



# Select Board

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## Select Board Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2020

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6:00 PM: Open Meeting

Quorum present: Select Board Members: Bernie Fallon, Chair; Eric Shimelonis, Member, Town Administrator Marie Ryan and Board of Health Agent Earl Moffatt.

Review and act on previous meeting minutes.

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

Bernie began the meeting by stating that Select Board Member Doane Perry has resigned his position as of Friday, March 27, 2020. Bernie thanked Doane for coming in during a time when the Board needed a calm presence which Doane provided. He said they appreciated his service to the Town.

Marie then asked the Board to vote on placing Doane's position for the remainder of his term (1 Year) on the Annual Town Election ballot. Bernie made a motion to include Doane's position on the Annual Town Election ballot for 2020, Eric seconded, all in favor.

**Town Update on COVID-19:**

Marie stated that she is updating the Town Website everyday with new information as she receives it. She noted that the Food Pantry has been set up for residents at the Transfer Station.

Board of Health Agent, Earl Moffatt then gave an update to the Board. He said he is contact daily with the Visiting Nurse, Emile Jarrett and the State and Federal Government agencies with updates. He has been in the office at Town Hall daily and has been issuing notices about reminding people to self-distance and stay apart. He put notices up to also remind people not to sit next to each other on the benches on Main Street as well as all the parks in town. He also spoke to the fact that with the assistance of the Board of Health have created a statement that Marie has posted on the website and sent to local media in regards to travelers and out of town guests. He stated they tried to word it very carefully and not discourage homeowners about coming to town for refuge in their homes but to stress the seriousness of the current health crisis by remaining at their homes. Earl said currently there is no enforcement they have available to control this.

Earl reported that currently there are two homes with confirmed cases of the virus that in quarantine in West Stockbridge and Emilie and he are constantly monitoring the situation in Town.

Eric then thanked Marie and Earl for getting out a lot of information to the residents. His concern is that we are not welcoming the travelers and second homeowners to their homes. Eric wondered if, as long as they stick to the guidelines, we could create a message with a more welcoming type of tone. Earl stated that it took him days to word the posting with that in mind but that he and Marie can work on some wording to put on the website along with the statement that was posted to re-enforce that sentiment.

Eric then commented that he would like to volunteer to assist people that may need any type of assistance such as prescriptions picked up or groceries but cannot leave the house. He asked Earl and Marie if they could set up a phone number for people who need assistance. Earl suggested the best way would be to post the Police phone number for a contact if people need assistance. Eric said that would work and then the Police could contact him if he can coordinate help in any way as well. Earl and Marie said they would meet with the Police Chief the next day to get this started. Earl also stated this is a good 1<sup>st</sup> phase but we may need to do more as time goes on.

**Increase Inspectional Fees:**

Marie explained that the inspectional fees for boiler, smoke and CO detectors are at \$35 which is below the average fee and the Fire Department would like to increase it to \$45. Bernie

made a motion to increase the inspectional fee to \$45, Eric seconded, no discussion and both were in favor.

**Review of 2020 Annual Town Meeting Warrant:**

Marie explained that the articles 1-10 are routine and need to be in the warrant each year. She then read/ discussed what each of the remaining articles were about. She asked Bernie and Eric if they had any questions on any of the articles and there were no questions. The Board approved the warrant articles.

Bernie then made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Eric and all were in favor.

The Select Board adjourned at 6:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marie Y. Ryan*

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Town Administrator