

**Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2017**

6:00 PM: Open meeting.
Quorum present: Curt Wilton (CW), Chair; Earl Moffatt (EM); Peter Skorput (PS).

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

6:26 PM: CW opens the regular portion of meeting. EM reads the legal notice as it appeared in the Berkshire Eagle for the sale of Surplus Equipment. CW then makes a motion to close acceptance of bids as of the 2-10-17 deadline. EM seconds the motion. Vote taken, 3-0 in favor.

CW then opens and reads aloud the sealed bids as follows (see attached bid results):
CW states that the Board will take the bids under advisement and act on them at the next Selectmen's meeting.

Other Business/Action/Discussion Items:

- CW, in his capacity as Highway Superintendent, asks that the Board declare a Snow and Ice Emergency as the Highway Department's FY '17 snow and ice budget is now overspent by approximately \$8,000. CW notes that the salt shed is full and barring further snow/ice events, further deficit spending should be minimal. EM makes a motion to approve a Snow and Ice Emergency. PS seconds the motion. Vote taken, 2-0 in favor; CW abstaining.
- Board reviews and approves a Noise Bylaw Special Permit for events at the Historic Society's Old Town Hall on various dates from 5/18/17 – 6/10/17 from 10:00AM to 4:00PM for Berkshire Theater Group closed rehearsals.
- FinCom Chair Bob Salerno asks the status of the old town landfill off of Moscow Road. Board reports that, per DEP instructions, the site has been capped with approved fill. Future use of the site will need to be approved by DEP, however it is assumed that any use will be a passive use. Board notes that more than 7,000 cubic yards of fill was obtained, trucked to site and graded at no cost to the Town at a savings in excess of \$50,000. The fill was obtained from current work along the MassPike.
- Board sets upcoming Selectmen meeting dates as follows: March 6; 13; 20; 27.
- AA informs the Board that a meeting has been set for March 9 at 10:00AM for preliminary discussions of shared services possibilities between the towns of Richmond and West Stockbridge. Attending will be the administrators from each town and one Selectmen from each town. EM offers to attend this meeting. Board approves. The purpose of the meeting is to identify potential mutually beneficial arrangements and bring those items to a joint full Richmond/West Stockbridge Selectboard joint public meeting for further discussion at a date to be determined.
- A joint FinCom/Selectmen meeting is scheduled for March 17 at 5:00 PM to discuss the FY 2018 budget.
- AA informs the Board of receipt of \$10,000 from Spectrum/Charter for an PEG equipment grant and \$6,191 as the Town's annual PEG access operation payment. Both are a result of the recent extension of the Spectrum/Charter cable license. Funds will be held in a special account for future local access cable tv needs to be determined
- There will be a joint meeting of Selectmen and Finance Committees from the 3 BHRSD member towns to discuss the school district's FY 2018 budget. The meeting is at the Stockbridge Town Hall on February 28th at 6:00 PM.

6:55 PM: With business finalized, CW asks if anyone in attendance has any comments or questions for the Board. Hearing none, CW makes a motion to adjourn the meeting and convene to the scheduled Special Town Meeting in the gymnasium scheduled for 7:00 PM. PS seconds the motion. Vote taken, 3-0 in favor.

Meeting minutes approved by:

Curt Wilton, Chair

Earl Moffatt

Peter Skorput

Date: _____

