



# Select Board

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## Select Board Hybrid Meeting 21 State Line Rd., West Stockbridge, MA

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

6:00 PM

### Open Meeting

1. Broadband Discussion and update-Wylie Goodman, Berkshire Regional Planning Commission
2. Approve minutes from June 5, 2023 and revised April 24, 2023
3. Citizen Speak Time
4. Discussion/Business/Action items:
  - Parks Commissioners Update– Cait Graham
  - Discussion and Vote to approve appointments for attached list for 2023
  - Discussion/Vote on Auto Class II and III and Taxi License renewal for William Kie
5. Select Board Speak
6. Adjourn

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Jun 20, 2023 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: SB Meeting

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## Select Board Meeting Minutes June 5, 2023

**Quorum present:** Select Board Members Kathleen Keresey, Chair and Andrew Krouss, Andrew Potter was absent and Town Administrator Marie Ryan.

**Others Present:** State Representative Smitty Pignatelli

Kathleen called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Kathleen made a motion, seconded by Andy to approve the minutes from May 10 and May 17, 2023. All in favor – minutes approved.

### **Citizen Speak:**

Baker Street resident Joanna Yurman discussed her concerns of issues on Baker Street. Her concerns included large truck traffic on Baker Street, speeding and illegal parking on Baker Street. She would like more Police patrol in the area. Kathleen asked her to send her statement to Marie, who will forward to the Police Chief.

### **TurnPark One Day Liquor License:** Manager Jared Gelemino

Jared requested approval for a One Day Liquor License for TurnPark for their event on June 10, 2023. He informed the Board that he has a parking plan which will include a parking attendant and will use the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He has worked with DPW Director Curt Wilton on this parking plan. He has also arranged for a Police Detail on site through Police Chief Portieri. He assured the Board that he and another staff person has received TIPS training required to control alcohol use.

Kathleen made a motion, seconded by Andy, to approve the One Day Liquor License for TurnPark for June 10, 2023. All in favor – motion approved.

**National Grid Austerlitz Road Joint Pole Location:** Donald Taggart, National Grid Representative

Don Taggart requested that the Board approve a joint pole location for National Grid and Verizon on Austerlitz Road. This new pole would be to provide services to a new home on that road and the location of the pole will be between 9 and 10 Austerlitz Road.

Kathleen made a motion, seconded by Andy, to approve the joint pole location. All in favor – motion approved.

**Open Discussion with Representative Smitty Pignatelli:**

Representative Pignatelli gave an update on the priorities he is currently working on. The three main agenda items he is supporting are regional equity, housing and broadband and technology. He informed the Board that the Governor recently hired Ann Gobi as the new Rural Director. This is an important step towards helping the small towns with regional equity. He has met with Ann to discuss the issues that small towns deal with so she is aware and can assist in the effort to help small towns with equity of funding for housing and broadband and technology.

Kathleen informed Smitty that the Town is already working on housing issues with an updated Master Plan that is almost completed. Andy Krouss also stated that he has been working with Wylie Goodman from Berkshire Regional Planning Commission on improving broadband in the Town. Wylie will be addressing the Board and citizens at the next Select Board meeting on June 20.

Smitty also discussed shared services which are important and will allow towns to receive more funding. Currently West Stockbridge has shared services with Richmond for the Fire Chief, Ambulance and EMTs. The Town Highway Department also has a few pieces of equipment they share with Richmond as well.

Smitty is attempting to have a process in place which a tiered approach for funding by the State of multiple criteria levels, each being eligible for funding and competing with other towns and cities of similar size and structure. This gives the small towns a better opportunity to receive funds without competing against larger cities and towns.

Kathleen and Andy thanked Smitty for attending and coming to meet with them.

**Special Town Meeting:**

Marie requested that the Board vote to hold a Special Town Meeting to approve transfers for year end balances to pay final Fiscal year bills, if necessary.

Kathleen made a motion, seconded by Andy, to hold a Special Town Meeting on Monday, June 26, if necessary. All in favor – motion approved.

**Select Board Speak:**

None

Kathleen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Andy at 6:51 PM.  
All were in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marie y. Ryan*

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Town Administrator



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## Select Board Meeting REVISED Minutes

April 24, 2023

**Quorum present:** Select Board Members Kathleen Keresey, Chair, Andrew Krouss, Andrew Potter and Town Administrator Marie Ryan.

