

WSVC Meeting 11/19/19 Minutes submitted by Karen Carmean

Meeting came to order at 6:25PM. In attendance were Joe Roy, Steve Graham, Lois, Michelle, Bill Barth, Randy Thunfors, Karen Carmean, Kathleen & Kim [by phone]. Gerald Elias of 255 Gt Barrington Rd visited the meeting.

1. Randy made a motion to approve Celebrate Arts festival in West Stockbridge. WSVc should ask SB for funding in the amount of \$1500.00 for advertising and related expenses. Seconded by Lois. All approved. Karen asked that all members should proofread the forms by filling out the performers form and the volunteer form pretending they were applying here to make sure there are no glitches!!
2. Randy made a motion to accept the last meeting's minutes as read and Lois seconded.
3. We agreed that all of us should talk to Wayne, once we find out if he can do Monday meetings, we will try to change.
4. Steve made a motion that anyone who misses two unexcused consecutive scheduled meetings is no longer a member. Member should contact Joe with reason for absence prior to the missed meeting. They may call into the meeting. Lois seconded - all approve.
5. Report from low cost housing and master plan report on ways to expand low cost housing. From Karen, Bill, Randy and Kathleen.
6. Tax abatement program proposed by Randy and seconded by Lois ( see Randy's email with details below\*)
7. Randy made a motion to ask SB to look into the process of permitting banners on utility poles in town. Seconded by Lois. All approved

Adjourned at 7:15

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1) Request that the Select Board pursue a tax abatement program for senior citizens who provide service to the town.

This program is currently in effect in Great Barrington (Senior Property Tax Work Off program) and Richmond and directly assists senior citizens on limited budgets to remain in town and also to provide valuable services based on their individual skills and particular town needs

2) Request that the Select Board begin the process for permitting of banners and or flags to be installed on town electric/phone poles.

Subcommittees of the Vision Committee have discussed various designs and the need to have the downtown area more vibrant . The Beautification Subcommittee has obtained the application process for the power/phone co. authorization.