

**Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
January 23, 2019**

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.  
Board reviews and approves weekly warrants.

6:45 PM: BF opens the regular portion of tonight's meeting and welcomes Berkshire Mountain Bike Association (BMBA) representatives for a discussion regarding utilization of Town owned land on Harvey Mountain. BMBA asks if the Board would consider allowing the group to create mountain biking trails on the town land. The group details the process and care and stewardship related to trail construction and emphasize the very low impact of their biking trails. Board members state their qualified support of the project but note that some more research needs to be done before giving any formal consent. Specifically, the matter of access and rights of way. Today, it is understood that the property is landlocked and is now accessed through a trail head in New York State for those using it as passive recreation and hunting. Board instructs AA to do some deed research on rights of way and any other restrictions or potential problems that may impede the construction of biking trails. Board thanks the group for their enthusiasm and suggests that they check back in a few weeks.

Other business/discussion/action items:

- Board has a general discussion on the subject of a shared town administrator with the Town of Richmond. AA notes that this subject and other wide ranging existing and possible sharing scenarios between the two towns has been discussed in the past between the neighboring towns. AA tells the Board that he hopes to retire by the end of June this year and a shared administrator is a viable option for attracting the best qualified replacement. AA adds that the current Richmond Town Administrator is one such very qualified administrator. Board supports the concept and agrees to hold discussions with the counterparts in Richmond.
- Board reviews an application to hold a bicycle race event on Card Pond on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Board notes that the applicants have done their research and have contacted W.S. public safety and are checking ice thickness. Board gives its permission to the organizers pending proof of liability insurance.
- Board approves a Village School use request for a resident for a birthday party to be held in the gym.
- BF notes that he has been working with Bill Biggs and they are excited about expanding and improving the Town's website.
- PS, in his capacity as Fire Chief, informs the Board that the WSFD will be holding a "boot drive" on February 26<sup>th</sup> from 10AM – 2 PM as a fund raiser for the Department. Board supports the event.
- DP notes that the recent Massachusetts Municipal Association annual town meeting event was well attended and very informative.
- DP states that he'd like to take the lead on the previously discussed idea of creating a walking/recreational area along the Williams River in the area below the Orient Express. Board supports the idea.

8:20 PM: With no further business to come before the Board, PS motions to adjourn the meeting. DP seconds the motion. Vote taken, 3-0 in favor.

*Meeting minutes approved by:*

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Bernie Fallon, Chair

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Peter Skorput

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Doane Perry

Date: \_\_\_\_\_