

Selectboard
Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2019

6:00 PM: Open Meeting

Quorum present: Bernie Fallon (BF), Chair; Doane Perry (DP); Eric Shimelonis (ES). Also present: Town Admin Mark Webber (MW). No press present.

Board reviews and approves previous meeting minutes.

Board reviews and signs weekly payroll and vendor warrants.

Other business/action/discussion items:

- BF discusses a grant opportunity from Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) to assist the Town's Planning Board in drafting zoning bylaw amendments to facilitate compliance with attaining Green Community status. Following a discussion, BF signs planning grant request.
- BF asks the Board their pleasure on hiring Anne Kilmer as a sub-contractor to clean the public restrooms on weekends. Board agrees. MW will contact Anne and make arrangements.
- Resident Roger Kavanaugh previews tomorrow evening's Monument Next meeting where the committee will make its presentation/findings to the BHRSD School Committee following several months of meetings to determine to determine advantages/disadvantages of building new or renovating the Monument Mt Regional High School facility.
- Mr. Kavanaugh also discusses the problem of retaining full time police officers in W.S. Roger would like to have an open meeting discussion with the Chief of Police to try and come up with a solution. MW responds that the Chief is scheduled to attend the Board's next meeting and the topic can be raised then.

6:25 PM: Board begins its first of three Town Administrator finalist interview of the evening, Marie Ryan of Great Barrington. The Selectboard members rotate with asking a series of questions which will be asked of all candidates this evening (attached). Marie, a lifelong resident of Great Barrington, is currently the Great Barrington Town Clerk (12 yrs.). Marie has no plans on moving from the area. Marie is very familiar with West Stockbridge and has assisted the W.S. Town Clerk over the years. Marie enjoys helping the public and administers the Town of Great Barrington website. Marie is an advocate of sharing services opportunities and currently is the part-time Town Clerk in Richmond. If selected, Marie would relinquish both her current positions.

7:10 PM: Kevin Rutherford, Marston Mills, MA, is the next finalists to be interviewed. Board asks the same series of questions to Kevin. Kevin is looking to start his career as a town administrator and has applied to other openings as well. Kevin recently received his MPA and has worked a number of short-term intern and part time municipal positions, mainly on Cape Cod. Kevin would re-locate to this area if offered the position but states that his focus would be to return to eastern MA sooner than later.

7:50 PM: Kathleen Neal, Southboro, MA, is the final of the 3 candidates to be interviewed. Kathleen responds to the same series of questions from the Board as given to the previous interviewees. Kathleen is an attorney but is looking to change careers and has always been active and interested in local government. She had served on the school committee and finance committee in her hometown. Kathleen also has some municipal collective bargaining experience and has local zoning bylaw drafting experience as well. Kathleen states that she has applied for the current town administrator opening in Richmond as well. Kathleen would consider relocating if offered the position.

8:25 PM: With the 3 interviews concluded, the Board exchanges thoughts and comments on the town administrator candidates.

DP states that Marie Ryan would be his first choice and makes a motion to offer her the position. BF seconds Doane's nomination. Discussion ensues with ES stating that Marie was the clear choice and would be a good fit for the Town.

Board votes 3-0 in favor of offering the town administrator position to Marie Ryan. MW will contact Marie and the 2 finalists shortly. Employment agreement negotiations will begin shortly.

8:35 PM: With no additional business to come before the Board, DP makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. BF seconds the motion. Vote taken, 3-0 in favor.

Bernie Fallon, Chair

Doane Perry

Eric Shimelonis

Date: _____