

Select Board Meeting Minutes

July 31, 2019

6:00 PM: Open Meeting

Quorum present: Bernie Fallon, Chair; Doane Perry; Eric Shimelonis. Also present: Town Admin Marie Ryan (MR)

Board reviews and approves warrants; payroll and vendor as well as minutes from July 24, 2019 SB meeting.

Board approves and signs One Day Liquor License for August 24th and sign permit for Berkshire Artist Guild.

Agenda Items/Action/Discussion Items:

Bike Racks - ES discussed a quote that he got from DERO for bike racks for the town. The quote included 6 hoop racks with a fixit with an air kit attached to it. The quote was for \$2692.00. ES suggested the town purchase these and possibly place near the public restrooms. A discussion ensued about whose budget it may come from and who will be responsible for the care and maintenance of these units. It was agreed that if possible, the cost would be paid for by the Parks and Recreation Committee account. ES stated that as far as the maintenance and care of the units that he thought that Jay Elling of Berkshire Bike and Blade would be able to assist on that.

The Board voted unanimously for MR to discuss the budgeting of this with Elain Markham, Accountant. Then MR will let ES know once it is Ok to purchase and he will then proceed.

Planning Board Member-

The Planning Board Chair, Dana Bixby spoke to the Board and let them know that they recommend that the Select Board appoint Ryan Beattie to the Planning Board as a member to fill the unexpired term of John Piasecki who has resigned from the Planning Board recently. There were two other members of the Planning Board present to create a quorum of that board.

The Select Board unanimously approved to appoint Ryan Beattie as a Planning Board member.

Special Town Meeting/Planning Board Solar Bylaws-

The Planning Board discussed the updated Solar bylaws they have been working on. They asked the Select Board to write a letter of support for them to proceed with a Public Hearing in order for the Select Board to hold a Special Town Meeting on September 19th.

The Select Board unanimously approved and asked MR to draft the letter for the Planning Board so they may proceed with the Public Hearing.

Other Actions/Discussions:

Dog Waste- BF brought up a discussion in regards to dog owners not being responsible with picking up their dog waste in town. ES questioned whether there was any state laws or if there had been any enforcement ticketing by the Animal Control Officer. DP feels that the town needs to have a good policy on this in place. MR stated that in Great Barrington they have a unit with baggies and the trash with it for disposal and agreed to find more information on that. Also, MR noted to the Select Board that John Springstube is no longer the Animal Control Officer in West Stockbridge and that the person who is the ACO in Richmond is interested in also working for West Stockbridge. MR will bring this to the next meeting for a vote.

Best Town Hall –

ES mentioned that West Stockbridge was voted Best Town Hall in the Berkshire Record's Best of Issue this year.

MR confirmed with the Select Board that their next meeting would be on Wednesday, August 14th at 6 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Y. Ryan

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Town Administrator