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Religious Display Committee

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Minutes of Special Meeting

Thursday, April 25, 2019

6:30 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Rm A

Present: Anthony Orrico, Frances Pulle, Holly Heslin, Mary Shephard, Aaron Vincent, Danielle Monroe, Diana Naddeo, and Tim Martin.

Absent: Robin Dowding, Sarah Courteau, Teresa Fogel, and Pat Daubert.

Anthony Orrico called the meeting to order at 6:51 p.m. and led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Election of Officers: There was a brief discussion. Anthony Orrico made a motion to elect Mary Shephard to the position of Secretary. Holly Heslin seconded the motion. Vote, all in favor, motion approved unanimously.

Danielle Monroe made a motion to elect Anthony Orrico to the position of Chairman. Tim Martin seconded the motion. Vote, all in favor, motion approved unanimously.

Mary Shephard made a motion to elect Frances Pulle to the position of Vice Chairman. Anthony Orrico seconded the motion. Vote, all in favor, motion approved unanimously.

Public Comments: None.

Correspondence: None.

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes from Thursday, March 14, 2019: Danielle Monroe made a motion to approved the Special Meeting minutes of Thursday, March 14, 2019. Fran Pulle seconded the motion. Vote, motion approved. Holly Heslin and Tim Martin abstained.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the approved scheduling calendar. Danielle Monroe made a motion to cancel the May 9th and June 13th meeting dates, and make the next scheduled

committee meeting date June 6, 2019. Fran Pulle seconded the motion. Vote, all in favor, motion approved unanimously.

Consideration of additional meeting dates will be added to the next agenda. The committee requested a list of their members and contact information be provided at the next meeting.

Discussion of open areas for displays: Chairman Anthony Orrico led the Committee in discussing several key points raised in a memo to the Committee, from First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker, including but not limited to:


- should any/all displays be allowed on Town property;
- what would a reasonable and allowable display time frame be;
- the three (3) open areas available for consideration of public displays.

The Committee requested additional information be provided from the Director of Bethel Parks & Recreation:

- Site dimensions, and any restrictions, if any, for each site.
- Current guidelines and criteria, if any, as to number/size/type of displays, and location of display(s) on each site.

Since there was no further business on the agenda, Danielle Monroe made a motion, which was seconded by Frances Pulle, to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jolene Drukker
Recording Secretary