

Present: Chairman Dan Haskins, Selectman Seth Alexander, Selectman Colton Andrews, Town Administrator Ronald Boucher, Berkshire Health Alliance Representative James Masse (via Zoom).

I. Call to Order.

Chairman Haskins called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and noted that the meeting was being recorded using artificial intelligence for note-taking purposes.

II. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. Kyle Hurlbut to review DPW updates.

DPW Foreman Kyle Hurlbut provided updates on ongoing department projects and equipment status. Mr. Hurlbut reported that all DPW equipment is operating well with no major issues and stated the Town is still awaiting notification regarding the roller grant award. He announced that the Middle Road Bridge Chapter 90 reimbursement paperwork had been completed and approximately \$49,600.00 would be returned to the Town. Mr. Hurlbut reported that chip sealing is scheduled for June 8, 2026, and letters have been mailed to affected residents advising of roadway restrictions during the work. He explained that shim work is being completed beforehand to extend roadway life and discussed exploring the purchase or construction of a drag box to allow the town to complete smaller paving and roadway repairs in-house.

Mr. Hurlbut further reported that approximately \$380,000.00 remains in Chapter 90 funding after fuel cost adjustments and advised that additional Chapter 90 funds may need to be reserved for potential overages related to the Middle Road South project, estimating costs could exceed projections by \$200,000.00–\$250,000.00. He noted that bids for the Middle Road South project are scheduled to open on June 15, 2026. Mr. Hurlbut also reported that a large tree damaged a guardrail on Henderson Road near a bridge. Due to bridge restrictions, repairs must be completed by a contractor and are estimated at approximately \$3,000.00.

Mr. Hurlbut requested approval to move forward with bidding the next phase of the North Eagle Street sewer I&I (Inflow and Infiltration) state mandate project. Approximately \$100,000.00 remains from previously appropriated funds. The Board agreed with moving forward on the sewer project bid process.

Mr. Hurlbut also discussed Gravel Bank Road and requested permission to send letters earlier than usual to residents regarding roadway maintenance requirements. He explained the private road continues to deteriorate and creates plowing and liability concerns for the Town during the winter season. The Board agreed residents should be given the summer to address roadway conditions before the Town determines whether winter maintenance services will continue.

Mr. Hurlbut additionally discussed traffic safety concerns at the intersection of Henderson Road and Route 8. He discussed the possibility of installing flashing warning signs estimated at approximately \$1,200.00 per sign with a two- to three-year life expectancy. He explained that Route 8 is a state highway, limiting the Town's authority to install traffic control devices. Board members and attendees discussed prior accidents at the intersection and concerns regarding visibility and speeding traffic.

IV. 750 Daniels Road updates.

The Board discussed ongoing conditions at 750 Daniels Road. The property owner reported that holes in walls and ceilings had been repaired, vehicle removal efforts had begun, interior cleanup and sanitation work had been completed, including floor cleaning and odor treatment, and trash removal efforts were underway.

Berkshire Public Health Alliance representative James "Jimmy" Masse explained that a recent inspection was conducted due to complaints regarding generator use and temporary living conditions. Concerns remain regarding the use of a popup camper as temporary housing, the lack of permanent electrical service, sanitation, and the presence of animals in the home. Electrical service restoration was identified as the top priority by the Board.

Discussion focused on the need for a comprehensive priority list outlining corrective actions required for the property, the possibility of temporary housing approval while repairs are completed, generator usage concerns and potential limitations under local bylaws and state regulations, and the need to balance the interests of the property owner and neighboring residents.

The Board agreed that Berkshire Public Health Alliance would provide a priority corrective action list, a reinspection would be conducted prior to the next Selectboard meeting, restoration of electrical service should be prioritized by the June 15, 2026 meeting if possible,

and legal guidance would be sought regarding temporary generator use and temporary housing regulations. The matter will remain under continued review.

V. Kurtis Durocher to speak on Hometown Hero Veterans banners updates.

Kurtis Durocher provided updates regarding the proposed Hometown Hero Veterans Banner Program. Mr. Durocher reported that discussions with National Grid determined banners placed on utility poles would not be actively prohibited or penalized. He explained that if utility work becomes necessary, National Grid may temporarily remove banners or coordinate with the Town’s DPW. Alternate installation options including town-owned poles near Town Field were also discussed.

Mr. Durocher estimated Clarksburg participation could range between 30 to 40 banners and recommended beginning the application process later in 2026 for installation by Memorial Day 2027.

The Board took a motion vote to approve the implementation of the Hometown Hero Veterans Banner program in the Town of Clarksburg. Chairman Haskins abstained from the vote.

MOTION: Selectman Andrews motioned to approve the Veterans banner program.

SECOND: Selectman Alexander seconded.

VOTE: All were in favor.

VI. Diana Belouin of 380 Henderson Road to discuss traffic speed on Henderson Road and Route 8.

Resident Diana Belouin of 380 Henderson Road addressed the Board regarding speeding and visibility concerns at the Henderson Road and Route 8 intersection. Discussion included concerns regarding excessive vehicle speed through the area, visibility limitations caused by the hill approaching the intersection, the possibility of requesting warning signage or reduced speed limits through MassDOT, and the potential use of grant-funded speed monitoring signs elsewhere in town.

The Board agreed to pursue additional communication with MassDOT and other state contacts regarding possible traffic safety improvements.

VII. Approve meeting minutes from May 4th.

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from May 4th, 2026.

MOTION: Selectman Andrews motioned to approve the meeting minutes from May 4th, 2026.

SECOND: Selectman Alexander seconded.

VOTE: All were in favor.

VIII. Linda Lafavre to request the sale of canned beer at Pickle Fest on July 18th.

The Board discussed a request from Linda Lafavre regarding the sale of canned beer at the July 18, 2026 Pickle Fest event at Town Field. Ms Lafavre was absent from the discussion at the meeting. After review, the Board determined that an existing Town bylaw adopted in 1987 prohibits open alcohol containers on public property. The Board concluded the request could not be approved under the current bylaw without Town Meeting action.

IX. Town Administrator updates.

Town Administrator Ron Boucher reported that preparations are underway for upcoming community events. A community concert is scheduled for June 27, 2026 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Berkshire Regional Planning Commission has provided grant funding for food trucks, ice cream, face painting, and giveaways associated with the event.

X. Public Comment.

Chairman Haskins opened the floor to public comment to which there were none.

XI. Adjourn.

MOTION: Chairman Haskins motioned to adjourn the public hearing and meeting at 5:31 p.m.

SECOND: Selectman Andrews seconded.

VOTE: All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Markell Shea, *Town Executive Assistant*

Selectboard,

Dan Haskins, *Chair*

Colton Andrews, *First Vice Chair*

Seth Alexander, *Second
Vice Chair*