Town of West Stockbridge

2017 - Minutes of April 3, 24 Meetings

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes April 3, 2017

<u>6:30 PM</u>: Open business portion of meeting.

Quorum present: Curt Wilton (CW), Chair; Earl Moffatt (EM); Peter Skorput (PS). Also present: Admin Asst Mark Webber (AA). Press present: Local Yokel.

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

7:00 PM: CW opens the regular portion of the meeting.

Board reviews final draft of the Annual Town Meeting warrant and Fiscal Year 2018 town budget. Following review, EM makes a motion to approve the warrant and budget as presented. PS seconds the motion. Vote taken, 3-0 in favor. AA notes that the Finance Committee has been provided all updated information and will be holding their final meeting on Friday, April 7th to give their recommendations to the budget. Board agrees to sign the Annual Town Meeting warrant at their April 10 meeting so as to include any Finance Committee recommendations.

CW states that the Board needs to continue the Fire Services study discussion as soon as the FY 2018 budget and warrant are finalized. Specific items outstanding are hydrant condition and testing reports on same. Board grants a one-day liquor license to Turn Park Art Space for an event on May 14, 2017.

Bob Tiebow asks the Board if they would sponsor an Annual Town Meeting article to provide funding for weekend and holiday cleaning of the public bathrooms to cover the times when a town employee is not available. CW and EM respond that they would be reluctant to do so, especially at this late hour. AA reiterates that the warrant closes this evening for the acceptance of new articles. CW states that the public restrooms were built from grant funds 15 years ago on the pledge that the downtown merchants would fund and manage the cleaning and maintenance of the facility and the merchants lobbied for public bathrooms at the time and are clearly the constituency that realizes the greatest benefit. CW notes that pledge and effort died within the first 2 years and the Town has had to take over the responsibility since and he is reluctant to fund additional dollars for weekend cleaning and recommends that the merchants step up and take care of it. Mr. Tiebow produces a draft petition warrant article to provide Town funding for weekend cleaning. AA explains that although the warrant closes this evening and that the Selectmen are not interested in sponsoring the article, if the petition is presented to the Town Clerk for verification of 10 registered voters, then it could be forced onto the Annual Town Meeting warrant. Mr. Tiebow thanks the Board. CW asks if anyone in attendance has any questions or comments for the Board. Evie Kerswell asks if a continuation hearing has been set for the open Rent Control Board rent adjustment hearing. CW answers no and that the RCB is waiting on the owners to provide follow up information.

7:20 PM: There being no additional questions or comments and with all business finalized, CW makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. PS seconds the motion. Vote taken, 3-0 in favor.

Meeting minutes approved by:

Curt Wilton, Chair	Earl Moffatt	Peter Skorput	
Date:			