

STOCKBRIDGE SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, July 13, 2023
6:30 p.m.
ZOOM MEETING - TOWN OFFICES, 50 MAIN STREET

Present:

Patrick White, Chuck Cardillo, Jamie Minacci and Mike Canales

Call to Order:

Chuck opened the meeting and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reorganization of town hall and DPW staff

Mike explained that a month ago they decided to take a look at having the Assistant Treasurer-Collector, Christine work out of the DPW office. She will continue to do the duties of the water and sewer commitments that she did in the office and in her off time she will be able to focus on assisting the Highway, Water and Sewer departments with day-to-day operations down there. This will allow for Hugh, Mike and Tony to be out in the field, instead of worrying about the office work that needs to get done. Mike would like the support of the Select Board to move Christine down as office manager for the DPW. Mike said that the more time they can get Hugh in the field, is a benefit to the Town as a whole. Hugh said that this position with somebody there to answer the phone and for things to come, is a great fit. Chuck made a motion to make this a permanent position. Patrick seconded; all were in favor.

Horse Coaching drive through town – Harvey Waller to present

Harvey Waller from Orleton Farm on Prospect Hill said that this will be the ninth time of hosting the 3-day event. It will take place on Columbus Day Weekend and times will be posted with the Friday – Sunday schedule. Harvey also mentioned the annual horse show at the farm. This is a four-day event open to the public on August 10th – 13th.

One Day Alcohol Licenses

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

August 3, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m

August 4, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

August 10, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

August 17, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

August 19, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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

Chuck read: Take action on one-day alcohol licenses for Berkshire Botanical Garden on: July 22, 2023 from 5:00pm to 11:pm. Chuck made a motion to approve. Jamie seconded; all were in favor.

Chuck read: Take action on one-day alcohol licenses for BSO on: August 5, 2023 from 8:00pm to 11:pm. Chuck made a motion to approve the BSO license. Jamie seconded; all were in favor.

Discussion of second home owners committee

Chuck said that he had concerns about this committee. His opinion is that any tax payer in Town can bring forward issues, this adds another layer of issues that are not needed and he would not recommend it. Jamie said that anyone can join any meeting, come to Town Hall and bring in topics. She said that it did not feel right. The Town is responsive to all needs. Josh Peyron asked about the need of another committee and felt that it would add uneasiness and dissention. Patty Caya said that a stand-alone advisory board is perhaps a flawed approach to include the needs and concerns of part time residents. An integrated approach where part time residents are integrated into the Town's existing decision-making structures may work better. She feels that it is a great goal but not the best in execution. Chuck said it would be great to get more part-time and full-time residents involved. Joe Newberg said that this was not asked for from the second homeowner community and all may not have the same interests. He did not feel they specifically have different needs; many things affect all of us. Patrick felt that it should be asked at the upcoming second homeowner meeting. As on the agenda, Chuck made a motion that they end this. Jamie seconded; Aye Jamie, Aye Chuck, Ney Patrick. The motion passed to not have a second home owners committee.

Town Administrator Report

- Mass Works grant application: Mike said that they applied for a Mass Works grant to go toward the Tuckerman Bridge project and the application has been completed (1.5 million)
- Pine Woods sidewalk: The State has money for projects and they are looking at funds for this.
- Charging Stations: The charging stations have been installed and they should be able to go live soon. There are four stations on the park side of the Town Office building. Charging costs will be discussed with the Board once Mike has the breakdowns.
- Ash tree treatments: It has been two years since the first treatment and a second application has been done. Mike will be getting an update from Ken.

Appoint intervenor for the rate increase for the Housatonic Water Works

Mike said that he and Patrick had a conference call with Jim Mercer and that the Town can have a representative for those residents on the Housatonic Water Works addressing on-going issues and rate increases. Patrick offered to be the intervenor to be a voice at the table. Chuck made a motion to have Patrick be their intervenor. Jamie seconded; all were in favor.

Adjournment: With no further business, Chuck adjourned the meeting. Please see <https://ctsbtv.org/government-channel-1303/> to view the full meeting.