

**Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2018**

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

Board reviews and approves weekly warrants.
Board reviews and approves prior meeting minutes.

6:45 PM: BF opens the regular portion of the meeting.

Resident Caitlin Graham addressed the Board regarding proposed Halloween events. Caitlin proposes that Trick or Treat take place on October 31st from 4PM-6PM. Then a parade would follow starting at the Post Office and going around the block, over the bridge, down Main St and ending at the Congregational Church. A reception and costume judging event would be held at the Church from 6:30PM-8:00PM. Fire Chief Peter Skorput will facilitate the parade and the police department will provide traffic controls for safety. All ages are invited to attend the party at the Church. Board thanks Caitlin for her organizational efforts and fully supports her proposal.

6:55 PM: BF makes a motion that he would like to proceed as soon as possible with the planned tax title auction of 16 State Line Road, pending the finalization of accurate costs owed the Town. A discussion follows to determine whether or not to place a minimum bid on the property and at what amount. It is decided to place a minimum bid of \$50,000 for the auction. PS seconds the motion. Vote taken, 3-0 in favor.

7:00 PM: BF opens a general discussion on Auto Class II and III licenses currently held at 44 Great Barrington Road. Attending are the license holders Ricky Klein and Earl Moffatt along with the manager of Mr. Klein's licensed operations, Alan Becker. Both Mr. Klein and Mr. Moffatt hold Class II and Class III licenses.

AA states that intended purpose of tonight's discussion is to gather information and to adjust the current licenses based on what information is gathered. AA further states that the Board is doing a comprehensive review of all Town auto licenses issued.

Board and Mr. Klein have a general discussion about the distinctions between Class II (used cars) and Class III (junk cars). Mr. Klein states that his licensed operation is primarily the reconditioning of salvage cars for resale. In order to operate as such, a Class III license is required to purchase salvage vehicles and a Class II is required to sell the refurbished autos as used cars.

Mr. Klein offers the Board a copy of his lease agreement with Mr. Moffatt who rents a portion of the property and provides a schematic plan of the property layout and uses. Mr. Klein agrees that the property has gotten cluttered with vehicles and a plan has been put in place to remove 3 vehicles for each additional vehicle acquired. Mr. Klein invites the Board to conduct a sight visit and would welcome any recommendations and reasonable conditions placed on the property, including placing a time limit on all vehicles to determine their status. For instance, if a car sits for more than 90 days in the same condition, it might be determined to be a junk and dealt with accordingly. Mr. Klein adds that he is in the process of transferring the property to Mr. Becker. DP states that he and others have a difficult time exiting Day Farm Rd from the Transfer Station because all the cars are blocking sight lines. Mr. Becker offers to better police the property and to keep parked vehicles safely distant from Gt. Barrington Road.

It is decided that Board members will visit the property at their earliest convenience and discuss their findings at a future meeting and amend the existing licenses accordingly. Board thanks both Mr. Moffatt and Mr. Klein for attending the meeting.

Other Business/Discussion/Action Items:

- AA informs the Board that the Transfer Station attendant is on vacation next week and that coverage needs to be provided for next Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. PS agrees to follow up.
- Town Counsel Katie Klein inquired if the Town was going to hold a Special Town Meeting this fall and if so, she would pressure National Grid to finalize sale documents for the parcel along Moscow Road that Town Meeting had previously approved to purchase.
- AA notes that the annual audit has been completed and audit reports have been distributed to the Town Accountant, Treasurer, Collector, Assessors and Finance Committee. The FinCom has rescheduled their previously scheduled meeting for September 28th.
- AA informs the Board that he has spoken with Planning Board Chair Dana Bixby and was informed that the Planning Board is nearing completion of a draft marijuana bylaw for review by the Selectmen. Board asks that Dana and or members of the Planning Board attend

next week's Selectmen's meeting to provide an update.

7:50 PM: There being no further business to come before the Board and no questions/comments from those present, BF 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: _____