on the Pittsfield Lenox Road. Attorney Lynch stated that a 12 midnight closing in the bar area would be fine if room service could continue until 1am. MOTION by EL, seconded by DR to close the hearing. 4/0 vote. MOTION by EL, seconded by MM to approve an A/A Hotel license for LH Manager Northeast, LLC for property located at 194 Pittsfield Road with hours consistent with closing times of other establishments on the Pittsfield Lenox Road. 4/0 vote.

Budget/TM Prep: CAO is working to wrap everything up. He suggested that the Board hold another working meeting. EL stated that with rising costs, the staff should think twice before purchasing items. He agreed, however, that it is a good time to borrow money. CAO stated that many items are purchased off of a state bid list so the prices are lower.

New Business/Liaison Reports: DR mentioned that the VFW will hold a drive-by parade on 5/31 beginning at 11:30am. MM mentioned that she distributed copies of the final draft Master Plan and would like to have the Board vote on it at their June 2 meeting. NM stated that while there were no contested races at the election, he thanked the members of the School Committee who chose not to run, and welcomed those that were elected.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

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