

2018 - Minutes of July 2, 16, 30 Meetings

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes July 2, 2018

6:30 PM: Open Meeting
Quorum present: Bernie Fallon (BF), Chair; Doane Perry (DP); Peter Skorput (PS). Also present: AdminAsst Mark Webber (AA). Press present: Berkshire Record.

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

7:00 PM: BF opens the regular portion of the meeting and makes an announcement that tonight's meeting is the first Selectmen's meeting to be televised live on the Town's local access channel on Spectrum Cable. BF states that those not wishing to be televised should move to the back of the meeting room and asks that anyone wishing to address the Board during the meeting should seek permission from the Chair prior to doing so. DP thanks attending Cable Commissioner Bill Barth for his efforts in bringing local access government TV to a new level and notes that the Commission is seeking one more volunteer member.

Other Business/Discussion/Action Items:

- BF opens a general discussion about Class II (used cars) and Class III (junk cars) licenses currently issued. BF notes that the Troy's Garage owners would be unavailable to attend a meeting until the end of July or early August. BF states that the Board, contrary to uninformed statements made by a former resident, has been studying and discussing all of the auto license holders in Town and that all are under review and will be addressed prior to their annual renewals. Each license holder will be individually addressed but there will likely be some uniform standards applied to all. BF adds that all will be treated equitably. PS suggests that the number of cars allowed for each license holder should be governed by a square foot standard; one which allows for reasonable access between vehicles. PS has been in discussions with the Town's Building Inspector who has experience in several other communities and well. Furthermore, the Board will be addressing the general residential junk car issue as governed by the Town's junk car bylaw.
- DP asks if the sightlines can be improved at the Cobb Rd/Gt. Barrington Rd. intersection. Vehicles coming from Cobb Rd. have a difficult time seeing oncoming Gt. Barrington Rd. traffic.
- BF notes that Crane Lake Camp opened the past weekend, which utilizes the Village School parking and loop area. Typically, the opening session day is on a weekday and the Town Offices are open and the bathrooms are utilized by campers and parents. PS notes that there have been past problems of them leaving a mess behind in the building and that there was no reason why they couldn't use the outside portable toilets for the short time they were on the property. No further action taken.
- Board discusses confusion about allowed/disallowed plastic items at the Transfer Station. AA will get updated information from the Board of Health.
- Board continues Vision Committee discussion. Organizer Joe Roy has gathered a list of 13 who have agreed to serve on the Committee. BF suggests adding 2 more names: Wayne Cooper and Steve Graham. BF then makes a motion to name Joe Roy as Chairman of the Vision Committee and to appoint all of the offered names as Committee members. PS seconds the motion. Vote taken, 3-0 in favor.
- Board has general discussion about recent vandalism at Card Pond. Twice, the dock has been detached and allowed to float away and the Highway Dept has had to spend considerable time retrieving and re-setting it. AA notes that the Highway Department will be trimming the lower parts of the large row of evergreens bordering Gt Barrington Road and that should allow better viewing of the area. The police have also been notified and they will increase patrols of the area.

8:15 PM: There being no additional business to address and no comments from those in attendance, PS makes a motion to adjourn. DP seconds the motion. Vote taken, 3-0 in favor.

Meeting minutes approved by:

Bernie Fallon, Chair

Doane Perry

Peter Skorput

Date: _____