**Others Present:** Curt Wilton, Director of Public Works, Marc Portieri, Police Chief and Steve Traver, Fire Chief.

Kathleen called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

### Fire Department Update:

Fire Chief Steve Traver informed the Board that the Fire Department has recently added three new members. The Department will complete the testing of the fire hoses in June. Several fire hydrants have been repaired in the past few months. He stressed the need for more volunteers and encouraged people to apply to be a member of the Fire Department and as an EMT.

### Approval of Minutes:

Andy Krouss made a motion, seconded by Andy Potter, to approve the minutes from April 3, 2023.

Kathleen and Andy Krouss were in favor, Andy Potter abstained.  
Minutes approved.

### Citizen Speak:

Peter Thorne thanked everyone who assisted in the very successful Earth Day Clean-up around the Town on Saturday, April 22.

Curt Wilton, speaking as a resident, brought attention to the parking situation during the recent bike event in Town on Saturday. He was extremely pleased with the process in which the group parked 127 cars at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in a very organized fashion. He was most appreciative of their efforts and hopes that all groups in the future follow their lead. The event holders made sure to have parking attendants which make the process seamless and very respectful to the Town.

**Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment:**

Zoning Board of Appeals Clerk, Joe Roy requested that the Board appoint Gunnar Gudmundson as an ZBA Alternate Member. Gunnar has been a Planning Board Member for many years and his experience with zoning on that board will be extremely helpful as a ZBA member. Gunnar said he is happy to be able to continue to serve the Town.

Andy Potter made a motion, seconded by Andy Krouss, to appoint Gunnar as a Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate Member.

All were in favor, motion passed.

**Farmer's Market Annual Entertainment License:**

Lily Davenport requested that the Board approve an Annual Entertainment License for the Farmer's Market. She stated that they will have 1-3 musicians that will play low volume folk music during the Farmer's Market on Thursdays.

Andy Krouss made a motion, seconded by Andy Potter, to approve the Entertainment License for the Farmer's Market.

All were in favor, motion passed.

**Zucchini Festival One Day Entertainment License:**

Marjorie Powell, Zucchini Festival Chair requested that the Board approve a One Day Entertainment License for the Zucchini Festival on August 22, 2023. They plan on having low impact, reduced noise fireworks at the end of the festival at 10 PM. She has meet with the State Fire Marshall for placement and security for the fireworks. She requested that the Town to get an umbrella policy under the Town Insurance Policy for the event. Director of Public Works Curt Wilton will assist with the parking locations, using Town Hall, Card Pond, Wastewater Treatment Plant and the cemetery. There will be shuttles to assist getting people to and from the parking lots to the downtown area. The Berkshire Bank parking lot will be reserved for vendor parking. All parking lots will have an attendant to assist with parking. The Festival will have music and dancing that will end by 10 PM prior to the fireworks. Marjorie spoke with Police Chief Marc Portieri and secured Police Detail coverage and with Fire Chief Steve Traver for Fire Department coverage for the fireworks. Marjorie also recieved approval from the Conservation Commission to have a duck race.

Joe Roy, as a representative of the West Stockbridge Village Business Association, has informed all local businesses about every aspect of the Festival. He has not received any responses back from anyone, but he assured the Board that everyone has been informed.

Andy Potter made a motion, seconded by Andy Krouss, to approve the One Day Entertainment License for the Zucchini Festival.

All were in favor, motion passed.

Marjorie thanked the Board and she will come back to the Board and keep them updated as plans progress.

### **Department of Public Works Update:**

Curt Wilton presented an update of the Complete Streets Program. The Committee submitted 15 total projects for approval to proceed with attaining grant funding from Mass DOT. All 15 projects have been approved as feasible for grant funding. The next step will include public input by way of surveys and an open meeting. Then the Committee can determine which projects they will submit for grant funding in the fall with assistance from Nick Russo from Berkshire Regional Planning.

Curt also discussed the roads in Town that he feels should no longer should be Town roads. Curt stated there were 7 roads that he felt should be abandoned by the Town and no longer maintained by the Town. Curt believes to maintain these roads is not cost-effective, they are essentially driveways. The roads being considered are:

Van Shak Road  
Oak Street  
Moscow Road  
Beach Street  
South Street  
Bryan Road  
Easland Road

He suggested that the Board allow he and Marie to contact Town Counsel to inquire what the process would be to delete these roads from the list of Town streets. This initial step will be just the beginning of a long process and will require several meetings to include the residents before any decisions are finalized. The Board agreed this was a good idea.

