

2019 - Minutes of March 13 Meeting

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes March 13, 2019

6:00 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 signs warrants.

6:30 PM: BF opens regular portion of tonight's meeting and notes the recent passing of West Stockbridge Police Officer Gary Mitchell of Richmond. Gary served many years both here and in surrounding towns following his retirement from the Springfield PD.

Other Business/Action/Discussion Items:

- Attorney Lori Robbins (LR), representing Jon Piasecki of Wiseacres Farm, Inc. discusses a Host Community Agreement (HCA) with the Board. LR states that she was given a copy of the Town Counsel mark-up of a proposed HCA for Wiseacre Farms and that she has codified all but two of language items into an HCA proposal for the Board to consider. The two items not transferred to tonight's draft HCA under discussion are 1) restricting the applicants right of appeal and 2) modification on the timing of the 3% Community Impact Fee. Board, following a discussion, agrees on these changes. BF notes that this has been a good process which has resulted in a good agreement.

BF makes a motion to approve the language of the proposed HCA as discussed tonight. DP seconds the motion. Vote taken, 3-0 in favor.

LR will provide a clean copy of the HCA, with the agreed upon terms and changes, for the Board's signatures. Both LR and Jon Piasecki, who had been silent until this point, thanks the Board.

- Board continues discussing the FY 2020 annual budget and Annual Town Meeting warrant articles. AA notes that the Finance Committee will be meeting on March 15th to review the budget and warrant articles and the Selectmen are invited to attend. AA adds that the last day for acceptance of warrant article petitions is April 1.
- BF discusses the Vision Committee and notes that they are proceeding along with steady meetings and that a joint meeting between the Selectmen and the Committee should be scheduled in the near future. BF adds that the elements shown on the Town seal – industriousness, community, agriculture, etc. - should be reflective of the Committee's focus.

7:30 PM: There being no additional business to come before the Board and no questions/comments from those present, PS 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: _____