

**Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
October 23, 2017**

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

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

7:00 PM: Roland Dudney, representing Parks and Recreation Committee, provides the Board with upcoming capital request items and December 1 Holiday Stroll preview. Mr. Dudney discusses replacing the playground structures at the Village School/Town Offices with new modular items. As discussed in the past, the old structures are not up to code and may pose safety risks. The cost of replacement is estimated at \$30,000-\$40,000. CW notes that a recent playground installation took place in Egremont and was done by volunteers and fundraising at no cost to the Town and wished to find out more on how that took place. PS is in support of updating the playground equipment and recommends letting voters decide in the next fiscal year. Mr. Dudney will continue to gather information and report back to the Board. PS would prefer that more of the evergreens around Card Pond trimmed back or cut down for safety and visibility concerns. CW agrees and will have the Highway Dept. trim off the dead lower branches. CW adds that the swimming dock at Card Pond will need to be replaced next year. Board thanks Mr. Dudney and the Committee for all that they do as volunteers.

Other Business/Discussion/Action Items:

- PS asks for an update on Shaker Mill retaining wall repairs. CW responds that the work will begin this week and should take about a week to complete.
- Board will hold its next meeting on November 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Board reviews signs the November 13, 2017 Special Town Meeting warrant which will be posted this week. Following a discussion, the Board decided to not place a requested article on the warrant to address a small parcel of land off of Orchard Street. All members agree that the uncertain future status of Orchard Street, needs to be further discussed before moving forward
- BF discusses writing a monthly update from the Board of Selectmen, tentatively named the "Selectmen's Corner" to be posted in the Local Yokel. BF would draft items and bring them to the Board during a regular meeting for review and approval prior to submission. Board likes the idea.
- No comments from those present under Citizen Speak heading.

8:00 PM: There being no additional business to discuss, BF makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. CW 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: \_\_\_\_\_