



# Select Board

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## Select Board Meeting Minutes June 20, 2023

**Quorum present:** Select Board Members Kathleen Keresey, Chair and Andrew Krouss, Andrew Potter, and Town Administrator Marie Ryan.

**Others Present:** Wylie Goodman, Berkshire Regional Planning

Kathleen called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

### **Broadband Discussion and Update – Wylie Goodman, Berkshire Regional Planning**

Kathleen introduced Wylie Goodman from Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. She has been working on the Broadband Digital Equity issues in Berkshire County. Wylie gave a brief presentation and explained that there are two grant programs that assist with these issues; BEAD (Broadband Equity, Assess, and Deployment) and the Digital Equity Act. Berkshire Regional Planning Commission is helping municipalities identify and address internet affordability, device access and digital skills gaps. They are working to produce a Digital Equity Plan for several towns in Berkshire County that have partnered up to apply for grants. The Plan will include results of an online survey and asset mapping. Wylie will keep the Board updated as the process continues.

### **Auto Class II and III and Taxi License for William Kie**

Kathleen asked Bill Kie if he has any updates for the Board in regards to the condition of his property. He informed the Board of all he has done in regards to clean up for his property in the past few months which included removal of several vehicles and demo materials. He said this is all part of his Master Plan to clean up the property and he is continuing to work on this.

Andy Potter made a motion, seconded by Kathleen, to approve an Auto Class II & III License for WBK Construction and a Taxi License for William Kie until December 31, 2023. All were in favor.

Licenses all approved.

### **Parks Commissioners Update: Cait Graham, Parks Commissioner**

Cait informed the Board that the Parks Commissioners are happy to say they will have the same life guard as last year for 4 days per week at Card Pond. They also hired Dominic Calautti to be a groundskeeper for 3 days a week. He is a young man that lives across the street from Card Pond and will go there in the morning and evening to set up umbrellas, rake the beach, clean the dock and pick up garbage to keep the beach area clean.

Marie informed the Board that this groundskeeper position as well two positions to work for the Cemetery Commissioners to repair cemetery stones were all advertised in the Shoppers Guide.

Cait discussed with the Board that a group of residents would like to form a subcommittee to investigate and get information on a dog park in town. Cait said the Parks Commissioners do not want to be involved in this project. The Board requested that Cait inform the interested residents to come before the Select Board for this discussion.

Cait announced that the Card Pond Annual Opening Party will be Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> and invited everyone to attend.

The Board thanked her for her update.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Kathleen made a motion seconded by Andy Krouss to approve the minutes from June 5, 2023. Andy Potter abstained, Kathleen and Andy Krouss approved. Minutes approved.

Andy Krouss made a motion, seconded by Kathleen to approve the revised minutes from April 24, 2023. All were in favor, revised minutes approved.

**Citizen Speak:** None

### **Complete Streets Advisory Committee Appointment:**

Kathleen requested that the Board appoint the current members of the Complete Streets Advisory Committee and requested that they comply with the Open meeting Law with agendas and minutes. She also responded to Andy Potter's request of a reply from Town Counsel as to the legality of a person involved in litigation with the Town being involved with the Committee. She stated that, per Town Counsel, there is no legal reason that would not allow that person to be involved. Kathleen would like to appoint the members and allow them to meet and decide the next steps for community input on the 15 eligible projects as to which ones to submit for funding.

Andy Potter made a motion, seconded by Kathleen, to appoint the current members listed below to the Complete Streets Advisory Committee. All were in favor, motion passed.

Current Members of the Committee:

Curt Wilton, Sr.

Dana Bixby

Doane Perry

Andy Potter

Joe Roy, Jr.

Frank Landsberger

**Select Board Speak:**

Andy Potter would like the Board to look into how the Vision Committee was created and make sure they are compliant with appointments like all the other committees. Kathleen and Andy Krouss agreed and Marie will gather some information in regards to the creation of that Committee.

Andy Potter also informed the Board that there is an update from the 8 Town Regional School District Planning Board on the Town website. He stated that the Planning Board hopes to complete their plans to be presented to the 8 Towns for a Special Town Meeting in the fall.

Kathleen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Andy Potter at 7:31 PM.  
All were in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marie y. Ryan*

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Town Administrator