

**Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2017**

6:30 PM: Open Meeting

Quorum present: Curt Wilton (CW), Chair; Earl Moffatt (EM); Peter Skorput (PS). Also present: Admin Asst Mark Webber (AA).
Press present: Local Yokel.

Board reviews and approves previous meeting minutes.

Board reviews and approves weekly warrants.

Other Business/Discussion/Action Items:

- Developer Mark Scoco addresses the Board regarding the possibility and process required to convert Silvermine Road from a private drive into a Town accepted and maintained road. Mr. Scoco states that some Silvermine residents have expressed an interest in converting the road to Town ownership. Board notes that an article can be placed on the warrant of the Annual Town Meeting either by petition of 10 registered town voters or the Selectmen can choose to place the article on the warrant by consent. Board acknowledges that the road is built to full sub-division specifications but asks what benefit would the Town realize if it accepted maintenance and ownership of the road. Currently the road is maintained by a neighborhood association. Mark may seek to gather the required signatures and will seek input from the Planning Board before going forward.
- Board continues its discussion on the West Stockbridge Fire Department operations in response to a previously issued report and recommendations conducted by Municipal Resources Institute. As discussed at the previous Board meeting, Chief Peter Skorput (Chief) issues a monthly report update to the Board and provides the Board with a stack of personnel files of his membership containing training and associated records. Board reviews them. Chief notes that he has two NIMS certifications himself and that he is waiting for the opportunity to take the third test once it becomes available. Some of his membership have one or more of the NIMS test certificates. Some members are taking the test this evening at the Fire Station. Chief states that the Department's jaws of life apparatus are being tested. Chief notes that a joint training session took place with the Richmond fire department last week for search and rescue. Chief states that one of the new members is interested in taking the Firefighters One training course. CW notes that the program instills pride in those who graduate. CW adds that he acknowledges and respects the Chief's dedication to the Department and that he responds to most every call. However, the Chief, needs to show improvement in administration and record keeping and continuing education and training for his membership. Chief is receptive to discussions regarding possible administrative help going forward. EM asks about fire hydrants being cleaned out and accessible following snow storms. Chief responds that he gets them cleaned out as soon as he can following storms. EM provides recent photos that indicate that the hydrants are snow covered. CW thanks Chief for the update and reiterates that the Board does not wish to micromanage the Fire Department but the Board is charged with responding to the MRI management report and will continue to push for and work with the Chief to make improvements for the benefit of public safety.
- Board continues its discussion on FY 2018 budget and annual town meeting articles. Board agrees to post and schedule a meeting on 3-23-17 with Chief of Police Marc Portieri to discuss his budget.

8:00 PM: There being no additional business to come before the Board and no comments or questions from those present, PS makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. CW seconds the motion. Vote taken, 3-0 in favor.

Meeting minutes approved by:

Curt Wilton, Chair

Earl Moffatt

Peter Skorput

Date: _____