

**Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2018**

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: Berkshire Record.

Board reviews and accepts previous meeting minutes as presented.
Board reviews and signs its approval to weekly warrants.

6:55 PM: Chief of Police Marc Portieri gives his monthly report (attached). Board expresses their satisfaction with how Chief Portieri is running his Department, noting that public feedback has been very positive. Chief then introduces recent Town of West Stockbridge sponsored full time Academy graduate Cameron Forest. Following a brief discussion recapping his training, Board offers Officer Forest a full-time employment agreement. Cameron signs the 1-year probationary agreement. Board signs agreement as well. Board welcomes Officer Forest to his full-time police officer position.

Other Business/Discussion/Action Items:

- Board approves a request to use the Village School gym for a birthday party. PS recommends that all future approved applications get together with the Town Hall custodian to review protocols and guest's responsibilities.
- Board has a general discussion on the upcoming FY 2019 budget and annual town meeting. Discussion will continue at next week's meeting. CW requests an update Town debt service report. AA asks Board to consider future capital request items.
- AA provides the Board with a Charter/Spectrum update. Residents report that Charter/Spectrum crews are actively installing fiber optic cable in several areas of Town. It appears that the remaining 10% of unserved homes will have high speed triple play service available within 4-6 weeks. Charter/Spectrum spokesperson Anna Lucey recently stated that once all of the new fiber optic is attached to utility poles and all equipment has been tested, all properties which have updated fiber optic wire running past their driveways will be entered into the Charter/Spectrum database system. At that point (expected in the next 4-6 weeks), those residents will be recognized and may sign up for service.
- AA reports that Cable Commissioner Bill Barth, along with a technician from CTSB, has done a survey of existing audio/video equipment in the Town Hall. Bill is waiting for the results of that survey and needed equipment list. Once the list is in hand, equipment will be ordered and the Board can begin taping their meetings to be aired on the Town's Community Access TV station.
- During Public Speak time, resident asks that the walkway leading to the new Library entrance be watched more closely. Recent snow and ice have made the walkway difficult to use. CW pledges to work with the Town's custodian on the matter.

7:50 PM: There being no additional business to come before the Board, CW makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. BF seconds the motion.
Vote taken, 3-0 in favor.

Meeting minutes approved by:

Peter Skorput, Chair

Curt Wilton

Bernie Fallon

Date: _____