

**Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
July 30, 2018**

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

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

6:55 PM: BF opens the regular portion of the meeting and announces that the meeting is being broadcast on local access Channel 190.

BF states that the Chief of Police is unable to attend tonight's meeting. Accordingly, he will attend the next meeting to delivery his monthly report.

Other Business/Discussion/Action Items:

- Highway Superintendent Curt Wilton (CW) delivers his monthly report to the Board, including the following items: roadside mowing is taking place with two mowers going each day. All town roadsides are mowed twice a year; continuing with ongoing gravel road maintenance; 20-minute parking signs for specific Main Street areas have been ordered and will arrive and be mounted in the next 2 weeks; Gt. Barrington Rd. continuation paving project will have a bid opening on August 20th and work would be concluded this fall; Highway Dept. crew is doing preliminary work on the road in preparation of the re-surfacing project.
- CW discusses recent vandalism at the Card Pond beach area. CW seeks Board approval to remove 11 of the large evergreens along Rte. 41 that screen the beach area from public view. Permission will also be required from MA DOT, which owns that property. The trees to be removed stand between the 2 street lights and are hiding a third directional light pointed towards the pond. Removing the trees will provide the Police an unobstructed view of the area and may help deter the on-going vandalism and improve public safety. Board agrees with the plan.
- AA provides the Board with a Swap Shop update. The 12' x 30' shed has been ordered. CW is speaking with a concrete contractor to install a slab foundation and installation of a conduit for future electric. Shed should arrive in 4-6 weeks. The Town will need to fit the shed out with shelving and other fixtures to accommodate the placement of swap shop items.
- Bob Salerno, Finance Committee Chair, discusses current and future Town debt scenarios, specifically the Village School debt which will be paid off in 2020. When that debt is retired, the associated annual debt appropriation of approximately \$150,000 or a portion thereof, might best be continued as an appropriation and placed in a trust fund to lessen the impact of future debt obligations such as the pending high school building project. Board agrees with the concept.
- BF leads a discussion on a tax title property located at 16 State Line Rd. The Town is now able to schedule an auction of the property. Updated figures will be obtained from the Town Collector and Treasurer to show exactly what the Town is owed, including associated legal fees and outstanding Town utility charges. Board agrees unanimously to schedule an auction immediately after an additional 30-day period from tonight's meeting to provide the last owner of record one final chance to redeem the property.
- Board will invite the owners of Troy's Garage to their meeting of August 6th for a discussion of the property's Class II and III auto licenses. BF notes that each auto license holder in Town will be called in for a review of their licenses and each will be dealt with on a case by case basis but with certain standards applied across the board.
- Board and Town Collector discuss the status of the West Stockbridge Sportsmen's Club and the need to re-file a corrected tax title taking of the property in order to eventually sell the property at auction and return the property to the tax rolls.
- PS asks the Board to consider changing the Board's meeting night to one other than Mondays. Board agrees to consider a change this fall.
- Resident Lynn Ryan of Lenox Rd. speaks about the neighborhood's growing concerns with speeding traffic on Lenox Rd, particularly the bottom section. Board has a general discussion about the placement of the existing speed warning sign on Lenox Road and the need for increased police presence. Board will discuss the matter further with the Chief of Police at their next meeting.

8:00 PM: With no additional business to come before the Board, PS makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. DP seconds the motion. Vote taken, 3-0 in favor.

Meeting minutes approved by:

Bernie Fallon, Chair

Doane Perry

Peter Skorput

Date: _____