



# Select Board

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## Select Board Meeting Minutes November 13, 2023

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

**Others Present:** Police Chief Marc Portieri

Kathleen opened the meeting at 6 PM.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Kathleen made a motion, seconded by Andy Potter, to approve the minutes from October 30, 2023.

All were in favor, minutes approved.

### **Citizen Speak:**

None.

### **Police Department Update-** Chief Marc Portieri

Chief Portieri stated that the Sparkles event will be held on Sunday, December 3, 2023 beginning at 4:30 PM at Town Hall. The Helping Hands program will also be purchasing gifts for four families this year.

The Department has been very busy recently by assisting with a Federal warrant, which has been complicated and time consuming.

He reported the Department statistics to date:

405 vehicle stops

31 arrests

32 criminal offenses reported

24 accidents

The Department has two officers on duty during the 4 PM- 12 PM shifts, which are very busy. The Officers will need to complete 80 hours of training in the coming year, most of which are

online.

Andy Potter inquired about the website hosting the Dispatch Analysis, which is supplied by the Berkshire County Sheriff's Department. The Chief will look into the policy is for such a posting.

Overall, the Chief stated that everyone is getting along and working hard.

The Board thanked him for his report.

**Approval of Charter assignment of its telecommunications lease to Tower Co 2013 LLC**

Marie explained to the Board that Charter would like to sell its cell tower lease that it current has with the Town on Albany Road. The lease would remain the same with only a name change of the new owner, Tower Co 2013 LLC. Town Counsel Mark Reich has reviewed and approved of the document for her signature and would like the Board to approve prior to signing.

Andy Potter made a motion, seconded by Kathleen, to approve the document to be signed by Town Administrator, Marie Ryan.

All were in favor, motion approved.

**Select Board Speak:**

Andy Potter attended a meeting by the Great Barrington Select Board in regard to the Housatonic Water Company issues. The meeting had to be canceled due to technical issues but he will let the Board know when it is rescheduled so all can attend.

Andy mentioned that he, Marie and Sarah Bourla each received a Thank You letter from School Committee Chair Steve Bannon for all our time commitment and hard work on the 8 Town Regional School District Planning Board.

Andy Krouss stated that Robert Ireland is now the Town's own Berkshire Regional Planning Commission representative for Broadband. He will be working with him on this issue and will keep the Board updated.

Kathleen made a motion, seconded by Andy Potter, to adjourn to Executive Session and not to return to open session:

"Anticipated executive session in accordance with G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(2), to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel (Police Chief)."

And

"Anticipated executive session in accordance with G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(6), to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body."

Roll Call Vote:

Andy Krouss	Yes
Andy Potter	Yes
Kathleen	Yes

The Board adjourned open session and entered into Executive Session at 6:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marie Y. Ryan*

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Town Administrator