

STOCKBRIDGE SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 23, 2022
6:30 p.m.
ZOOM MEETING - TOWN OFFICES, 50 MAIN STREET

Present:

Patrick White, Chuck Cardillo, Jamie Minacci and Mike Canales

Call to Order:

Patrick called the meeting to order.

Special Permit for 8 Hawthorne Road

Patrick made a motion to open the hearing to consider the application for Special Permit Public Hearing of The Peanut Gallery LLC for property located at 8 Hawthorne Road. Chuck seconded; Aye Patrick, Aye Chuck, Aye Jamie. Patrick stated that the following procedures will be followed:

- a) Testimony will be limited to the issues directly related to the subject matter.
- b) Only one person will be permitted to speak at a time.
- c) All discussion will go through the chair.
- d) All parties will conduct themselves civilly.
- e) Arguments between parties will not be permitted

Attorney Elizabeth Goodman ,representing the applicants presented the plans. She stated that it is a pre-existing, nonconforming house on the lot. The current house is nonconforming on the lot. Goodman presented the house plans and said that the total will not be nonconforming. Mark Volk noted that there was only one place on the lot to put a septic system and therefore causing a hardship.

Patrick noted that the house is under their jurisdiction and said that the bylaw, non-conforming has to do with every setback, not the aggregate setback. Mike Canales said that after checking with Town Counsel, it was his opinion and the Town's legal opinion that each lot line is taken separately. Patrick asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor of the project. He also asked if anyone wanted to speak against the project.

Patrick moved that they close the evidentiary portion of the hearing and move to deliberation by the Board, Chuck seconded; Patrick aye, Chuck aye, Jamie aye.

Chuck said that moving the building back is making the whole back of the building more non-conforming; adding to the nonconformity. Jamie agreed. Chuck made a motion to deny. Jamie seconded; Aye Patrick, Aye Chuck, Aye Jamie.

Patrick entertained a motion to close the hearing. Chuck seconded. Aye Chuck, Aye Patrick, Aye Jamie.

Public Comment

Patrick said that he would like to set July 28th for the annual second homeowners meeting.

John Hart questioned private driveways being considered Town roads and for someone to look into this.

Upcoming summer events

Hilary Deely from the Laurel Hill Association announced that they will be celebrating the 200th anniversary of Frederick Law Olmsted's birth on Laurel Hill Day 2022. Laurel Hill Day celebrations will be on Saturday, August 27th beginning at 1 PM.

Pat Kennelly of the Stockbridge Bowl Association announced their 75th Anniversary summer events. On Saturday July 16th from 10 AM to 1 PM will be beach island day. Beginning at the Stockbridge Town Beach there will be a boat parade, pontoon rides, music and snacks. All SBA summer events are listed on a book mark provide at the Stockbridge Library.

Main Street Intersection

Chuck discussed having an informational meeting in August to discuss what lead up to the VHB proposal of the changes for the intersection; in preparation of a Special Town meeting in September or October.

Affordable and Senior Housing

Lis Wheeler, from the Planning Board, joined the discussion. Patrick said Stockbridge is doing a good job with affordable housing and meets the requirement for 10% affordable housing. He would like to do more.

Lis said that the Planning Board is interested in a Housing Production Plan. Chuck said he was behind it but felt there is a lot to it and it would be tough. White proposed taking up to \$50,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) awarded to Stockbridge and conduct a study, Housing Production Plan, to determine what Stockbridge needs in terms of housing.

Patrick made a motion that they move forward with the Housing Production Plan and fund it with State Grants if they are available and in the absence of that with use of proceeds up to \$50,000; if beyond that after we bid it out,

come back to the Board and seek permission to go forward. Chuck seconded; all were in favor.

Stockbridge Bowl Updates

Mike said that as far as the dredging, GZA will be updating and get us to 70% completion.

Water chestnut have been removed by hand and the process completed.

Harvesting- We are still waiting on parts for the smaller harvester but will begin harvesting next week with the big harvester. They can harvest channel now, and then as soon as test plots are approved by the DEP, they can harvest everywhere except in test plots.

Ice Glen

Mike said the trees are being treated but taking the injections in slower than expected. All ash trees are treated and they will treat as many hemlocks as possible.

