

## 2017 - Minutes of September 11, 25 Meetings

### Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes September 11, 2017

#### Village School Town Offices

6:30 PM: Open Meeting

- Peter Skorput opened the meeting
- Mark Webber was absent in Boston.
- Curt Wilton moved to ask Doane Perry to take minutes of the meeting.

Review and Act

Other Business

County Selectmen's meeting October 13

- All three Selectmen said they expect to attend the meeting. Curt Wilton might have a conflict. The meeting is a dinner at Chrissie Farm in Great Barrington. The State's Lieutenant Governor is the featured speaker. Who pays for the \$40 dinner was an open question.

Joint Meeting with Richmond Selectmen, October 4<sup>th</sup>, at Richmond Town Hall

- The West Stockbridge and Richmond Selectmen will meet together in the Richmond Town Hall on Wednesday evening October 4 at 6 pm. The agenda includes instruction, shared services, ambulance and next steps plus citizen speak.

Noise bylaw special permit application

- The Selectmen approved the request by Nathan Bradbury at 26 State Line Road for a special permit for Saturday September 23 for a wedding. The permit allows amplified music to exceed 30 decibels, per article 14 of the Town's bylaws, ending by 11 pm. The application says Nathan has checked with his neighbors.

Cable TV discussion

- The agenda for the discussion was 1. Appoint an access coordinator and 2. Approve the responsibilities of the cable commission and access coordinator laid out in the plan document submitted to the Selectmen on July 24, 2017.
- Peter Skorput said he has no problem with the plan.
- Curt Wilton asked if the the plan comes from the commission or from Richard Squailia. Richard replied from the commission. Curt commented that Richard did a good job.
- Curt Wilton said that getting channel 2 going is his priority and asked if the commission needs more equipment. Richard replied that the commission is all set with \$10,000 available. He said channel 2 will be up and running within ten days after the commission's plan and the access coordinator are approved by the Selectmen. Curt asked Richard to hold on to the old equipment and to donate it to the Town's safe disposal program.
- Commissioner Bill Barth asked how the commission will access funds. Curt replied that Mark Webber will provide access through requisitions to a revolving account.
- Richard said payment for videographers will be "PTSD scale" for videoing, editing and sending to Charter. Curt urged that the community including Monument students be involved. Richard commented that the PTSD training is a gem of the Berkshires funded by the Five [cable] Towns. Richard commented that West Stockbridge becoming a Sixth Town and getting program feeds from all the towns would be a later step for future consideration.

- Curt Wilton commended the Cable Commission for getting things done and for being go-getters in a program that has been dormant.
- Richard Squailia promised to work with the Board of Selectmen and to tell them how it is going and to bring people in the access program in to meet the Selectmen.
- Selectman Bernie Fallon asked how automated the video system will become and could Mark Webber turn it on at the beginning of a Selectmen's meeting? Richard said not yet.
- Richard reminded the Selectmen of their agenda to approve the duties and responsibilities that the Commission has submitted.
- Bernie Fallon asked if the Town Counsel has reviewed the plan?
- Curt made a motion that the Board of Selectmen would approve the plan after the Town Counsel reviews it. Peter seconded the motion, and all three Selectmen voted for it.
- Similarly, the Selectmen voted 3-0 to approve the Cable Access Coordinator's job description after review by Town Counsel.

Any other matter

Who We Are?

- Selectman Bernie Fallon presented three articles to the Selectmen and to the Local Yokel on Identity, Community and Communication which Bernie hopes will help West Stockbridge to 1. Get clear on who we are, 2. Get together as a Community and 3. Develop understanding through communications.
- Curt Wilton supported Bernie's proposal and said "Community Workshop – Board of Selectmen's Corner" will be on the agenda of every future Board of Selectmen's meeting.

Next Meeting – September 25.

Citizen Speak time

Farmers Market Sign Mangled

- Bob Thibeault asked about a Farmers Market sign on the Cone Hill Road – Swamp Road Triangle which was mangled and wondered if was vandalized or mowed. Curt Wilton said he would investigate.

Oak Street Potholes and Truck Traffic

- Bob Thibeault asked how long truck traffic on Oak Street which is making noise and potholes will go on. Curt Wilton said he would inquire.

Commercial Marijuana Ban

- Richard Squailia presented the Board of Selectmen with a request to amend the general bylaws and the zoning bylaws to ban [prohibit] establishments related to marijuana not medically prescribed.
- Richard said a ban is needed because the time frame for effectiveness of a moratorium has passed.
- Curt Wilton said he would listen but not comment on the matter in the current meeting.
- The Selectmen voted 3-0 in favor of Curt's motion, seconded by Peter Skorput, to take the matter under advisement.

Invites to Studio Tours

- President of the Artists Guild Karen Carmean invited the Selectmen and the audience to attend the Artists' Studio Tours on Saturdays September 16 and October 7 from 11 am to 5 pm.

*Meeting minutes approved by:*

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Peter Skorput, Chair

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Curt Wilton

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Bernie Fallon

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

*Meeting minutes written by Doane Perry*