

**Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
July 24, 2017**

6:30 PM: Open Meeting  
Quorum present: Peter Skorput (PS), Chair; Bernie Fallon (BF). Curt Wilton (CW), away on vacation. Also present: AdminAsst Mark Webber (AA). Press present: Local Yokel.

Board reviews and approves previous meeting minutes.  
Board reviews and approves weekly warrants.

*Other Business/discussion/action items:*

- As negotiated in executive session, BF makes a motion to execute a 3-year employment agreement with Chief of Police Marc Portieri. PS seconds the motion. Vote taken, 2-0 in favor.
- Residents David and Maria Carls express their opposition to allowing any recreational marijuana business in West Stockbridge. They feel such business is out of place in W.S. and would cause undue negative impact both economically and socially. A discussion ensues on the details of the yet to be signed legalization legislation. AA notes that the Town will be guided by Town Counsel in whatever direction it chooses to go as far as regulation. AA has contacted Berkshire Regional Planning Commission as well. BRPC has drafted moratorium bylaws for other area communities. Resident Gunnar Gundmondson also states his opposition, as do residents Tracy Rohm, Richard Squailia and Skip Johnson. BF questions whether a retail recreational marijuana operation would fit the character of the Town. BF adds that there will be ample resident participation prior to any decision being made whether to allow or not.
- W.S. Cable Commissioners Richard Squailia states that the Commissioner have held a few meetings following their organization and that an access coordinator has been chosen among the commissioners. Group is actively researching and developing programming options and reviewing equipment. Richard also offers revisions to the Board's access coordinator description along with Commission duties. Board will review.
- AA notes that he has been in touch with Charter/Spectrum chief of government relations Anna Lucey and she has agreed to attend a future Board meeting to discuss issues, specifically status of final 10% fiber buildout. Date has not yet been set.
- Board receives a letter from Josh Billings race coordinators seeking the use of Town roads for the race. This year's race will be September 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Board signs State House note renewal for capital purchases previously approved at town meeting.
- AA notes that he will be meeting with representative from General Code on the Town bylaw codification/coordination project previously approved at town meeting.
- PS asks that ruts in the vicinity of the Library side door be filled in and seeded.

8:05 PM: There being no additional business to come before the Board. PS makes a motion to adjourn. BF seconds the motion. Vote taken, 2-0 in favor.

*Meeting minutes approved by:*

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Peter Skorput, Chair

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Bernie Fallon

Date: \_\_\_\_\_