



# Select Board

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## Select Board Special Meeting Minutes Meeting via Zoom June 7, 2021

### Open Meeting

**Quorum present:**, Eric Shimelonis, Select Board Chair, Roger Kavanagh and Kathleen Keresey, Select Board Members, and Marie Ryan, Town Administrator.

**Others in Attendance:** Police Chief Marc Portieri and Public Works Director Curt Wilton

Eric called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Roger made a motion to approve the minutes from April 26 and May 11, 2021, seconded by Kathleen.

Eric stated the minutes from May 24 will be approved at the next meeting.

Roll call vote:

**Eric, Yes Roger, Yes Kathleen, Yes**  
Motion Passed.

### Town Administrator Updates:

-There is a Special Town Meeting on Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 PM in the gym in regard to the Sewer & Water budget. Kathleen, out of concern about COVID 19, asked if the Board would allow requesting attendees to wear their masks at the meeting. The Board discussed this and Marie will post signs asking attendees to voluntarily wear masks.

-The post office boxes for all Town Departments have been closed. The new mailbox has been installed in the front of Town Hall for delivery and pick up by the post office. Marie thanked the DPW for installing the box.

-The Finance Committee is having a meeting with Earl Moffatt, Sewer & Water Commissioner

Chair and Mike Buffoni, Sewer & Water Treatment Plant Operator to work on creating a long term capital plan.

-Marie asked the Board if they would like her to work with Curt on mailing a notification letter to residents on Old Great Barrington Road, Oak Street and Moscow Road. The letter would inform the residents that the Police and DPW intend on painting marked parking spots on those roads and would ask if they had any feedback. Prior to painting those parking spots, Curt and Marie would give the Board the feedback they receive from the residents.

#### **Waiver of First Refusal Option for 0 Birch Hill Road:**

Assessor Mary Stodden explained that the property at 0 Birch Hill Road has a purchase and sale agreement. The parcel is 8.5 acres of which 2 acres will be given to Berkshire Natural Resources and the remaining parcel will become a building lot for a single-family home. Mary told the Board that the Town could purchase the land for \$275,000 or waive its right of first refusal. The Board asked her if most towns complete the waiver, or do they purchase the land? Mary answered that she has never seen a Town decide to purchase a small parcel.

Roger made a motion to approve the Waiver of Right of First Refusal on 0 Birch Hill Road and Kathleen seconded.

Roll call vote:

**Eric, Yes    Roger, Yes    Kathleen, Yes**

Motion Passed.

#### **Roots Rising Bike Ride placement of signs:**

Mary Spina told the Board they held this bike ride last year which goes through Richmond, West Stockbridge and Canaan, NY. She requested permission to post signs in Town which give direction for the bikers. She stated that Richmond and Canaan, NY have already agreed to allow placement of the signs. The ride runs from June 18 through June 27 and the signs will all be taken down on Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Board had no objections and agreed to allow for the signs to be placed in West Stockbridge.

#### **TurnPark Events:**

Jared Gelormino, Manager at TurnPark described the June 19<sup>th</sup> and June 23<sup>rd</sup> events to be held at TurnPark. He is asking for a One Day Liquor License and a One Day Entertainment License for these events.

The June 19<sup>th</sup> event will begin at 2 PM with a small parade of people in costumes from TurnPark, down Center Street, onto Main Street, over the bridge to Depot Street and back to TurnPark. The purpose of this parade is to advertise the event. Jared is coordinating this with the Police Chief and they will have two officers march with them and only block ½ of Main street then use sidewalks. TurnPark will be covering the cost of the Police Officer details and will keep one Officer after the parade to help with traffic. The celebration will begin at 4 with live acoustic music, food and drinks. There will be a concert from 7 PM – 10 PM. Parking will be allowed in their large parking lot off of Oak Street and the parking lot in the front of TurnPark. Police Chief Marc Portieri also mentioned that they may use parking at the Wastewater Treatment Plant down Moscow Road for overflow if needed.

Jared explained that the second event on June 23<sup>rd</sup> will be low key. They plan on having food, drinks and music on old phonographs. The Boondocks Film Society will be hosting a film screening in the back lot.

Curt Wilton asked Jeff Palfini and Jared to please make sure there is a sufficient amount of signage giving directions for parking.

Eric made a motion to approve the One Day Liquor License and One Day Entertainment License for both events at TurnPark on June 19 and June 23<sup>rd</sup>, Roger seconded.

Roll call vote:

**Eric, Yes    Roger, Yes    Kathleen, Yes**  
Motion Passed.

### **Local Yokel Letter:**

Roger explained that originally the Board wanted to send a letter to be published in the Local Yokel to address concerns that the Annual Town Meeting may not have been legal. He said that the minutes for the Select Board meeting that will be published in the Local Yokel, will clearly explain and cover the issue and there is no need to go further with an extra letter at this time. Eric and Kathleen agreed.

Roger also asked that the Board revisit the possibility of mailing out all the Town Reports next year so there is no confusion. Eric agreed and asked to place this on a future agenda for discussion.

### **Select Board Speak:**

Roger is currently researching all the rights-of-way in the Town. After the issue with Merritt Way, he felt the Town needs to clarify the legality of all rights-of-way, especially those relied upon for town infrastructure. He would like to take on this project and continue researching all rights-of-way and private property that the Town uses for passage and access. Eric and Kathleen agreed this was an important project.

Eric spoke to the Board about a new technical assistance grant being offered through the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission from D.O.E.R. to supplement the Green Communities grant. This would specifically help us to engineer solutions for replacing the Town Hall's ancient boilers, and to get the building closer to "net zero" status. He asked the Board for their approval in pursuing this grant, and they agreed. Roger asked if Eric would send the background information about this grant to the Board, Eric agreed.

### **Citizen Speak:**

Curt Wilton thanked Eric for working on a grant to help with energy resources such as the Town Hall boiler. He said that the current boiler burns 65 gallons of oil a day between January and March. A new boiler and technology will save the Town a lot of money.

Eric made a motion to adjourn at 6:44 PM, Kathleen seconded.

Roll call vote:

**Eric, Yes    Roger, Yes    Kathleen, Yes**

Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marie Y. Ryan*

Town Administrator

Documents:

Minutes: April 26, 2021 and May 11, 2021

Waiver of First Refusal Option for 0 Birch Hill Road

Email and sample signs for Roots Rising Bike Ride

One Day Liquor License application and One Day Entertainment License application  
For TurnPark and Boondocks Film Society