



Select Board

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Select Board Meeting Minutes April 3, 2023

Quorum present: Kathleen Keresey, Select Board Chair and Member Andrew Krouss. Member Andrew Potter and Marie Ryan, Town Administrator were absent

Others in Attendance: Police Chief Marc Portieri
Caitlin Graham, Parks & Recreation

Kathleen called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and listed Select Board member present.

Approval of Minutes:

Kathleen made a motion, seconded by Andy Krouss, to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2023 meeting.

Roll call vote:

Andy K. Yes

Kathleen Yes

Minutes approved.

Citizen Speak:

Bob Salerno asked that the minutes reflect that the mention of stone in the March 6, 2023 meeting is the actual millstone from the Shaker Mill, an important artifact from the Town's history.

Parks & Recreation Update:

-Caitlin reported about updates and activities planned for the year:

Card Pond clean up has begun.

Life guard has been hired for Card Pond.

Tennis Courts are now open.

Memorial Day activities are being planned

Parks & Recreation are working to support the Zucchini Festival.

Planning into the Fall and next year:

Halloween

Holiday Sparkles

Dog Park – researching feasibility and location

Gazebo / Pavillion – researching feasibility and location

Easter Egg hunt

Police Department Update:

-Marc reported that Lucas Horn is leaving the PD to work full time teaching at the Police Academy and that a search has commenced for a replacement.

-There had been an unexpectedly large attendance at an event at TurnPark, resulting in the decision between the PD, DPW and TurnPark that planning for parking should be carefully considered in advance of events. Marc, Curt Wilton and Jared Gelormino from Turn Park met to establish a parking protocol for future events.

-Andy K. asked Marc about traffic calming and Marc said that traffic calming efforts are continuing to good effect. His department have been following the school busses as frequently as they can insuring safety for school children.

Select Board Speak:

Kathleen expressed appreciation to the DPW, PD and FD for their outstanding response to the mid-March storm. The departments worked tirelessly until all roads were clear of snow and fallen trees, and power was restored.

Kathleen mentioned that she and Bob Salerno had met with State Representative Smitty Pignatelli with a routine update about the Town, and to hear his thoughts of matters of importance to small towns in general and West Stockbridge in particular. Topics discussed included:

- housing as a major concern for all,
- grant opportunities,
- regionalization of services with other towns,
- the on-going problems with the Housatonic Water Company for our Town residents who still do not have reliably clean water,
- possible establishment of a Charter Review Committee
- the acquisition of the former National Grid property on Moscow Road
- The Old Town Hall
- establishment of a Cultural Arts District
- future appointment by Governor Healy of a rural affairs director. There has not been a job description for this position, nor has this position been filled.
- Representative Pignatelli is looking to increase Chapter 90 funds to cover dirt roads, which they currently don't. This would be an advantage to West Stockbridge as approximately 25% of our roads are dirt.

Katheen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Andy Krouss.

Roll call vote:

Andy Krouss Yes

Kathleen Keresey Yes

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen Keresey