Soldier's Monument

The monument went out to bid and awarded to Allegrone. Final work will begin and go into the fall.

Bridges

The Averic Road and Larrywaug bridges are completed.

Hybrid Meetings

Mike said that CTSB does not have the staffing to cover all meetings.

Those Stockbridge boards and commissions with paid secretaries will be trained to operate the Zoom equipment.

It is an option to have CTSB cover other meetings at \$50/hour with a one hour minimum and one-half hour editing. It could become pricey. The Selectmen's meeting is covered. The cost annually to cover most but not all meetings could run \$20,000 - \$30,000 annually. This would need to be brought to a Town Meeting to have the voters decide. CTSBTV may not have the staff to cover all meetings. Chuck, Ron Brouker and John Hart were in favor of in-person meetings. Hybrid participation has been low. Chuck also stated that we should wait to see what comes from the State. Ron asked if we are the only town continuing to do this in Berkshire County. Mike said that aside from Select Board, there are regulatory boards like planning and Conservation covered but others are not. Aside from Selectmen meetings, we had 251 hybrid meetings

recorded; the next highest community recorded 50 meetings on CTSB and the next was 30.

Take action on one-day alcohol licenses for Chesterwood on:

- June 30th for a reception from 5–7:30 pm
- July 7th for a reception from 5-7:30 pm
- July 14th for a reception from 5-7:30 pm
- July 15th for a reception from 5-7:30 pm

Chuck made a motion that they accept all the alcohol licenses for Chesterwood. Jamie seconded; all were in favor.

Take action on one-day alcohol licenses for Berkshire Botanical Gardens on:

- July 9th for a wedding from 4-11 pm
- July 10th for a wedding from 4-11 pm
- July 16th for a wedding from 5-11 pm
- July 22nd for Austin Riggs Graduation from 6-9 pm
- July 23rd for a wedding from 6-11 pm
- July 29th for an exhibit opening from 5-7 pm
- July 30th for a wedding from 4-10 pm

Chuck made a motion that they accept the dates for the Botanical Garden. Jamie seconded; all were in favor.

Take action on one-day alcohol license for Norman Rockwell Museum on June 25th for a fundraiser from 6-10 pm.

Chuck made a motion that they accept the application. Jamie seconded; all were in favor.

Take action on the Police Chief contract

Chuck made a motion to accept the Police Chief's contract. Jamie seconded; all were in favor.

Remaining Board of Selectmen Appointments FY2023

Conservation Commission:

Ron Brouker recommended Sally Underwood-Miller as a full member and Tom LaBelle.

Patrick made a motion to amend the appointments of the Conservation Commission and appoint Sally as a full member, appoint Tom LaBelle as a full member and appoint Chuck and Bill Loutrel as alternate members. Jamie seconded; all were in favor.

There are four people on the Council on Aging and they would like a fifth member.

Kampoosa Bog Stewardship Committee. Rich Bradway and Arthur Dutil would like to be appointed. Patrick made a motion to add to the new Kampoosa Bog

Stewardship Commission Art Dutil, Rich Bradway and John Hart. Jamie seconded. All were in favor. Patrick stated that he would like to attend as Selectmen representative.

Regional School District Planning Board: There is an opening on the board.

SBA and SBSC:

Chuck said that he would be on the SBA. Patrick made a motion to appoint Chuck as the Select Board rep to the SBA. Jamie seconded; all were in favor.

Jamie said that she has been on the SBSC and would like to stay but two Selectmen cannot be on it. Patrick said that he would like to be on it. Jamie said that Patrick could do the Selectmen's seat and they can find a Conservation seat on the SBSC. Chuck made a motion to accept Jamie's recognition. Patrick seconded. All were in favor.

Chuck made a recommendation that they make Patrick the Selectmen representative to the committee. Patrick seconded; all were in favor.

There remain open positions for the Board of Health(non-voting member) and Conservation

Patrick voted to enter into Executive Session per MGL Ch 30A, sec 21(a)(2) to conduct contract negotiations with non-union personnel, Fire Chief. Chair to declare whether or not the Board will return to open meeting session upon completion, we will not, of the executive sessions. Aye Patrick, Aye Jamie. (Chuck could not vote)

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