



# Select Board

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## Select Board Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2020

### 6:00 PM: Open Meeting

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

Review and act on previous meeting minutes.

Sign MOU for Council on Aging

Sign Letter of Support for Historical Society Grant Application

Sign form for Grant for research support from Berkshire Regional Planning for  
the Master Plan Committee

Sign agreement for MERF recycling

Review and sign warrants (payroll and vendor)

### **Agenda Items/Action/Discussion Items: Meeting Opened at 6:06 PM**

Bernie opened the meeting with a sentiment about the passing of Ann Burke. She was the wife of longtime Select Board Member Bob Burke in West Stockbridge. He stated that the Select Board sends their thoughts and prayers to the family.

Bernie then let the audience know that one of the items that the Select Board signed was a letter of support for a grant that the Historical Society is applying for. Bernie then read a portion of a letter that had background information about the Historical Society submitted by Bob Salerno. (see attached)

### **Police Department Update – Chief Marc Portieri**

Chief Portieri reported:

- The Police Department supported seven families at Christmas time with gifts and food. The project went very well.
- Depot Six is having issues with parking and the Police are keeping an eye on it.
- The Police cruiser should be back into service hopefully next week.

Doane asked the Chief if he has been checking in on the places with Auto Licenses. The Chief responded that Troy's Garage is in compliance and he is going to meet with John on Thursday. The Chief also stated that he is keeping an eye on Rte. 41 Auto (Alan Becker's business) since they have no license, he has not seen any activity there recently. There still are cars on premises but they need time to move them and the Chief said he will keep on top of that.

Doane also asked about William Kie's auto business. The Chief said he feels that the Select Board, himself and William Kie, at some point, should meet and possibly go to the site to see what is there. Bernie suggested speaking with Mark Webber and Curt who both know the history and back up information on this property and license. Chief Portieri agreed.

Doane asked about the fencing across from Troy's Garage. The Chief stated that he could get information on that when he meets with John D'Aniello. Then Doane thanked the Chief for all his hard work.

The Chief then reported that there are still issues with trespassers at the Stockbridge Sportsmen Club and they are trying to resolve that and keep an eye on it.

### **Public Workers Director – Curt Wilton**

Public Works Director, Curt Wilton gave an updated report on the following boards/committees: Highway, Cemetery Commission, Parks and Recreation Committee and the Transfer Station recycling. (see attached)

### **Vision Committee update – Joe Roy**

Joe Roy gave an updated report of the Vision Committee. (see attached) Joe also noted the main topics that the Committee is working on are:

- Affordable, low cost and elderly housing
- Event Planning
- CPA preparation
- Beautification Sub-Committee
- Website should be up and running soon
- Financial support – possible small budget in FY21
- Sub-Committees

Joe stated that the Vision Committee would like to see the Select Board assist on getting two items worked on; one being the Senior Abatement Work Off Program and the other being a type of process for being able to put up flags and signs on the utility poles on Main Street. Bernie asked Joe to look into the Senior Work Off Program. Joe asked Curt to see if he could get any information on the using the utility poles.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Jay Elling asked the Select Board for permission to hold an Ice Bike Race on Card Pond on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. He stated they did this event last year and it went very well and was a lot of fun. He also commented that he has insurance for the event. Jay will send flyers to Marie and Joe Roy for advertising on the website and around town. Bernie said he was in favor of this and asked the Select Board for their vote, Doane and Eric both agreed.

Marie stated that she got an official Town Flag and is waiting to hear from Senator Hinds and Representative Pignatelli for a date to have the flag hung in the State House Hall of Flags.

Eric presented an application for a grant from the State through Berkshire Regional Planning Commission that the Master Plan Committee is submitting. This would be to help pay for research and technical assistance involving regional housing needs assessment, senior housing research, and zoning bylaws related to accessory dwellings. The Select Board thought this was a great idea and Bernie signed as the Chair. Eric stated that he would like the Master Plan Committee, Vision Committee, and the Beautification Committee to all sync together.

Roger Kavanaugh told the Select Board that the State denied the request for funds to the Berkshire Hills Regional School District for the High School Project. He stated that this will put the project off for at least one more year.

Roger asked the Select Board to look into saving money and working with possibly, Richmond. He noted that Richmond is looking into building a new Town Hall or renovations to the one they have as well as a new library. Roger thinks maybe West Stockbridge could work with Richmond and do some synergy. Bernie said he would talk with the Richmond Select Board and possibly have the two Boards meet and have this type of discussion.

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

The Select Board adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marie Y. Ryan*

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