

STOCKBRIDGE SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 25, 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:

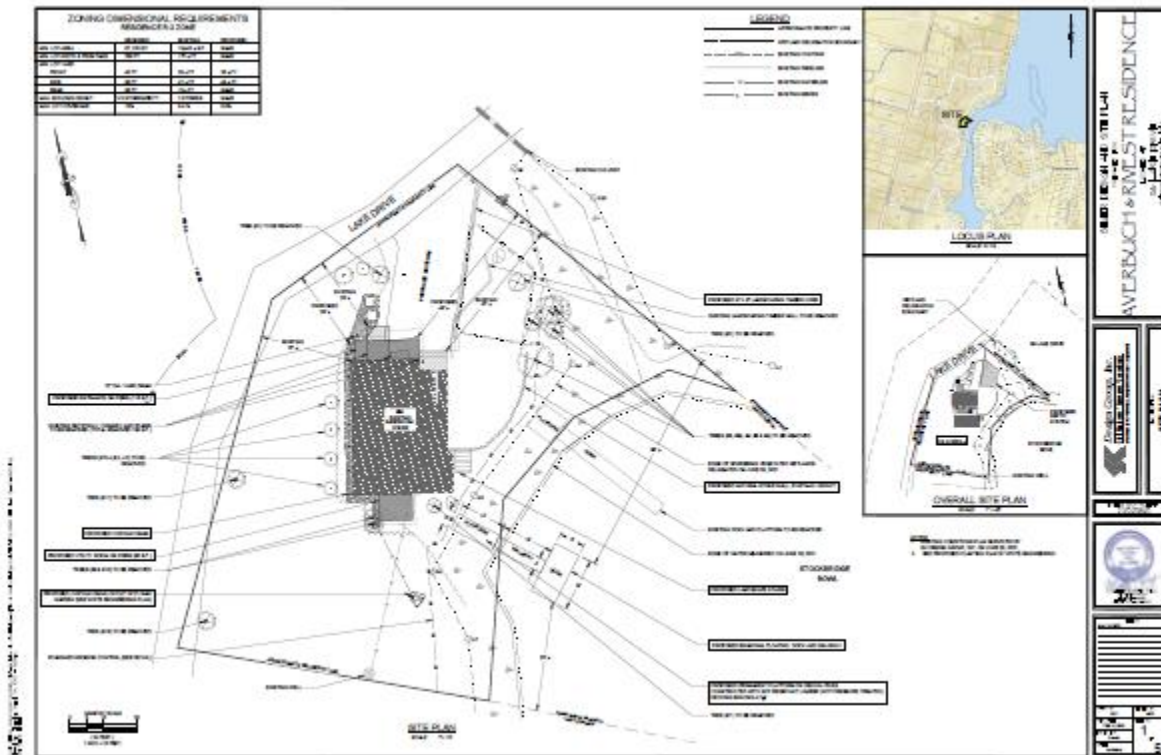
Patrick called the meeting to order.

Appoint Highway Foremen

Following interviews, Bill Rennie was recommended by Highway Superintendent Hugh Page, and Mike Canales. Chuck made a motion to hire Bill for the position. Jamie seconded; all were in favor.

Special Permit Public Hearing to consider the application of Steven D Averbuch and Rachel S Rivest for property located at 36 Lake Drive.

Shannon Boomsma of White Engineering presented the plans. The present home is on an existing non-conforming lot and structure. The owners would like to add two new additions and will not make it any more non-conforming. They are wishing to make it a four-season home on piers. See diagram below.



Chuck and Jamie had no issues with the permit.

Patrick asked for public comment. Hearing none, Patrick closed the evidentiary portion of the hearing and moved to deliberation by the board. He asked for a roll call vote: Aye Patrick, Aye Chuck, Aye Jamie. The Board members had no issues with the application. Chuck made a motion to approve the special permit. Jamie seconded. Aye Chuck, Aye Jamie, Aye Patrick.

Special Permit Public Hearing to consider the application of Front Yard LLC The Public Hearing to consider the application of Front Yard LLC for property at 310 Old Stockbridge Road requesting a Two-Year Extension to existing Special Permit has been withdrawn by the applicant.

Patrick read: The legislature enacted provisions tolling, extending, local permits during the COVID 19 state of emergency. The State of Emergency was terminated by Executive Order #69, effective June 15, 2021, adding a total of 462 days to the permit. Therefore, the permit expiring on September 10, 2022, will expire on December 18, 2023, which is the first weekday following 462 days.

Take action on meeting minutes for July 14th and July 28th. Patrick again put this off until the next meeting.

