

***Stockbridge Bowl Stewardship Commission***

***May 06, 2022, 8:00 a.m.***

Chair Minacci called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Present: Jamie Minacci (JM), John Loiodice M.D. (JL), Michael Buffoni (MB), Roxanne McCaffrey (RM), Charles Kenny, M.D. (CK), Gary Kleinerman (GK),

Present: via remote participation: Michael Nathan (MN)

Public attending via remote participation: Anita Schwerner, Pat Kennelly, Laurie Dubner.

Minutes: 04/1/22 to approve

CK pointed out a typo, RM noted that several comments were missing and moved to delay approval of the minutes until the next meeting, JL second, unanimous

Citizens Query- questions from the public

No hands up

RM volunteered to do the minutes

. Agenda items: GZA follow-up, Chair

JM – In the last meeting (April 1, 2022) the spreadsheet was discussed (hands out copies) RM offers to make more copies since only three copies were available. RM leaves room.

MN – asks JM if the copy will be brought up on the screen. JM responds no, she did not bring a computer, apologizes.

RM returns with copies and offers to do a screen share of the spreadsheet to be followed up on. Screen share started of spreadsheet.

JM – Stephen Roy wants a discussion of the committee if additional information exists. JM hands out copies of a bulleted list of potential additional items of information as requested by GZA in an email.

RM changes the screen share to the email list of items and comments that three items have been done:

- Stakeholders – SBSC Bylaw was sent
- Bacteria sampling – Jim Wilusz took care of – compiled five years of E. coli sampling in a spreadsheet and emailed
- Schedule & Milestones were addressed at the last meeting, spreadsheet updated and sent to GZA

CK asked if the bacterial sampling also referred to the monthly monitoring data, cyanobacteria, etc. RM responded no, just the E. coli since GZA already receives our test sampling data.

JM asks if we have information re: the other bulleted data or does it need to be gathered.

CK in reference to Pat Kennelly mentioning that the cost of dredging needed to be discussed in the April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 meeting said he understood that the SBA had raised money “specifically earmarked” for the dredging. He opined that he believes the Town “deserves a full accounting”.

RM agreed in that the Town Accountant and the SBA financial people will need to ensure that we are not double counting, since the Town has monies collected in certain account. She pointed out that we are not permitted yet and are at least a year or so away from that, so it is not urgent.

CK expressed his opinion that the SBSC should get a full accounting, not the “Select Board”, if we are to be advising the Select Board.

RM said it will not be the Select Board doing an accounting, but the Town Administrator and the Town Accountant giving an accounting of monies in our possession. We (the SBSC) can certainly make a formal request to the Town Administrator to do so. We can also make a formal request to the SBA to provide this from their organization. “What we want to ensure is that we are not double counting any monies”.

CK "I don't want to make a request." "We have a responsibility that those monies are accurately accounted for. We demand it, this is a commission...otherwise I wouldn't be recommending this dredging."

MN – "Financing is not our reason to be, our reason to be is what is good for the Stockbridge Bowl." \*This is the job of the Select Board, the Finance Committee together with the partnership [sic] with the SBA.

JM – "I am going to call in the question as chair and I think Charlie makes a very good point...all accounting has to be in order for us to make a recommendation because we recommend to the Select Board."

JM the question from GZA has nothing to do with money. How will the dredging effect species in the lake?

Does anyone have that information?

MN- GZA has that information – one arm of GZA (CT) has to be talking to the other arm of GZA (MA). "Is that right, Roxanne?"

RM – yes

CK suggested that we request information about other species than the Marstonia Lustrica from GZA.

JM asked who would be responsible for storm water management and deicing. MB responded Highway Department.

JM asked who would be responsible for aquatic plants, bacteria and storm water controls. RM responded Conservation Commission since they are hiring Tom Coote to do annual surveys and asked MB about storm water controls. MB responded Highway Dept. RM added that bacteria would be coming from Tri-Town Health.

#### Water & Sewer Committee meeting updates, John Loiodice M.D.

JL – There is really nothing applicable; we talked about the infiltration, bridges, etc.

CK asked JL & MB do they ever talk to Interfluve and mentioned the Interfluve study done previously and suggested it might be worthwhile to contact them. He offered to send the Interfluve study to the commission members.

#### Water testing/ follow ups about boat usage~ M. Buffoni

Sampling was done last week in heavy winds with a representative of GZA; the water column was fully mixed.

JM asked if sampling was every month or every other month – MB responded every month. boat; was that ever resolved?

JM asked about using Chuck Kohrer's boat and if that was okay. RM responded that the administration had spoken to him and it is fine (no liability) since he is driving his own boat. He is volunteering his boat and his driving and we have talked about paying him a stipend. He is not interested in a stipend but we want to pay him anyway.

JM asked about the status of the harvester MB – they are sourcing a new engine for the (small) harvester. RM responded that the larger harvester is ready to go if the smaller one is not ready yet.

#### Board of Health updates ~ C. Kenny, M.D.

CK – Nothing new from the Board of Health

#### SBA/ Dredging updates~ M. Nathan

MN – nothing that has not already been discussed; GZA has to submit the Lake Management Plan to DEP & NHESP

#### Old business

RM mentioned that Old Business can be used as a heading but specific items should be listed so the public understands what will be discussed. Michael Canales, Town Administrator was going to be contacting all boards and committees about this since it came down from Town Counsel. CK confirmed.

Anita Schwerner spoke up and commented that the dredging presentation at a recent Select Board was very good but that it was stated the permitting could take 18 months. She asked if it is possible to move forward with the permitting and is Gregg Wellencamp still involved with the dredging.

RM responded: Yes, Gregg Wellencamp is still the Select Board representative and is putting much time in actively working on it. Michael Canales, Town Administrator had a conference call with GZA and the 70% design phase is being worked on. It is a phased process. Permitting can be started now.

Anita Schwerner then asked if we have a signed contract with the SBA regarding financing the dredging project.

MN – The SBA has raised \$1.5 million dollars as a financial partner in the project. They never said they were paying the entire amount. If the project moves forward, the SBA would do another capital campaign. The money is still there in the capital account; the money has not been spent. MN asked Pat Kennelly (President, SBA) to confirm. Pat Kennelly answered yes there are monies earmarked for this project in our accounts.

JM asked CK if he had anything to add CK – “No, I already said what I said about that.”

JM called for other public comments/questions – none.

JL Motion to adjourn

Next meeting scheduled for May 22, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 am