

## Stockbridge PILOT(Payment in Lieu of Taxes) Committee

Meeting Minutes- March 9, 2022, 4 pm, Stockbridge town hall and via Zoom

Attendees: Members: Tom Stokes (Chair)

Peter Strauss

Jay Bikofsky

Roxanne McCaffrey

David Wasielewski – Admin

Others

Michael Canales – Town Administrator

Meeting came to order at 4:10

Roxanne McCaffrey is acknowledged as a new member of the committee.

Tom noted the intention to continue to collaborate closely with the town administrator and Select Board as it moved forward. This is confirmed with the attendance of Mike Canales at this meeting and the addition of a Select Board member to the PILOT committee

The PILOT chair requested the Select board notify the community of the need for an additional committee member. All interested should respond by March 24.

Minutes from last meeting Sept 10, 2021, were approved as presented.

Reasons for the extended break since the last meeting were addressed. Personal issues and the Covid crisis were acknowledged. Pilot proposals in the midst of the covid crisis seemed unreasonable.

Given the current situation, it now seems like a more reasonable time to pursue possible financial contributions from the Stockbridge non-profit community.

Tom suggested that the questionnaire content be revisited and finalized with final content to be approved at the next PILOT meeting. The committee hopes to finalize questionnaire content at the next PILOT meeting, tentatively scheduled for March 30 4 pm.

Tom will provide a new draft to be distributed to the committee. Members will provide feedback to Tom before the next meeting. Tom will consolidate comments and suggested edits and present a final version of the questionnaire for approval at the next

meeting. This will allow the new member(?) an opportunity to contribute to the final version of the document.

Peter Strauss suggested making the questionnaire preamble brief and place more emphasis on the 'give and take' between the town and nonprofit community. Possibly itemize the services provided relative to the financial contributions made by the nonprofits, quantifying the cost or quantity of hours provided by the town where possible.

For new members, the committee archives will be reviewed in order to compare the Stockbridge PILOT effort with that of other towns in Massachusetts.

David will reach out to Smitty Pignatelli for any additional info his office can provide on similar PILOT efforts per Jay Bikofsky's suggestion.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for Wednesday March 30, 4 pm

Meeting adjourned 4:30 pm

Submitted for approval by David W 3/11/2022

*PS. April 28, 2022 -- Note from the Chair, Tom Stokes*

*After further one-on-one discussions between the Chair, Members of the Committee, Members of the Select Board and with representatives from the nonprofits in Stockbridge, it was determined that the Committee was best advised to hold off on continuing with its work until after Labor Day, after the non-profits had met the challenges of getting back up to speed during the 2022 summer season.*