

## 2018 - Minutes of May 21 Meeting

### Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes May 21, 2018

6:30 PM: Open Meeting  
Quorum present: Peter Skorput, Chair; Bernie Fallon (BF); Doane Perry (DP). Also present: AdminAsst Mark Webber (AA). No press present.

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

6:50 PM: Board reorganizes following the May 14 annual election. PS welcomes newly elected Selectman Doane Perry to the Board and nominates Bernie Fallon as the new Board Chairman for the ensuing year. DP seconds the nomination; vote taken, 2-0 in favor, with BF abstaining. BF then nominates DP as Board Clerk and PS as Board Secretary. Nominations are seconded and votes taken, 2-0 in favor with appointees abstaining.

BF accepts the Chair, thanks his fellow Board members and congratulates DP on his election. BF continues and notes that the Town is in very good shape both physically and financially and gives credit to the Town's appointed and elected officials. BF states that the Board welcomes and needs to hear the concerns of residents so that the Board can address and, hopefully, resolve them.

7:00 PM: Resident David Potter addresses the Board regarding his displeasure with the way some of the votes at the 5-7-18 Annual Town Meeting were conducted by the Town Moderator and refers to an email recently sent to the Board (attached). Mr. Potter asserts that normal town meeting procedures were not followed and that Robert's Rules of Order were not followed and that Article 11 (Discontinuance of Orchard Street) was rushed. AA explains that the Town Moderator runs the Town Meeting and has broad discretion in process of same. AA notes that Moderator Gene Dellea addressed Mr. Potter's concerns immediately following the meeting. In response to Mr. Potter's concerns, the Board provides Mr. Potter with a written response and notes that the Moderator is an elected position, which comes up each year and challengers are always welcome. Following further discussion, Mr. Potter thanks the Board for addressing his concerns.

#### Other Business/Action/Discussion Items:

- Board reviews the results of the 5-7-18 Annual Town Meeting. AA informs the Board that Article 12, a petition article seeking the transfer of Town land within the borders of the Viola farm estate off of Hotel Street, required a two-thirds rather than a simple majority vote. The hand card vote was 27 yes/18 no. So, it was a few votes shy of two-thirds and, accordingly, the vote failed. Town Counsel confirmed and noted that petition articles have to be offered to voters as presented without notation or comments. So, it was up to the petitioner to state that the vote required a two-thirds majority.
- Board discusses the need for an end of fiscal year Special Town meeting, which would be scheduled at the end of the month of June. Some, but not all years, a Special Town Meeting is required in June to address housekeeping and budget items. AA will meet with the Town Accountant prior to the June 4<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to review all accounts which will determine whether or not a Special will be needed. Board has an inconclusive discussion on whether or not to address the ATM Article 12 issue and place it on the warrant for the Special.
- BF discusses cleaning of the public restrooms adjacent to the Post Office for the coming season now that they're open. BF volunteers to do the weekend checks and cleaning for the time being while the Town custodian does the weekday cleaning. Board thanks Bernie for volunteering.
- Board sets June 11, 2018 to hear and act on a Rent Control Board petition for eviction.
- AA informs the Board that the local access government TV vendor was in the town hall over the weekend installing equipment and the project should be completed in the next few weeks. Then the Board meetings will be televised on the Charter local government TV station.

- BF and transfer station attendant Wayne Cooper discuss and approve a plan to put up displays of what is acceptable and unacceptable for recyclables.

8:35 PM: There being no additional business to come before the Board and no takers on citizen speak time, PS makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. DP seconds the motion. Vote taken, 3-0 in favor.

*Meeting minutes approved by:*

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Bernie Fallon, Chair

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Doane Perry

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Peter Skorput

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