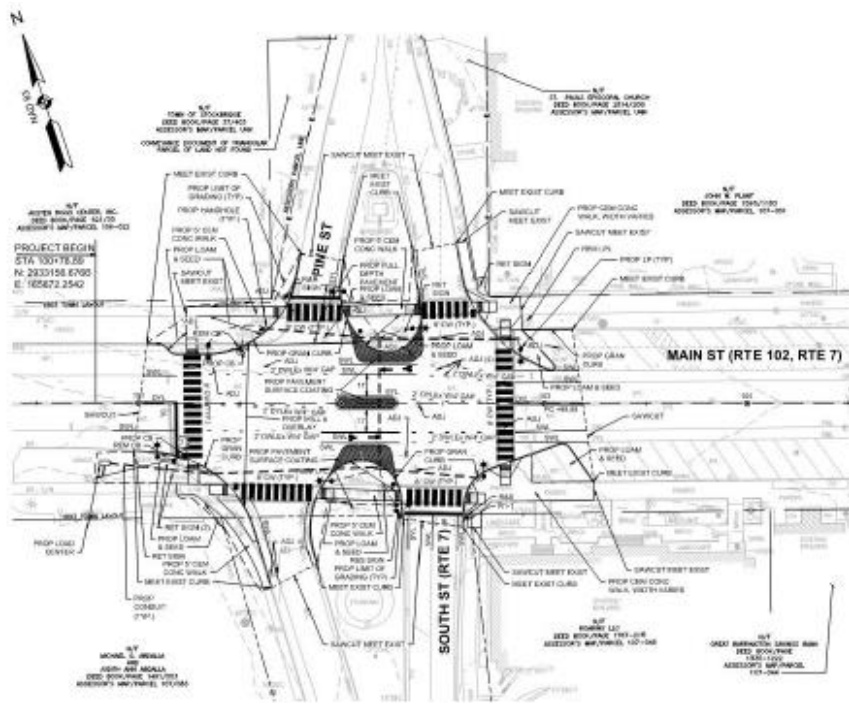
COA recommendation to appointment of Jack Gremli to COA

Jack Gremli appointed to Council on Aging. Mike noted that Jack has been instrumental as a member of the COA working group and has brought his musical expertise to the COA. Patrick made a motion to appoint. Patrick seconded; all were in favor.

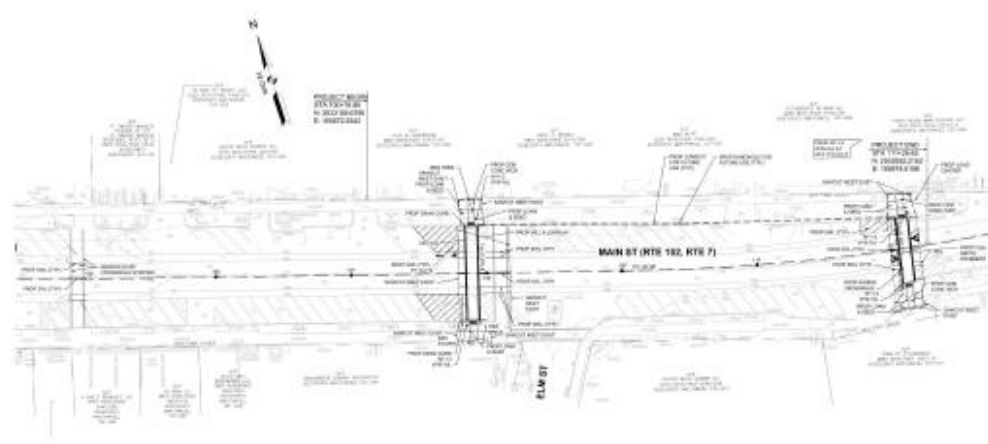
Main Street Design Discussion

Van Kacoyannakis, Project Manager for VHB reviewed the following power point for the Main Street intersection which can be accessed at: https://stockbridge-ma.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/20220825_VP-Stockbridge_R1-1.pdf

Presented was a slide of existing conditions followed by project history of the project. A Shared Streets Grant for a part of the project has been awarded. Initial planning began in October of 2018 and final designs are 90% complete at this time. The initial roundabout concept presented in 2018 was prepare without a survey and once completed in 2020 and in meeting the current MassDOT standards, design showed that the roundabout would not work as first thought. In 2020 there was an interim plan of painted lines for bump outs and oval center island. Preferred improvements include removing a crosswalk just east of the intersection, relocating the next crosswalk and moving it further west and installing a raised crosswalk in front of the Town Hall. These will be covered by the awarded Shared Streets Grant. These Improvements will provide traffic calming, reconstruct crosswalks, provide bike lanes and design for future street lighting. The final intersection plans, costs and next steps are shown below.



