



Select Board

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Select Board Meeting Minutes November 21, 2022

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

Other Guests: Curt Wilton, Director of Public Works, Community Preservation Committee Chair Sue Coxon and National Grid Representative Steven Hayward.

Kathleen called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM and listed Select Board members present.

Andy Potter made a motion, seconded by Andy Krouss, to approve the minutes from November 3, 2022.

Roll Call Vote:

Kathleen	Yes
Andy Potter	Yes
Andy Krouss	Yes

Motion Approved.

Community Preservation Update: Sue Coxon, Chair

The Community Preservation Committee has had four meetings. Their application to receive funding has a deadline of December 30th, 2022 and is available on the. They have not received any applications to date but intend to advertise in the Berkshire Eagle. The Committee will determine which applications they support to receive the funding by the end of March. Their recommendations will then need to be voted on and approved at the Annual Town Meeting in 2023. The Parks & Recreation Commission have mentioned several ideas which include a gazebo off Center Street near the restrooms, a dog park near Card Pond and housing behind the Tennis Courts at Town Hall. The next meeting will be January 4, 2023.

The Board thanked Sue for the update.

National Grid Pole Location- Steve Hayward, National Grid Representative

National Grid Representative Steve Hayward requested the Board to approve a pole location on West Center Road for service to 25 West Center Road, Baldwin Farm. Curt Wilton, Department of Public Works Director stated he had no issues with the placement of the poles.

Andy Potter made a motion, seconded by Andy Krouss, to approve the pole location for National Grid on West Center Road.

Roll Call Vote:

Kathleen Yes

Andy Potter Yes

Andy Krouss Yes

Motion Approved.

Select Board Speak:

Andy Potter gave an update to the Board on the 8 Town Regional School District Planning Board. He said the Board had a meeting last week to facilitate discussion between the two groups working on the Committee, Berkshire Hills Regional School District towns and the Southern Berkshire Regional School District towns. The Board is currently working on a new mutual agreement between the Districts. Andy will keep the Select Board updated as things move along.

Andy Krouss informed the Board that he has been in contact with the State in regards to the broadband issue in western Massachusetts. He said that they are working on what the State calls the "last mile". The State knows there are issues and are working hard to address them. Andy will also reach out to the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) for any resources available that may help in the quest for better broadband and internet services in the area. He will keep the Board updated.

Kathleen stated that she attended a Vision Committee meeting last week which included discussions on short-term rentals and a Noise bylaw. She suggested the Master Plan meet with the Select Board and give an update on their progress with working on these issues.

Kathleen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Andy Krouss at 6:42 PM.

Roll Call Vote:

Kathleen Yes

Andy Potter Yes

Andy Krouss Yes

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie y. Ryan

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Town Administrator