

**Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2017**

6:30 PM: Open Meeting.
Quorum present: Curt Wilton (CW); Bernie Fallon (BF). Peter Skorput (PS), Chair, unable to attend. CW to act as Chair of tonight's meeting. Also present: Admin Asst Mark Webber (AA). Press present: Local Yokel.

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

6:55 PM: Anna Lucey, (AL) Government Relations representative from Charter/Spectrum addresses the Board and offers updates on Charter/Spectrum work in Town. CW thanks Ms. Lucey for attending the meeting. AL lays out the schedule to build out the remaining 10% of unserved homes in W. Stockbridge and notes that the agreement was signed with Mass Broadband Institute (MBI) one year ago, which provided reimbursement funding to offset the cost of expanding to the final 10%. The process slowed down in March because of delays in procuring pole rights from Verizon and National Grid to allow Charter/Spectrum to place equipment and fiber optic on their poles. That process continues and AL cannot offer a date when permissions will be finalized. She suggests that 3-4 months from now would be a reasonable time to complete. AL suggest pressuring local legislators to pressure the utilities to speed up the approval process. Charter/Spectrum is continuing to install underground fiber in areas where there are no utility poles but cannot make final connections to the street until approvals are in hand. Protocols for contacting and receiving progress updates from Ms Lucey are discussed and it is decided that all communications should flow between AL and the AA. AA would then distribute. AL pledges to address 2 resident concerns expressed. The first is from a resident seeking service on High Street and the same for a Lenox Rd resident. AL shares her frustration with corporate slowness in getting up to speed with the realities on the ground in W. Stockbridge, particularly inaccuracies in available service to customers wishing to connect. She will continue to pressure management to get up to speed. Board thanks AL for attending the meeting.

Other Business/Discussion/Action Items:

- Library Trustees present the Board with a sign application to install a new sign at the newly constructed side entrance to the Library. Following a brief discussion, Board approves its installation.
- High Street resident Chuck Lord complains about speeding cars on High Street. Board will refer the matter to the Police.
- AA will miss the meeting of 9/11/17.

7:55 PM: There being no additional business to come before the Board and no comments heard from Citizen Speak time, CW makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. BF seconds the motion. Vote taken, 2-0 in favor.

Meeting minutes approved by:

Curt Wilton, acting Chair

Bernie Fallon

Date: _____