

**Select Board  
Meeting Minutes  
May 29, 2019**

6:00 PM: Open Meeting  
Quorum present: Bernie Fallon (BF), Chair; Doane Perry (DP); Eric Shimelonis (ES). Also present: TA Mark Webber (MW). No press present.

Board reviews and approves previous meeting minutes.  
Board reviews and approves weekly warrants.

6:30 PM: Chief of Police Marc Portieri provides an update to the Board including the following items: the Memorial Day Parade went smoothly and seemed to be very well attended; the mobile speed trailer seems to be effective but will be rotated to different parts of town in the future; 4-hour shifts will be increasing as summer approaches to provide visible coverage in the downtown area and to address speeding and parking violations. Chief will provide his annual officer appointment list at the end of June for Board consideration but notes that he will not be recommending 3 current officers for next year's annual re-appointment. In the Chief's words, they have not worked out as hoped.  
Chief Portieri recommends the addition of 2 part-time police officer candidates who are present at tonight's meeting. Both possess the required Academy certification and related credentials. Chief introduces Steve Parkington and Henry Cadorette. Following a discussion, BF makes a motion to appoint both Officer Parkington and Cadorette as part-time police officers for one-year terms ending June 30, 2020. ES seconds the motion. Vote taken, 3-0 in favor.  
Board, Chief Portieri and resident Roger Kavanaugh discuss why the Town has a recent track record of being unable to retain its Full-time Academy sponsored police officers. Chief states that retention is a problem statewide and there seems to be little regard for loyalty and commitment for many young officers made worse by raiding of newly qualified officers by neighboring chiefs. Chief Portieri adds that West Stockbridge may be too sleepy for younger officers. Chief and Mr. Kavanaugh note that retention employment agreements will not stand up to challenge in MA. It is agreed to continue the discussion and seek solutions to the problem.

Other business/action/discussion items:

- BF reads a note received from an unhappy person regarding the condition of the West Stockbridge Cemetery citing disregard for monuments, broken stones, poor mowing and general neglect. A handful of other people are in attendance and express similar concerns. MW states that he has met with Cemetery Commissioner Marion Loring several times in the past week and with Highway Supt. Curt Wilton to discuss placing the daily oversight of the Town cemeteries under an expanded Dept of Public Works. Doing so would improve accountability, response to issues and efficiency. It is agreed to call the Highway Supt into an upcoming Board meeting to begin the discussion.

- DP recognizes Roland and Gina Dudney for the rich service to the Town over the past several years, specifically with the Parks and Rec Department and the Farmer's Market. The Dudneys had recently passed away.
- MW informs the Board that a hazardous waste remediation contractor is now on the job to address last winter's diesel fuel spill on Rte 41 south.
- The Finance Committee will be meeting this Friday to discuss future capital needs.
- The Board will meet next on June 12<sup>th</sup>.
- MW informs the Board that a Special Town Meeting may have to be scheduled for the last Wednesday of June to correct some fiscal year end account deficits. The Town Accountant will advise prior to the required posting date of June 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Board holds a scheduled public hearing to hear and act on an all alcohol liquor license as submitted by Foundry West Stockbridge, LLC, d.b.a. The Foundry with Adam Weinberg as manager. Board reviews the application package which is presented by the applicant's attorney. The application appears to be in order. Following a discussion and hearing no objections either written or by those present, BF makes a motion to approve the license application. ES seconds the motion. Vote taken, 3-0 in favor. Board signs the Form 43 acceptance which will be sent off to the ABCC tomorrow.

8:15 PM: With no additional business to come before the Town, BF makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. DP seconds the motion. Vote taken, 3-0 in favor.

*Meeting minutes approved by:*

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Bernie Fallon, Chair

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Doane Perry

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Eric Shimelonis

Date: \_\_\_\_\_