### **Municipal Officials April Meeting Update:**

Andy Potter attended a Municipal Officials Meeting in April. One of the main discussions at this meeting was in regards to the inequalities between the funding given to eastern Massachusetts towns versus western Massachusetts towns. He specifically mentioned the PILOT program where towns receive money for state owned land. In the eastern part of the state some towns receive \$1000 per acre while towns in the western part receive only \$129-200 per acre.

Andy also recently attended a meeting in Pittsfield at the Berkshire Innovation Center involving discussions about green energy and potential funding. The USDA representatives were also in attendance and they specifically talked about funding to assist with water treatment infrastructure. Andy will gather more information about their rolling applications for grants and long-term low interest loans for treatment plants.

### **Select Board Speak:**

Andy Krouss informed the Board he is still working on the broadband issue and will update the Board when he gets new information.

Andy Potter mentioned that he would like to discuss changing the agenda process at their next meeting by including Citizen Speak during the meeting to enable people to be involved as the Board discusses each item.

The 8 Town Regional School District Planning Board has come up with equity formulas for paying for the new high school and how that will work to allow fair payments by each town. The

Board has done some great work and will be presenting that information soon to the Towns.

Kathleen asked the Board if they would be open to having a joint meeting with the Select Board of Great Barrington and Stockbridge to discuss the Housatonic Water Company issues. The Board agreed and Marie will set the meeting up.

Kathleen asked the Board if they would be interested in the possibility of being involved in the joint Stockbridge and Lee Fire Department which is in the early process of forming. The Board agreed this maybe a good idea to look into if this is feasible for West Stockbridge to join them. Kathleen will write a letter of interest to be sent to Stockbridge and Lee.

Kathleen recently meet with Representative Smitty Pignatelli and discussed different shared services. He would like to attend a Select Board meeting for further discussion. Marie will reach out to Smitty to get some possible dates for a meeting.

Andy Potter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Andy Krouss at 7:30 PM.  
All were in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marie Y. Ryan*

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Town Administrator

## Select Board Appointed Town Officers 2023

### Paid Positions

Office	Name	Term Term Length
Town Accountant	Elaine Markham	2023 3 Years
Town Treasurer	Karen Williams	2023 3 Years
Deputy Collector	Arthur Jones Inc.	2023 1 Year
Building Inspector	Brian DuVal	2023 1 Year
Zoning Enforcement	Brian DuVal	2023 1 Year
Animal Control Officer/Inspector	John Drake	2023 1 Year
Gas Inspector	Robert Gennari	2023 1 Year
Oil Inspector	Larry Morse	2023 1 Year
Plumbing Inspector	Robert Gennari	2023 1 Year
Asst Plumbing Inspector	Bob Krupski	2023 1 Year
Wire Inspector	Karl Cooper	2023 1 Year
Asst Wire Insepctor	Ted Piontek	2023 1 Year
Asst Wire Insepctor	Lawrence Ray	2023 1 year
Town Counsel	Kopelman- Paige	2023 1 Year
Smoke/Fire Alarm Inspector	Steve Traver	2023 1 Year
Board of Registrars	Marge Powell	2023 3 Years

### Non-Paid Appointments

Agricultural Commission	Victor Stannard, Sr.	2023 3 Years
	John Springstube	2023 3 Years
Agricultural Commission Alt.	Peter Negrini	2023 1 Year
	Curt Wilton	2023 1 Year
Berkshire Reg. Planning Rep.	Dana Bixby	2023 1 Year
Chief Procurement Officer	Marie Ryan	2023 1 Year
Conservation Commission	Shayne O'Bryan	2023 3 Years
	Kathy Korte	2023 3 Years
Conservation Com Assoc	Tricia Hickey	2023 1 Year
	John Masiero	2023 1 Year
Official Weighers	Marc Portieri	2023 1 Year
	Faith Libardi	2023 1 Year
Memorial Day Committee	American Legion Post 254	2023 3 Years
Veteran's Grave Officer	Wayne Cooper	2023 1 Year
Parking Clerk	Ronni Barrett	2023 3 Years
Zoning Board of Appeals	Jack Houghton	2023 5 Years
ZBA Alternates	Elizabeth Digrigoli	2023 1 Year

