

Minutes of Meeting – April 21, 2021; meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Present: Ed Lane; Marybeth Mitts; Dave Roche; Neal Maxymillian; Warren Archey.

MOTION by EL, seconded by DR to approve the Minutes of April 7. 4/0 vote with WA abstaining.

Citizens Open Forum: None.

Consent Agenda: MOTION by EL, seconded by DR to approve the donation of an ice rink to the Community Center. 5/0 vote.

East Rood Farm Corporation d/b/a Olde Heritage Tavern came before the Board seeking the alteration and transfer of an annual A/A Hotel license for property located at 12 Housatonic Street. EL read the legal notice as it appeared in the newspaper. MOTION by EL, seconded by DR to open the public hearing. 5/0 vote. Attorney Lori Robbins was present to answer any questions. She stated that the new owners plan to run the inn the same way the previous owners had. MOTION by EL, seconded by DR to close the public hearing. 5/0 vote. MOTION by EL, seconded by DR to approve the alteration and transfer of an annual A/A Hotel license for East Rood Farm Corporation d/b/a Olde Heritage Tavern for property located at 12 Housatonic Street. 5/0 vote.

Lenox Collection LLC d/b/a Church Street Inn came before the Board seeking the transfer of an annual A/A Hotel license for property located at 16 Church Street. EL read the legal notice as it appeared in the newspaper. MOTION by EL, seconded by DR to open the public hearing. 5/0 vote. Attorney Ethan Klepetar was present to answer any questions. He stated that the new owners plan to run the inn, along with the restaurant and tavern. They want to continue to make Lenox a destination. MOTION by MM, seconded by DR to close the public hearing. 5/0 vote. MOTION by EL, seconded by DR to approve the transfer of an annual A/A Hotel license for Lenox Collection LLC d/b/a Church Street Inn for property located at 16 Church Street. 5/0 vote.

On April 21, 2021, LH Manager Northeast, LLC came before the Board seeking a new annual A/A Hotel license for property located at 194 Pittsfield Road. After a somewhat lengthy discussion, the Board voted to continue the public hearing until their April 21 meeting. They agreed that they would like to know if the ZBA approves a Special Permit at their April 7 meeting for this project. The ZBA has postponed any decision until May 5, so the Board continued this public hearing until their May 19 meeting. MOTION by EL, seconded by DR to continue the above-referenced public hearing until May 19 at 7pm. 5/0 vote.

The Board held a discussion regarding scheduling and a timeline/date to hold the 2021 Annual Town Meeting. The date of June 26 was mentioned, but did not work for all board members. After several suggestions were made, MOTION by EL, seconded by DR to set Tuesday, June 29 at 5pm at the LMMHS as the time and place for the 2021 Annual Town Meeting. 5/0 vote. EL asked if the Board could have a working session to discuss the various articles which will be on the warrant to give the public an opportunity to ask any questions they may have.

Outdoor Dining: CAO read his proposed Outdoor Dining Regulations. MM questioned if the Town could install tents at different locations around Town, one location being the Roche Reading Park. EL asked that the word "retail" be added to the title of the regulations. He also suggested that there be a permitting process through the Selectmen's Office, and a trash disposal plan that is monitored by the Town. It was agreed that the CAO and one BOS member would perform site visits prior to a permit being issued. MOTION by EL, seconded by DR to approve the recommended Outdoor Dining Regulations as presented by the CAO and as amended by the BOS at this meeting. 5/0 vote.

New Business/Liaison Reports: DR stated that on Saturday, April 24 at noon in the Town Hall auditorium there will be a recognition ceremony for various officers that have gone above and beyond the line of duty. He also mentioned the recent passing of Marie "Claudie" Duby, who had worked for the Town for many years. NM stated that the schools will open in person next week, and that the Community Center is contacting the neighbors as they get ready to install a new pickle ball court. MM reminded everyone that the Board and the Planning Board will meet on May 10 to review the Master Plan.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.

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