

**Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
July 31, 2017**

6:30 PM: Open Meeting.
Quorum present: Peter Skorput (PS), Chair; Curt Wilton (CW); Bernie Fallon (BF). Also present: Admin Asst 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:

- Board has a general discussion on the newly signed marijuana laws and whether and what steps the Town might take. PS suggests that a moratorium on both medical and retail sales be considered to provide the Board and residents to discuss the matter further in public hearing forums. CW agrees that a moratorium and public input is advisable. BF agrees that more time is needed because markets and rules will evolve between now and when the laws come in to full effect. CW makes a motion to proceed with the process to adopt a zoning bylaw moratorium on retail and medical sales of marijuana. BF seconds the motion. Vote taken, 3-0 in favor.
- Chief of Police Marc Portieri gives his monthly report to the Board (attached). Board approves Chief request to allow one of the Town's police cruisers to attend an EMS/Firefighters/Police appreciation event on August 5, 2017 at Lebanon Valley Speedway. Chief adds that radar patrols have been in place on Lenox Road and the majority of speeding warnings have been given to W.S. residents. Chief has instituted weekend downtown police officer walking patrols in the downtown area. Chief expresses concern over an apparent up-tick in drug use in Town as his officers have found used drug paraphernalia on Baker Street, West Center Road and by the public restrooms downtown. CW acknowledges that Cam Forest is near the top on his class at the full-time police academy and should be congratulated. CW asks that the Chief be prepared for the start of school, specifically traffic safety with school buses. Board thanks the Chief for his report.
- BF speaks about the town bathrooms and notes that the 2 people who were supposed to clean the bathrooms on weekends aren't able to do the work and that he is doing the weekend cleaning. BF asks if he can receive the adopted pay for the cleaning which he would give to a charity cause. Board has no problem with him doing so although CW recommends that BF check with the Ethics Commission to make sure doing so is all right.
- CW asks that follow up be made with Charter/Spectrum government relations contact Anna Lucey to have her attend a Board meeting as soon as possible. The end of 2018 deadline to provide high speed cable to all W.S. residents as previously promised is fast approaching.
- BF talks about the granite curbing downtown at the corner of Main and Lenox Roads. BF acknowledges the shaving of the sharp edge by the Highway Department but notes that cars are still blowing tires and that more ideas are needed to address the situation. CW recounts all efforts made by him over the past 2 years which have had little effect in preventing cars from hitting the curb. CW is opposed to leveling off the curbing because doing so would defeat their intent of separating vehicles from pedestrians. It is decided that a more visual warning of the curbing might be helpful and a number of options are discussed including placing a bench in the area.
- CW discusses a request from Historical Society to remove trees growing on the top of the stone retaining wall adjacent to the old town hall at the rear of the Card Lake Inn parking lot. The trees are on private property owned by the Masonic Lodge. The Lodge has granted permission to remove the trees. The trees are pushing the wall out and will eventually cause it to fail. Board approves the removal of the trees.
- CW states that he has ordered solar powered speed warning signs at approximately \$3,000 each. He intends to place them in appropriate spots on Lenox Road and Main Street to help slow traffic down in those areas. If successful, additional signs could be placed in other problem speeding areas.
- Resident Skip Johnson notes that he had recent success dealing with Charter/Spectrum in resolving a medical device/internet connection issue.
- Resident Judy Eddy discusses her interest in applying for a joint grant with abutting communities to assist homeowners in reducing home energy costs. She also discusses the formation of a Town energy committee. She will meet with AA later this week to discuss particulars.

8:00 PM: There being no additional business to come before the Board, PS makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. CW seconds the motion. Vote taken, 3-0 in favor.

Meeting minutes approved by:

Peter Skorput, Chair

Curt Wilton

Bernie Fallon

Date: _____