

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
6:00pm, May 3, 2023
Town Hall, 557 Main Street, Becket

Attendees

Select Board (SB): William Elovirta (BE), *Chair*; Chris Swindlehurst (CS), *Vice-Chair* Michael Lavery (ML), *Clerk*

Staff: Katherine A. Warden (KW), Town Administrator; Beverly Gilbert (BG), Administrative Assistant;

Others: Ryan Eley, Jeff Piemont

1. The Chairperson will call the Select Board meeting to order.

BE called the meeting to order at 6:05pm. BE advised that the SB is recording the meeting.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

BE led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Tabletop Exercise led by MEMA and Becket Emergency Management Director Ray Ferrin

Ray Ferrin, Emergency Management Director, and Local MEMA Coordinator Bob Barry lead this tabletop exercise. Members of Becket's public safety departments, the Select Board, Town Administrator, Administrative Assistant, Chris Marsden (MEMA), and retired Pittsfield Fire Chef Robert Czerwinski participated. At 7:30pm, the Tabletop Exercise ended.

4. Evaluation of the Town Administrator

BE summarized the Town Administrator's Performance Evaluation. Last week he met with KW to discuss the evaluations. BE provided the Staff's level of satisfaction. In general the staff are very satisfied with what KW is doing. KW received an overall 80.2% approval rating from the SB. BE pointed out that KW gave herself a lower rating, 67.4%. The SB agreed with KW's suggestion that in July, the SB will conduct discussions with her to outline goals and provide direction for the upcoming fiscal year.

5. Any Other Business to come before the Board

Ryan Eley introduced himself as the new proprietor of the Becket County Store. He looks forward to opening June 1st.

KW discussed the Becket/Otis Police Chief Agreement. KW will ask Town Counsel to draft language to address calculation of Otis and Becket's payments of Post Employment Benefits. This includes factoring in the number of years/months, the Police Chief was employed solely by Becket so that there is an understanding what will happen with respect to Becket's and Otis' obligations when the Police Chief retires or resigns. Jeff Piemont suggested considering creating a separate agreement.

The SB agreed to allocate and outfit the blue police car for the Animal Control Officer's use in order to comply with state standards. The town will invoice Washington and Otis for mileage affiliated with the ACO's transportation dedicated to their municipalities.

The SB signed the ATM and Election Warrants.

The SB signed thank you notes to participants in the Annual Town Report Cover Photo contest

6. Select Board to adjourn the Meeting

ML moved to adjourn the meeting, CS 2nd: Motion carried unanimously. At 8:13pm, BE adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Gilbert, *Administrative Assistant*

Signed by:

 / May 17, 2023
William H. Elovirta, *Chair* Date Approved