

2017 - Minutes of August 7, 21, 28 Meetings

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes August 7, 2017

6:15 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.

7:00 PM: Following the reading of the bid opening public notice, CW motions to close further acceptance of bids for the paving and cold in place recycling of a section of Great Barrington Road. PS seconds the motion. Vote taken, 3-0 in favor. Board opens and reads aloud the following bids:

Item: Bituminous Concrete Paving, Gt. Barrington Rd.	
Bidder Name	Amount per ton in place
Delsignore	\$69.00
Lane Construction	\$65.85
Maximillian Construction	\$73.65

Item: Cold in Place Recycling, Gt. Barrington Rd.	
Bidder Name	Amount
Gorman Group	\$6.75/sq. yd. - \$3.00/gal. for emulsion.

Other Business/Discussion/Action Items:

- Following discussion, PS makes a motion to notify the Planning Board to hold Public Hearing(s) for the purpose of amending the Town's zoning bylaws to add moratoriums on both medical and recreational marijuana sales per language supplied by Town Counsel. CW seconds the motion. Vote taken, 3-0 in favor. AA will send the proposed bylaw amendments to the Planning Board and Town Clerk. Following the public hearing(s), a special town meeting will be held to seek voter approval on the moratorium bylaws.
- Due to incomplete and difficulty in accurately interpreting water use calculations recently taken at Mill Pond Trailer Park, Board announces that the scheduled Rent Control Board hearing will be postponed until such time as accurate water use and cost figures can be obtained. Mill Pond tenant's association spokesperson Evie Kerswell states her displeasure with the postponement.
- CW has a follow up discussion about removing several trees at rear of the Masonic Lodge which are causing damage to the large retaining wall at the rear of the Card Lake Inn parking lot. Board grants permission to the Highway Department crew to remove and dispose of the trees.
- Fire Chief Peter Skorput hands in his monthly Fire Department activity report (attached).
- Board approves a one-day liquor license for an event sponsored by the Richmond/West Stockbridge Artists Guild.
- Resident Lenny Tibbs seeks an update on the planned extension of fiber optic service to the Town's remaining unserved 10% of residents. Mr. Tibbs lives on Samantha Lane; one of the areas on Charter/Spectrum's service extension list. CW responds that Charter government relations chief Anna Lucey has been invited to a future meeting to discuss Charter's work timeline for the expansion. CW notes that December 2017 was the date previously furnished by Charter as the

completion date of servicing the last 10%. Cable Commission member Richard Squailia states that he has been in touch with Ms. Lucey and was told that Charter is in the process of negotiating utility pole rights with Verizon and National Grid.

- BF informs the Board that he had a productive meeting with Bill Biggs to review the Town's website and discussed ideas on how to improve and update the site to better serve the public.

7:30 PM: There being no further items to come before the Board, CW makes a motion to adjourn. BF seconds the motion. Vote taken, 3-0 in favor.

Meeting minutes approved by:

Peter Skorput, Chair

Curt Wilton

Bernie Fallon

Date: _____