	Thomas Lipiczky	2023 1 Year
Emergency Mgt. Director	Louis Oggiani	2023 1 Year
Right to Know Officer	Steve Traver	2023 1 Year
Consultant to Veteran's Agent	Wayne Cooper	2023 1 Year
ADA Coordinator	Brian DuVal	2023 1 Year
Parks & Rec Committee	Ashley Daigle	2023 1 Year
	Joe Roy	2023 1 Year
	JP Boscorino	2023 1 Year
	Caitlin Graham	2023 1 Year
	Hele Nolan	2023 1 Year
Cable TV Commission	Alexander Stein	2023 1 Year
	George Cox	2023 1 Year
Cultural Council	Rebecca Sheir	2023 3 Years
	Miki Reuchlin	2023 3 Years
Town Historian	Bob Salerno	2023 1 Year
Historical Committee	Bob Salerno	2023 1 Year
	Patricia Soldati	2023 1 Year
	Earl Moffatt	2023 1 Year
	Scott Sawyer	2023 1 Year
Sewer & Water Commission	Mark Webber	2023 5 Years
Council on Aging	Brian Steranka	2023 5 Years
Violations Appeals Officer	Marc Portieri	2023 3 Years

## Ryan, Marie

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**From:** John Masiero <[johnmasiero47@gmail.com](mailto:johnmasiero47@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 5, 2023 3:58 PM  
**To:** Ryan, Marie  
**Subject:** Fwd: Conservation Commision

Hello Again,

Please present this letter of interest in joining the West Stockbridge Conservtion Commission from Shane O'Bryan to the Select Board. He will be the Associate Member w/ Voting Privileges. Thank you, John Masiero

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **shane obryan** <[shane3750@gmail.com](mailto:shane3750@gmail.com)>  
Date: Fri, Jun 2, 2023 at 4:59 PM  
Subject: Conservation Commision  
To: John Masiero <[johnmasiero47@gmail.com](mailto:johnmasiero47@gmail.com)>

To whom it may concern,

I, Shane O'Bryan, am interested in joining the West Stockbridge Conservation Commision. I live in West Stockbridge and have a background in Environmental preservation.

Thank you,

Shane

## Ryan, Marie

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**From:** John Masiero <johnmasiero47@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 5, 2023 3:48 PM  
**To:** Ryan, Marie  
**Subject:** Resignation

Hello Marie,

Please tender my resignation from the West Stockbridge Conservation Commission to the Select Board at its next meeting. This has been approved by the WSCC.

Then, I request to be appointed as an Associate Member of the WSCC. Thank you, John Masiero

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Town of West Stockbridge  
2023**

**Used Car Dealer's License - Class II  
To Buy and Sell Second-Hand Motor Vehicles**

License #: 23-03A

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 140 of the General Laws with  
amendments thereto:

**William B. Kie DBA: WBK Construction**

Is hereby licensed to buy second-hand motor vehicles at:

**8 West Center Road**

On premises described as follows:

All vehicles shall be displayed in a neat and orderly fashion at 8 West Center  
Road.

June 20, 2023

Select Board

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**THIS LICENSE EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31, 2023**

This License must be posted in a conspicuous place upon the premises.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Town of West Stockbridge  
2023  
Motor Vehicle Junk License - Class III**

License #: 23-04A

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 140 of the General Laws with amendments thereto:

**William B. Kie DBA: WBK Construction**

Is hereby licensed to buy second-hand motor vehicles for the purpose of remodeling, taking apart or rebuilding of same, or the buying or selling of parts of second-hand motor vehicles or tires, or the assembling of motor vehicle parts at:

**8 West Center Road**

On premises described as follows:

All vehicles and parts thereof shall be kept in a neat and orderly fashion and shall be properly screened from public view and all parts and vehicles shall be located on licensed property only.

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This License must be posted in a conspicuous place upon the premises.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Town of West Stockbridge  
2023  
TAXI LICENSE**

License #: 23-05A

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 140 of the General Laws with  
amendments thereto:

**William Kie**  
**DBA: William Kie**

Is hereby licensed to operate a Taxi Service at:

**8 West Center Road, West Stockbridge, MA**

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