

**Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
August 21, 2017**

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

Board reviews and approves previous meeting minutes.

Board reviews and approves weekly warrants, with hold note made on COA subscription purchase.

Other Business/Discussion/Action Items:

- CW provides a Charter/Spectrum construction update. CW notes that Spectrum construction crew met with him on August 8<sup>th</sup> and delivered construction plans and discussed high speed fiber optic installations in 4 areas of town including Samantha Lane and Baker Street.
- AA informs the Board that Mill Pond Trailer Park manager Liza Gennari sent a note (attached) that the Park owners are withdrawing their application, without prejudice, for a rent adjustment. Owners reserve the right to submit future applications. Park resident Nancy Hale thanks the Board for all of their work during the hearing process to date and adds that the owners deserve a fair return on their investment. Park tenant's association contact person Evie Kerswell states that the owners have been responsive to requests. Evie states that now that the owners have withdrawn their petition, she will formally withdraw the tenant's petition for rent adjustment as well. Park resident Skip Johnson states that he is aware of a visible water leak and he has informed the Park owners.
- CW provides the Board with an update on the recent installation and workings of 2 solar powered speed warning signs in Town. One on Lenox Rd. and the other in the traffic island just east of the center of downtown. BF asks if the signs can be calibrated; CW responds yes. BF notes that although his recent caution striping of the granite curbing at the Main/Swamp/Lenox Rd intersection seems to be helping vehicles from hitting the curb, he feels that more is needed to slow traffic coming over the Shaker Mill Bridge and notes that a stop sign might be a possibility. CW notes that traffic controls are largely regulated by State and Federal code and he will set up a meeting with MassHighway to discuss options to slow down and regulate traffic in this area. Main Street resident Lois Ferguson requests the installation of a blind drive sign near her driveway noting that it is a dangerous spot for both her and traffic entering and leaving parking spots in front of the Public Market. CW responds that there are an awful lot of signs in the area and before installing any more, he'd prefer to conduct an inventory of existing signs and roundtable with State engineers as to the placement and type of traffic warnings before making any changes. CW notes that the State will be returning shortly to install crosswalks at the intersection of Rte.'s 102 and 41 near the cannon and in the vicinity of the Village School/Town Hall.
- PS makes a motion to award the paving project bids, as open at the August 8, 2017 meeting, to the low bidders: Lane Construction for paving (\$65.80/ton, in place) and Gorman Group for cold in place recycling (\$6.75/sq yd). BF seconds the motion. Vote taken, 3-0 in favor.
- AA informs the Board that the Town's electrical aggregation provider – Colonial Power – has set the Town's electric rates for the period beginning November 1, 2017 through October 31, 2020 at \$0.10928/kW. All power supplied will be green sourced through regional hydroelectric producers. The same opt in/opt out rules will apply to residents throughout the 13 town Berkshire Aggregation Group. Residents may opt in or out of the Town's aggregation plan with Colonial Power and choose another electric supplier at no penalty from Colonial Power.
- AA notes that a contract has been executed with General Code on the Town's bylaw codification process and work will begin shortly.
- Board reviews and approves 2 Village School Use Requests.
- AA informs the Board that the Planning Board has acknowledged receipt of the marijuana moratorium zoning bylaw language as drafted by Town Counsel and that the Planning Board will schedule public hearing(s) at yet to be determined dates.
- AA informs the Board that as a result of a recent conversation, National Grid has asked if the Town is interested in purchasing approximately 1.75 acres of their land in the center of Town. The parcel currently houses the Town's public restroom facility, public parking area and sewer treatment pumping station. National Grid notes that they historically do not sell their real estate holdings but given the circumstances of the Town's long time use of this land, National Grid would sell the parcel for \$8,000. Following a brief discussion, Board instructs AA to inform National Grid that the Town is very interested in the terms.

7:55 PM: There being no additional business to come before the Board, PS makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. BF seconds the motion. Vote taken, 3-0 in favor.

*Meeting minutes approved by:*

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Peter Skorput, Chair

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Curt Wilton

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Bernie Fallon

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