Final Intersection Plan



Shared Street Grant Crosswalks

Preferred Improvements: Rendering on Aerial



Anticipated project construction costs (2022)

Preferred Intersection Improvements: Main Street at South & Pine Streets	~\$550,000
Crosswalk Improvements Main Street: Shared Streets Grant (\$135,000 Awarded)	~\$175,000
Pavement maintenance costs anticipated to be required at intersection (next 5- year)	~\$150,000
Roundabout – (does not include property takings, reconstruction of fountain or other hardscape improvements)	~\$ 3 Million

*Note: Anticipated construction costs are office estimates, bid
from contractors needed to confirm.*

Project Next Steps:

- Prepared bid documents for Shared Street Grant Crosswalks:
 - Advertise project
- Public Information Meeting (Fall - TBD):
 - Use this presentation for outreach meeting
 - Seek feedback from public on intersection improvements
 - Prepare handout for public to identify desired improvements:
 1. Do Nothing - \$150,000
 2. Preferred Intersection Improvements - \$550,000
 3. Roundabout - \$3M
 - Evaluate feedback
 - Potentially pursue funding and approval at Town Meeting

Discussion and public comment on the proposed plans:

Patrick questioned the need for another more central crosswalk. This would remove at least four additional parking spaces and possibly some shade trees. The requirement is to have 20 feet of clear space before and after a crosswalk. Matt Chester supported the removal of the center crosswalk for safety. Others felt that the distance between the two is too long. Concern was also expressed that the length of the central median is too long. Van and Chuck both explained the length was the point of it and Van said that final dimensions have changed slightly. This should be slowing vehicles on the main line. The raised crosswalk will also do this. Many did not feel that the added west crosswalk was not necessary. A question was asked about emergency vehicle accessibility. Chuck did not feel that it would make it any more difficult.

Patrick asked Chuck and Jamie how they felt. Chuck said that they should move ahead with this design forward. They plan on adding a meeting to their schedule for a public meeting. They will work on coordinating dates.

FY22 Reserve Account Transfer

Reserve Fund transfer approved at the Finance Committee meeting. A transfer, between department lines, from the Health Insurance line to cover Highway machinery repairs and moving over-runs in different lines. Patrick made a motion that they approve transfer number one between departments. Chuck seconded; all were in favor. Patrick made a motion that they approve transfer number two between departments from the reserve fund. Chuck seconded; all were in favor.

Take action on One-Day alcohol licenses:

- for Chesterwood for a wedding on August 3, 2022 from 5PM-11PM

Patrick made a motion that they approve the alcohol license for Chesterwood. Chuck seconded; all were in favor.

- for Zucchini's Restaurant for a wedding at Chesterwood for a wedding on August 27, 2020 from 4PM-11PM.

Chuck made a motion. Jamie seconded; all were in favor.

- Take action on One-Day alcohol permits for Pan-Mass Challenge, Bike-a-Thon Fundraiser on September 30, 2022 from 3PM-10PM and October 1, 2022 from 12PM-10PM

Chuck made a motion. Jamie seconded; all were in approval.

Award pump street project

Park Street pump station went out to bid with the low bidder J.L. Raymaakers with \$847,000. This leaves a \$70,000 in contingency funds.

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

Soldier's Monument

Mike said that cleaning and restoration project is to begin in September. Allegorne is completing the work. The site will be protected with jersey barriers. It will be completed this fall.

Appointment of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund members

The task of this committee is managing the Housing Production Plan; which is a year long consulting project. The plan will need to be approved by the Selectmen, the Planning Board and the State of Massachusetts. Patrick read of the list of nine applicants for the seven-member board.

Patrick made a motion to appoint Jamie Minacci and Liz Wheeler. Chuck seconded; all were in favor.

Patrick made a motion that they appoint Ranne Warner, Jay Bikofsky, Selina Lamb, Jan Ackerman and Don Eaton to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Chuck seconded; all were in favor.

Next, terms were discussed: Two for one year, two for two years and three for three years. Chuck recommended appointing Lis, Jay and Jamie for three years. Chuck made a motion. Jamie seconded; all were in favor.

Jan Ackerman and Selina Lamb will be one-year appointees. Ranne Warner and Don Eaton will be two-year appointees. Chuck made a motion that they accept the terms of the years. Jamie seconded; all were in favor.

Public comment

Shirley Miller spoke in favor of the Residential Tax Exemption.

Joe Newberg spoke against the RTE.

Patrick announced that Tanglewood has decided to allow the Josh to use parking at the Lion's Gate parking.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Patrick adjourned the meeting.

Please see <https://ctsbtv.org/government-channel-1303/> to view the full meeting.