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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Board of Selectmen

MEETING MINUTES –April 28, 2026

Pursuant to a notice duly filed with the Town Clerk, a meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held in person at 191 Church Street (Cheshire Community House) on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Board of Selectmen Present: Shawn McGrath, Chair
Jason Levesque, Vice-Chair
Michelle Francesconi, Member
Ron DeAngelis, Member
Ray Killeen, Member

Others Present: Jennifer Morse, Town Administrator; Corey McGrath, DPW Director; Erin Paris, Administrative Assistant; Whitney Flynn, Town Clerk; Breanna Steele, iBerkshires; Jane Kaufman, Berkshire Eagle; Cathy Foster, Northern Berkshire Community Television; Lynn Melchiori; Scott McWhirt.

Consent Agenda

- Minutes April 7 and April 14
- Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

A motion was made by S. McGrath and seconded by J. Levesque to approve the consent agenda with minor edits to the minutes.
Roll Call Vote: R. DeAngelis – Yes; R. Killeen – Yes; J. Levesque-Yes; M. Francesconi – Yes; S. McGrath-Yes
Motion Carries: 5-0

Board of Selectman Discussion /Decision Items

- **Cheshire Rod & Gun Club -On Day Liquor License-May 16**

A motion was made by M. Francesconi and seconded by R. Killeen to approve the one-day liquor license for the Cheshire Rod and Gun Club.
Roll Call Vote: R. DeAngelis – Yes; R. Killeen – Yes; J. Levesque-Abstain; M. Francesconi – Yes; S. McGrath-Abstain
Motion Carries: 3-0-2

- **Seasonal Groundskeeper Positions**

The Town Administrator shared that interviews were conducted with two individuals for the part-time seasonal groundskeeper positions. The recommendation is to hire Jordan Somes and Gavin McGrath for the positions.
A motion was made by R. DeAngelis and seconded by R. Killeen to approve the hiring of Jordan Somes and Gavin McGrath as part time seasonal groundskeepers.

Roll Call Vote: R. DeAngelis – Yes; R. Killeen – Yes; J. Levesque-Yes; M. Francesconi – Yes; S. McGrath-Abstain
Motion Carries:4-0-1

- **Police Chief Search Update**

S. McGrath shared that he and the Town Administrator met with the consultant last Friday to review the project timeline and details. The Town Administrator stated that Mr. Stevens will send survey questions to the board for consideration to allow for community input on the hiring process. S. McGrath noted that the board will need a salary range for the job posting which will be sent out to law enforcement platforms across four states. The board discussed a salary range of $95,000 to $110,000. The process of posting for thirty days to the conclusion of the interviews and assessments could be up to three months. S. McGrath stated that Mr. Stevens is also recommending that the town move forward with hiring a full-time police officer. The officer position will be put on the next agenda for discussion.

- **Fire Department Structural Concerns Update**

The DPW Director shared that he had met Hill Engineering who presented a proposal to address the structural concerns at the Fire Department. He also spoke with SK Design who is recommending a geotechnical engineering company. The DPW Director will reach out to Hill Engineering to see if they also do the geotechnical engineering and what the cost will be. at this time, at the recommendation of Hill Engineering, the training room has been closed until further investigation can deem the space safe. R. DeAngelis stated that the building department must have records on file from when the previous work was completed, this information will be sought.

Town Administrator Updates

- Summer Paving Project bids are due on Tuesday May 12, 2026, for the Fred Mason, Reservoir Rd, Church Street and Main Street project.
- Accessibility Grants - The Town Administrator shared that she is working with Andrew McKeever from BRPC on two ADA projects in hopes of obtaining grant funds. The first project will be addressing the accessibility of the circle entrance at the Community House with automatic door openers and resurfacing. The second project will be for engineering and design of ADA bathrooms in the Community House
- MMA Rural Conference - The Town Administrator will be attending the MMA Rural Conference in Holyoke on Saturday.

Public Comment – None

Events and Upcoming Agenda Items

- May 5, 2026 – Joint Meeting Warrant Review, this will only be a meeting of the Board of Selectmen as the Finance Committee wishes to review the warrant in a separate meeting.
- Memorial Day Parade -1:00 P.M. May 25th
- Flag Day Event -1:00-4:00 P.M. June 14th

W. Flynn, Town Clerk and M. Francesconi recognized Jason Levesque at the conclusion of his last meeting and thanked him for his service.

Adjournment
A motion was made by S. McGrath and seconded by R. Killeen to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: R. DeAngelis – Yes; R. Killeen – Yes; J. Levesque-Yes; M. Francesconi – Yes; S. McGrath-Yes
Motion Carries: 5-0

Respecfully Submitted;
Erin Paris
Administrative Assistant
May 05, 2026

Document List

1. Agenda - April 28, 2026
2. DRAFT Minutes - April 7, 2026
3. DRAFT Minutes - April 14, 2026
4. Hill Engineering Email re: Fire Station Structural Issues
5. Transfer Station DRAFT flyer
6. Mutual Aid Agreement – Berkshire County Law Enforcement

Approved: May 12, 2026