

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

March 27, 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. Meeting being broadcast on Spectrum local access TV.

Board reviews and approves previous meeting minutes.

Board reviews and approves warrants.

6:20 PM: BF opens the regular portion of the meeting by welcoming members of the Vision Committee. The Committee was scheduled to meet earlier in the evening but failed to achieve a quorum. Committee member Joe Roy informs the Board that the adoption of the Community Preservation Act has been a topic raised in recent meetings and was hoping to get the Board of Selectmen's endorsement of same and place the item on the upcoming Annual Town Meeting warrant.

AA remarks that in anticipation of such a request, he's drafted a memo on the rules of adopting the Act and the general details of how the Act works and anticipated surcharge totals based on various surcharge percentages (attached). AA notes that, to date, 6 of the 31 cities and towns in Berkshire County have adopted the Act and approximately 50% of the remainder of the state have as well.

Following a general discussion on the Act, Board agrees to place an article on the Annual Town Meeting warrant. Yet to be decided is the real estate surcharge percent to be attached to the article. Board will discuss further at an upcoming meeting.

A tentative date to hold a Public Informational Hearing to present and discuss the Community Preservation Act is scheduled for April 23rd.

Other Business/Discussion/Action Items:

- AA informs the Board that the Town Administrator help wanted ad will be placed in the MMA Beacon on Friday of this week with a deadline for return of applications set for May 1, 2019. A Search Committee needs to be appointed by the Moderator.
- Board continues a review of the Annual Town Meeting (ATM) warrant and FY 2020 budget. Additions to the ATM warrant from the prior week are 2 articles submitted by petition and the inclusion of the Community Preservation Act. Budget line items remain unchanged. Acceptance of new articles, via petition or otherwise, closes out April 1. The Board will sign the ATM warrant on April 22nd.
- Board reviews and signs a non-compliance letter regarding the Auto Class II and III licenses for Rte. 41 Auto LLC (attached). Letter will be delivered by the WSPD and calls the operator into a public hearing set for April 10th.
- The Town's Annual Caucus is scheduled for April 3rd at 7:00 PM.

8:00 PM: There being no additional business to come before the Board and no comments/questions from those present, PS makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. DP seconds the motion. Vote taken, 3-0 in favor.

Meeting minutes accepted by:

Bernie Fallon, Chair

Peter Skorput

Doane Perry

Date: _____