

Stockbridge Bowl Stewardship Commission – 8:00 am, April 2, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Present: Jamie Minacci, Roxanne McCaffrey, Charles Kenny, Michael Nathan, Jim Wilusz, Gary Kleinerman, John Loiodice

Absent: Michael Buffoni, Gary Johnston

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

Chair JM announced that Mike Buffoni indicated to the Chair he could not attend and related that the testing equipment had been sent out for calibration prior to the sampling season.

Agenda Item – Minutes:

Discussion by CK of approval and posting of minutes and pointed out dates should always be indicated on the agenda. , in motions to approve and in minutes as approved.

RM indicated she had checked to verify approval and had submitted three sets for approval to Town Hall for posting. She also said she sent three sets: 9/2/2020, 12/4/202 and 2/5/2021 to the SBSC members to review for approval. RM stated it was not necessary to do approvals today – everyone review for accuracy.

JW as a point of order recommended to not approve those minutes today but place all three sets of minutes for 8/2/2020, 12/4/202, 2/5/2021 along with the minutes for 4/2/2021 be placed on the next meeting agenda for approval. He added that when making comments on draft minutes, send to the minute taker for editing purposes. He stressed avoiding using reply all.

RM indicated she would take minutes for today's meeting.

CK made a motion to place approval of 9/2/20, 12/4/20 and 2/5/21 minutes on the next meeting agenda. JL seconded, motion accepted unanimously.

MN indicated that he sent RM minutes for July1, 2020; CK amended the previous motion to include 7/1/2020 .minutes as well. JL seconded, amended motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item – Stakeholder Contributions:

JW – Tri-Town Health stated that the current mosquito control program is a concern since spraying contained some PFAS and this is being looked into. Mentioned that a STR bylaw is being worked on which has significance to usage related to septic systems. JW advised to consider BOH regulations in future to address septic requirements around the lake similar to those for Lake Garfield since pretreatment systems could be required within a certain distance from the lake to promote better water quality for new or replaced systems. There is no desire to place burdens on owners of existing, well maintained systems. He mentioned some issues in the Lake Drive area septic systems.

JL asked if there was a system in place to inspect septic systems

JW – responded no, under 310 CMR 15 (Title 5) there is no formal systematic requirement to do inspections unless it is an innovative, alternative septic system. These types of systems require, by statute, a maintenance contract and regular inspections.

CK – Board of Health mentioned that it septic regulations could be revisited by the SBSC with recommendations in the future.

MN spoke to the possibility of extending town sewer to Lake Drive and asked that Mike Buffoni provide an update at the next meeting. He also supported the idea of adding a regulation for periodic pumping/maintenance of septic systems in future. JW added that soil conditions in the Lake Drive area are poor and he supports the idea of extending town sewer to be considered in future. JL added that there is sufficient sewer capacity to handle those additional homes.

GK – Harbormaster reported that the Zebra Mussel Committee has received \$16,00 from the Town and a state grant of \$6,000. The Zebra Mussel station is scheduled to open on the Friday before Memorial Day.

MN – SBA spoke to the need to place on the agenda a discussion, as an advisory group, of procedures regarding votes on recommendations and a discussion of the dredging project which is a joint SBA and Town project to include an invitation to Greg Wellencamp. He added that he supports sewer extension to the Lake Drive area, thanking JW and JL for their comments.

RM – Select Board stated that the SBSC Chairperson, Jamie Minacci, is the appropriate person to invite Greg Wellencamp to a meeting to give an update on the dredging project. She indicated that Michael Canales, Town Administrator would be scheduling with GZA and Dr. Kortmann to give a presentation at a Select Board meeting about the results of 2020 testing of the lake, the condition of the lake and the proposed Lake Management Plan in late April/early May prior to Annual Town meeting.

The weed harvesting NOI is moving forward and shared a map of the weed harvesting areas. When the NOI is submitted, the Town will ask if there is any possibility of a full lake harvesting as requested by Richard Seltzer of the SBA to the Select Board. The harvesting map was shared via screen share – areas of harvesting were reviewed. Included in the NOI is harvesting for dock access.

CK – mentioned that “full lake harvesting” be clarified. It was confirmed that this refers to full littoral zone harvesting.

There is a warrant article in draft form to propose the SBSC become a Commission to be included in the bylaws. Discussions of proper verbiage are ongoing but that the SBSC would be appointed annually.

JM – Conservation Commission expressed her support of a sewer extension and mentioned the need for education regarding fertilizer usage on properties around the lake.

GK mentioned that there will be a shore survey this year – he was asked to assist by the Conservation Commission.

JM – Motion to adjourn, JL second – unanimous vote to adjourn .

Next meeting scheduled for April 16, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. JM – Meeting adjourned 8:40 am