

## **Board of Selectmen**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**March 20, 2019**

6:00 PM: Open Meeting

Quorum present: Bernie Fallon (BF), Chair; Peter Skorput (PS); Doane Perry (DP).  
Also present: AdminAsst Mark Webber. No press present.

Board reviews and approves previous meeting minutes.

Board reviews and approves weekly warrants.

6:20 PM: BF opens the regular portion of tonight's meeting.

#### Other Business/Action/Discussion Items:

- Board continues its FY 2020 budget and annual town meeting warrant article discussion and review. Board has a general discussion regarding the hiring of a new town administrator and recommend that the salary line be increased in order to attract qualified applicants. Board is aware that neighboring towns have had recent difficulty attracting qualified applicants; some communities having to go two or more rounds before they were able to hire. Furthermore, it is possible that West Stockbridge will be advertising at the same time as Richmond for a replacement. AA is anxious to get the ball rolling with an advertisement and recommends that a not to exceed salary number be put in place and put on the upcoming town meeting warrant. Board agrees and sets a not to exceed salary of \$70,000.
- Board will meet next week with representatives of the Vision Committee to review their work to date and to see if they have any recommendations for Annual Town Meeting warrant articles. The warrant will be closed out on April 3<sup>rd</sup> to new articles.
- FinCom will be meeting next on March 29. Selectmen are invited to attend.
- Highway Supt. Curt Wilton reports that it's been a tough 'mud season' and that he has been spending upwards of \$1,000 a day in materials on the Town's gravel roads. He

feels that we are in better shape than some of the surrounding towns and that the weather should break shortly and further repairs should not be necessary.

- Board reviews a note from Planning Bd member Gunnar Gudmundson regarding general observations about the recently passed solar bylaw regulations; particularly the small-scale solar provisions. Board agrees that the town meeting was confusing at best. For reference, Gunnar provides a visual concept of what a pole mounted 25kW solar panel array might look like. A 25kW system (small scale solar) will have panel area of approximately 1,470 sq. ft which is equivalent to the combined face of 3 tractor trailer trailers. AA suggests that few homeowners would be pleased with such an array located 15' from their property line as a by right use; no special permit required. Board notes that it is too late to address an amendment at the Annual Town Meeting but the Planning Board is expected to advance a small-scale solar bylaw amendment for a special town meeting at the end of June.

7:15 PM: There being no further business to come before the Board and hearing no questions/comments from those present, BF makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. PS seconds the motion. Vote taken, 3-0 in favor.

*Meeting minutes approved by:*

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Bernie Fallon, Chair	Peter Skorput	Doane Perry

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