

Minutes of Meeting – December 20, 2023; meeting called to order at 6:00pm. Present: Ed Lane; Marybeth Mitts; Dave Roche; Neal Maxymillian Absent: Max Scherff

Announcements from the chair: None

Citizen's Open Forum: Held to the end of the meeting.

Consent Agenda:

- Donations acceptance request, Lenox Community Center
- Personnel manual update request from Town Manager
- One-Day A/A License Request, Lori Pestana, December 16, 7-11pm (nunc pro tunc)
- Application for use of the Town Hall auditorium on February 8 for Spirit Gallery w/ Josh Simonds, author and psychic medium
- Appoint Travis Derby to the position of Patrolman in the Lenox Police Department HOLD

MOTION to accept the Consent Agenda by DR, seconded by NM, 4/0 vote

HOLD NM welcomed Travis Derby to Lenox PD, DR spoke with Chief O'Brien who approves highly of the Patrolman, EL mentioned he is credentialed to be able to start right away.

MOTION to accept appointment of Travis Derby as position of Patrolman, NM seconded, 4/0 vote

EL discussed the license renewals.

MOTION to approve the renewal of all licenses for those establishments enumerated and presented by Board staff by DR, NM seconded, 4/0 vote

NM recused himself from the remainder of the meeting citing a conflict with the discussion regarding GE.

EL discussed the joint signature letter and the Town's concerns. TM read the letter and discussed the Town's whose Boards have or will be signing the letter and the addition of West Stockbridge.

Robert Davenport, 39 Golden Hill – Talked to the letter and meeting with GE and others in Lee. Felt GE made a poor presentation. Cautioned the Board to pay attention to the details, discussed concern about core samples, thinks there are many questions to still be answered. Discussed alternate methods of transportation of PCB's like a conveyor system.

DR discussed the hiring of an expert by the Town, expressed hope that other towns do the same. MM discussed the use of rail and appealing to federal and state to do whatever is possible to free up money to put rail into the cleanup plan. EL stated that there are still years of work ahead.

MOTION to authorize the Chair to sign a joint signature letter to the EPA as presented and in collaboration of the Select Boards of Great Barrington, Lee, Sheffield, Stockbridge and West Stockbridge by DR, MM seconded, 3/0 vote

MOTION to adjourn by MM, DR seconded, 3/0 vote