



# Select Board

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## Select Board Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2019

6:00 PM: Open Meeting

Quorum present: Select Board Members: Bernie Fallon, Chair; Doane Perry, Eric Shimeloni and Town Administrator Marie Ryan.

Board reviews and approves warrants; payroll and vendor.

### **Agenda Items/Action/Discussion Items: Meeting Opened at 6:00PM**

**Library Signage-** Bernie stated that Jayne was unable to attend this meeting so she will present her discussion at a meeting in the future.

**Facilities Use Request-** Kathy Korte request using the end room at Town Hall for Dog Training. This would be what Mariday Geyer had requested the previous meeting. Mariday is training Kathy's service dog. This training use would be on Fridays and will be open to the public at no charge. This was approved by the Board for a trail use for December, January and February.

**Police Chief Marc Portierri** – The Chief reported that he had Part Timer Police Officer resign due to family obligations. He would like the Select Board to appoint David Lupiani as a new Part Time Police Officer. David has already completed the Part Time Police Academy and will continue training.

The Chief also report that the police crusier is currently being repaired and should be back on the road soon.

The Chief then stated that the five people left that have not complied with the junk car bylaw had a court date on November 19 but no one showed up. The next step is that they are going to be brought up on a criminal complaint for a court date in front of a judge and that date should be on December 10. The Judge will then state the deadline date for the people to remove the vehicles.

Helping Hands is a program that the Police have been doing for years. The Chief explained that they are currently underway with this project for donations from the community. He said they are collecting to support 7 families in the community with gifts, a visit from Santa as well as a complete Christmas dinner. There are boxes around town for people to contribute.

**Eric Wilska – Transfer Station-** Bernie welcomed Eric. Eric stated that he is a business owner in town and uses the transfer station frequently. He explained that the signage there is not helpful. He said there is a safety concern as well as a lack of communication due to numerous signs all over. He would like to see more efficient signage and education for the public. He also would like to include the local teenagers with education in regards to recycling. Bernie explained that the Transfer Station is under the control of the Board of Health. Bernie asked Marie to work with Eric and the Board of Health to discuss possible positive changes. Marie said she will connect Eric with Curt Wilton, Public Works Director and the Board of Health to work on possible improvements.

**I AM Responding –** Fire Chief Peter Skorput told the Select Board he is planning on including the purchase of the I AM Responding program in his FY21 budget. He feels it will be helpful to the Fire Department. Eric Shimelonis said he would like to see this purchased now and not wait. He said the first two months will be free and that the sooner the Department gets the database built into the program the better to help with logistics.

Eric made a motion to purchase the I AM Responding software as well as a large monitor screen and computer for the Fire Station. Doane seconded the motion. After discussion, all were in favour.

Chief Peter Skorput also stated that the Police Department had recently started using a tablet with a database they got from Verizon. He will be talking with them and see how that is going as well to see if it would be beneficial to the Fire Department as well.

**Fire Chief Peter Skorput, Monthly Report –** Chief Skorput presented his monthly report to each Board member. (see attached)

Chief Skorput also reported that he has been purchasing some new equipment for the Fire Station that is being required by OSHA. Some of these things include individual cubbies for each department member at a cost of (\$1200) and a new cabinet for combustibles. He also has

been discussing with other Fire Chiefs in the area on what types of equipment he should purchase in the future to comply with OSHA.

**Miscellaneous Items:**

Marie reported that the Town Hall has changed their internet provider to Spectrum. The speed was only at 5 mps and is now 100 mps. She also told the Board that west Stockbridge will be included in the Holiday Tour this year that is usually just in Stockbridge.

Eric Shimelonis showed the Board a draft of a new sign for the entrance to Town Hall. This sign was just a mock up and was a simple town seal, and the lettering of Town Hall, Library and Police. The Board would like to see all signs in the Town be of the same font and style.

Karen Carmean told the Board that the Vision Committee will be hosting an Art Festival. This will include anyone who would like to audition in Dec and January. It will include all types of arts, singing, poetry, art, etc.. They have a need for many volunteers and hope to be a huge success.

Bernie stated that he thought the presentation by The Next Steps Committee member Daniel Bailly at the last meeting on Nov 6, was great. He said he appreciated their presentation.

Bernie then made a motion to adjourn, Doane Seconded, all in favour.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marie Y. Ryan*

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Town Administrator



# *West Stockbridge Fire Department*

*24 Albany Road*

*West Stockbridge, MA 01266*

*Serving our Neighbors, our Community, and our County*

Peter Skorput

Fire Chief

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## Monthly Report for November 2019

### Calls

Medical 1

Water in Basement 1

Automatic Alarms 5

### Training

11/4 Pump practice / Hydrant testing

11/11 Station Maintenance

11/18 Pump practice/ Hydrant testing

Chief Skorput and Lieutenant Filiault have competed

Nims 300 Course

### Equipment

No new equipment was purchased

Engine one was serviced and a regulator that was leaking and patched was replaced. All three apparatus have had the pumps tested on 11/7 and passed.

#### Membership

Membership has stayed at eighteen

#### Work Details

the hydrant at West center was dug out on 11/16 with the help of Bill Harrington and seven of the department members.

Peter Skorput  
Fire Chief

Hydrant	Date	GPM
Conehill # 12 blown-measured	9/16/19	1-3/8 1370-(39)
Main street # 8 blown-measured	9/16/19	1-3/8 1260-(36)
Shaker pond # 11 blown-measured	9/16/19	1-3/8 1240-(35)
Conehill # 12 blown-measured	10/21/19	1-3/8 1300-(60)
Card pond # 6 blown-measured	10/21/19	1-3/8 1370-(57)
Cobb rd # 4 blown-measured	10/28/19	1-3/8 1460-(68)
Shaker pond # 11 blown-measured	10/28/19	1-3/8 1430-(65)
Flatbrook # 2 blown-measured	10/28/19	1-3/8 1460-(66)
Mill pond park # 1 blown-measured	11/4/19	1-3/8 1540-(72)
West Center # 3 blown -		1-3/8
Old great bearing pond # 5 blown -		1-3/8
Sewer plant # 9 blown		1-3/8
Card pond # 7		1-3/8