

2018 - Minutes of November 7, 28 Meetings

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes November 7, 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 previous meeting minutes as presented.
Board reviews and signs payroll and vendor warrants.

Other Business/Discussion/Action Items:

- Board has a general discussion about scheduling for the upcoming Planning Board Public Hearing on Town zoning bylaw amendments and the Special Town Meeting which would follow to act on those amendments along with a few housekeeping warrant articles. The Planning Board has published notice of their Public Hearing to open at 7:15PM on November 21, 2018. However, noting that the hearing would be held the evening before Thanksgiving, the Planning Board is expected to open and continue the hearing until November 28th to provide more opportunity for interested parties to attend. The Selectmen would then schedule at Special Town Meeting for either the 10th or 13th of December. Board will determine the Special Town Meeting date at their meeting of November 14
- AA informs the Board that Town Counsel Katie Klein is continuing discussions with her counterpart at National Grid seeking to close a deal on the Town purchase of the NGrid parcel along Moscow Road. We still do not have a final estimate for potential additional inspection and closing costs.
- AA informs the Board that he has been in touch with the commercial appraisal firm hired by the Town to perform an appraisal on the Card Lake parking lot. The firm apologized for the delay and said that we can expect the appraisal in another week.
- Board discusses enforcement of the Town's Junk Car bylaw. BF notes that the bylaw has not been vigorously enforced in several years and doing so is a natural progression from the Board's recent review and amendments to the Town's licensed used and junk car dealers. AA reports that the Chief of Police has been given a directive to have his patrolmen compile a list of all unlicensed vehicles along with owners' names and addresses and return that list to the Board within 30 days. Board agrees that once the list is presented, letters will be sent to those in violation of the bylaw and given a yet to be determined period to remove the vehicles. Failure to comply will result in a violation ticket which requires the violators to appear in Southern Berkshire District Court.
- Transfer Station attendant Wayne Cooper gives a brief update on the newly constructed Swap Shop. The Highway Department has completed the construction of a handicap ramp, along with paving and a retaining wall. In response to a question from BF, Wayne states that he encourages donations from those taking items from the Swap Shop. Those donations are then given to the WSPD to assist in their annual holiday gift giving event. Wayne adds that donations are not required and patrons are not pressured to do so.
- It is agreed that Troy's Garage will be invited to the Board's next meeting to get an update on their required and agreed to removal of vehicles per their amended used car license.

7:50 PM: There being no additional business to come before the Board and no comments or questions from those in attendance, 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: _____