Town of West Stockbridge

2018 - Minutes of October 10, 24 Meetings

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes October 10, 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. Meeting is being broadcast on PEG Channel 190.

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

7:00 PM:

BF opens the regular portion of the meeting and welcomes Joe Roy, chair of the Vision Committee. Several Vision Committee members are in attendance.

Joe reads a presentation outlining the formation, activities, vision statement, and procedural matters (attached).

Per request of the Vision Committee, Board approves the addition of two members: Dick Schectman and Brian Butterworth to replace two members who resigned.

BF expresses his and the Board's enthusiasm with the Vision Committee's efforts and goals. BF wishes to promote the uniqueness of the Town and wishes to promote inclusion and agreement as the Committee's work progresses. Board is encouraged by the Committee's efforts and it is agreed that the Committee will provide regular updates at future Board meetings. Board thanks Joe and the Committee for their work and for attending the meeting.

Other Business/Discussion/Action Items:

- BF reports that Board members recently conducted a site visit to 44 Gt. Barrington Road to meet with property owner Ricky Klein to discuss and review the site following a recent Board meeting at which the property's Class II and Class III auto licenses was discussed. BF reports that the meeting was productive and produced a schematic plan that will be used to designate numbers and locations of Class II and III autos on the property. Once accepted by the Board, that layout will be attached to the property's to be amended auto licenses. DP expresses concerns about sight lines for those exiting Day Farm Road. BF states that Mr. Klein will be contacted and asked to inform his tenants to keep parked cars back from the intersection to improved visibility at this dangerous intersection.
- In light of recent vandalism and unauthorized persons in the Town Hall, PS recommends installing security cameras/system in the building. Board agrees. AA to follow up.
- Board expresses their approval of the recent cutting of several large evergreens rimming Card Pond adjacent to the
 Interchange 1 on-ramp. PS notes that increased visibility of the beach area will improve safety and reduce vandalism.
- Gt. Barrington Road paving is expected to commence in the next two weeks and will take approximately two weeks to complete.
- Chief of Police Marc Portieri will attend the Board's next meeting to provide his routine update.
- Board has a general discussion on the National Grid property along Moscow Rd. which is in the process of being purchased by the Town. DP expresses concern that NGrid requires a site environmental report as a condition of the sale. DP asks if there might be hazardous materials on the site. PS responds that the area has been extensively excavated in recent years during the municipal sewer installation, including the sewer pump station, sewer mains and laterals, parking lot and public bathrooms foundation. PS adds that the site was a section of the abandoned rail line and that no industrial use ever took place at the site. An environmental report should conclude that there are no issues at the site.
- Board discusses scheduling a Special Town Meeting for December 10, 2018 to address the following articles: additional
 appropriation for the purchase of National Grid property along Moscow Rd; marijuana zoning bylaw amendment and;

8:10 PM: There being no additional business to come before the Board, 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 Peter Skorput Doane Perry

Date: ______

transfer of Sewer and Water Retained Earnings to the General Fund. Posting of this meeting would be no later than

November 26th.