

Minutes of Meeting – January 22, 2020; meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Present: Dave Roche; Ed Lane; Marybeth Mitts; Warren Archey. Absent: Neal Maxymillian.

Announcements: EL reminded everyone of the importance of completing and returning your town census.

MOTION by DR, seconded by MM to accept the Minutes of January 8. 4/0 vote.

Citizen's Open Forum: None.

Consent Agenda: EL placed a Hold on the MIIA Voting Delegate item. MOTION by DR, seconded by MM to approve the consent agenda as follows: appointment of Patricia Jaouen to the Historical Commission. 4/0 vote. EL asked MM to briefly explain the MIIA conference that she will be attending. MOTION by DR, seconded by WA to appoint Marybeth Mitts as the Town's MIIA voting delegate. 4/0 vote.

Krishna Lenox HCA: A representative from Krishna Lenox appeared before the Board and briefly went through a proposed Host Community Agreement for a retail marijuana establishment at 55 Pittsfield Road. He stated that this is the first step on the long journey toward regulatory compliance. The Board asked several questions, and felt that the agreement was appropriate. MOTION by DR, seconded by MM to sign the agreement as presented and approved by Town Counsel. 4/0 vote.

CAO's Preliminary FY2021 Town Budget: The CAO explained to the Board that while it is a fiscally responsible budget, there were several last minute surprises that occurred since their last meeting, including the fact that the office had just received the Governor's Budget earlier in the day. He suggested holding a working session sometime next week to continue to work on this budget to accommodate these last minute changes. EL stated that it is difficult to hit the 2.5% mark when the School Department comes in at 3.8%, and is the largest part of the budget.

BOS Reports: MM stated that the Town is applying for a Community Development Block Grant for a housing rehabilitation program. There will be a hearing on 2/19, and Lenox will be the lead community on the grant. Should funding be received, there is a potential to assist seven homeowners. EL stated that the DPW is putting together paving and sidewalk bids, and that the Permanent Building Committee met to discuss the public safety building and the WWTP.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

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

List of Documents: Committee application; MIIA voting delegate requirements, CAO recommended FY21 budget document.