



Select Board

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Select Board Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2020

Remote Access by [Free Conference Call.com](https://www.freeconferencecall.com)

6:00 PM: Open Meeting

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

Review and act on previous meeting minutes.

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

Vote/Discussion renewal of agreement with Colonial Power Group:

Bernie asked Marie to explain what this was about. Marie stated that this is an agreement the Town has with Colonial Group to assist in purchasing group rate electricity along with most of all of the other Berkshire County Towns to get the best rates.

Bernie a motion to renew the Town's consulting agreement with Colonial Power Group for municipal aggregation. Eric seconded the motion, no further discussion, all were in favor.

Vote/Discussion renewal of Community Compact Agreement:

Bernie explained that this Community Compact Agreement was first completed in 2015. This agreement helps to unlock state funding and allows the Town to be eligible for grants while working with Berkshire Regional Planning Commission.

Bernie made a motion for the Town to renew its Community Compact Agreement by using best practices for continuous improvement.

Eric did not second, he explained that as of today, he got more information on making the motion for this renewal. The motion failed.

Eric made a new motion to renew the Town's Community Compact agreement:

1. For Sustainable Development and Land Protection by using Best Practice: Complete a Master or Open Space & Recreation Plan to guide land conservation & development decisions including zoning & land acquisition
2. For Housing by using Best Practice: Amend Zoning By-Laws to allow for increased density and housing opportunities in a manner that is consistent with neighborhood character and supportive of aging in community.

Bernie seconded the motion, there was no further discussion and all were in favor.

Vote/Discussion of Annual Town Caucus, Annual Town Meeting and Annual Town Election Dates:

Marie explained that she had discuss setting the dates for these events with Town Council and that if for some reason they need to be rescheduled again that it can be done. She also stated that there will be social distancing kept in mind as well as the safety of the poll workers and the voters by having masks and gloves available at the polls. The Caucus will also have chairs 6 feet apart as well. The Town Election will also be shortened by 2 hours to allow less time for poll workers to be exposed.

Bernie made the motion to schedule the Town Caucus for May 21st, 2020, the Annual Town Meeting for Monday, June 22, 2020 and the Annual Town Election for Monday, June 29 with reduced hours of 11 AM until 6 PM.

Eric seconded the motion, there was no further discussion and all were in favor.

Bernie made a motion to adjourn, Eric seconded, the Select Board adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Y. Ryan

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