

STOCKBRIDGE SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 28, 2023
6:30 p.m.
ZOOM MEETING - TOWN OFFICES, 50 MAIN STREET

Present:

Chuck Cardillo, Jamie Minacci, Patrick White and Mike Canales

Call to Order:

Chuck opened the meeting and began with the Pledge of Allegiance

Public Hearing

A Public Hearing in accordance with the provisions of MGL c148 Section §13, in regard to an application received from Jason Wild requesting the storage of 600 gallons of propane for a total of 114,640 gallons located at 9 Lee Road.

Chuck motioned to open the hearing to consider the application for amended license in accordance with the provisions of MGL c148 Section §13, for a property located at 9 Lee Road an waive the reading of the notice and incorporate the notice into the minutes of the hearing. Jamie seconded; Aye Patrick, Aye Chuck, Aye Jamie.

Notice:

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the provisions of MGL c148 Section §13, the Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Offices and via Zoom, in regard to an application received Jason Wild requesting the storage of 600 gallons of propane for a total of 114,640 gallons located at 9 Lee Road, Stockbridge.

Ernest Cardillo, Chair 09/06/2023

Chuck read: 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) Arguments between parties will not be permitted

Chuck asked the applicant to present. Jason Wild, representing Osterman Propane, owned by Superior Plus Propane for property at 9 Lee Road spoke. They are asking to amend and add additional storage, in the form of up to five delivery trucks and up to 72 - 120-gallon tanks (8600 gallons). Berkshire Gas owns the property and Osterman owns the tanks in the ground. Questioned was the concern that what was posted and what is being asked for is different. Chief Garofoli asked for no action to be taken tonight and for this to be continued to November 9th. He said that there are open violations on the property and a scheduled compliance reinspection on October 20th. For this reason, he requested continuance; liking to see full remediation before the

Board takes action if necessary. He said that this was catching up for what is there. In 2005 the permit was for the 90,000 gallons only. Chuck made a motion to continue the hearing until November 9th at 6:30. Jamie seconded; Aye Patrick, Aye Chuck, Aye Jamie.

National Grid – Verizon Joint Pole Hearing – Hawthorne Road

Donald Taggart was present for National Grid along with design engineer Aaron Amouzou. Amouzou explained they are requesting a joint pole on the corner of Hawthorne Road and Hawthorne Street to house a recloser to provide power to the area. Chuck asked for public input. Kate Fletcher asked if this was an additional pole and Amouzou said it was. With no other comments Chuck made a motion that they approve the pole. Patrick seconded; all were in favor.

310 Old Stockbridge Road – Berkshire Vanderbilt, LLC – substantial work determination.

Attorney Elisabeth Goodman spoke on behalf of owners of 310 Old Stockbridge Road. She presented the work that has been done under the existing special permit and stated that they were requesting confirmation that substantial use has been made under the permit with acknowledgement that the permit would not lapse. Chuck asked for public questions. Chief Garofoli asked if the permit were to lapse, what would it mean for the client. Attorney Goodman said that they would not be able to do anything as it is residential zoned.

Chuck made a motion to approve. Jamie seconded; Aye Jamie, Aye Chuck, Aye Patrick.

Harold French

Church Street Issues

Mr. French asked for the Selectmen take a tour on Church Street to take care of the issues there since the sidewalks were put in. Chuck suggested a site visit on October 26th at 5:30pm.

Mr. French also brought up the Revolutionary War monument which has been discussed. Chuck said that this was previously approved and Harold said he would like some help from Hugh and Rich Attwood. Patrick asked to reach out to the Mohican Tribe as well. Harold is continuing to locate a stone.

Sign Permit for consideration – The Inn at Stockbridge

Gray Kroytor, owner of the Inn at Stockbridge presented a mock-up of the sign he was proposing and which the ZBA approved a variance for earlier this month. His sign is one square foot larger than the allowed 4 square foot sign requirement. With no comments from the Board or the public, Chuck made a motion to approve the sign. Patrick seconded; all were in approval.

Discussion and vote to hold a special town meeting on Monday, October 23, 2023.

Articles to include:

- o Potential school consolidation

- o Senior work off program
- o Transfer Tax proposal

Mike stated that on Tuesday night they voted to move ahead with the 8- Town school and the Towns have 30 days to hold the special town meeting in each of the 8 communities. They are asking for all towns to consider doing it the same night, on October 23rd at 6:00 p.m. The Warrant will be coming shortly. This will be a ballot vote. There will be a presentation, discussion and a motion for the ballot vote. The plan is to set up the community room for voting.

Chuck made a motion to set the meeting for October 23rd at 6:00 p.m. Jamie seconded; all were in favor.

Patrick said that there are two other items for consideration for the Warrant; likely before the school vote. Chuck mentioned the Senior work off program and Mike said that it could wait until the May town meeting. Chuck said that he would like to keep this meeting to only the school merger. Patrick said that they need to discuss the window for the transfer tax. Patrick said that this requires a home rule petition and it is being brought in as a part of the housing bond bill next month. Towns who put in would be approved next month.

Patrick said that this gives them the right to pass it but does not obligate us. Patrick did not feel that the school vote is a controversial issue in Stockbridge so this would not be an issue being on the Warrant. Great Barrington voted it down for this meeting. Jamie said that she was not for it and did not think it should be on with the school meeting. She felt that the school was enough of an ask for townspeople. She said that Stockbridge does not have the same demographic as many of the Towns applying for this and that it will hurt the town. Realtors and buyers do not want to pay this tax. She asked that more information and homework be done; it does not fit for us and it does not solve the housing issue. Chuck said he would like to get public input on it and would recommend not putting it on the 23rd meeting and keeping it to the school. It can be brought up at another meeting. Chuck made a motion that they do not put it on the October 23rd meeting. Jamie seconded. Jamie Aye, Chuck Aye, Patrick Ney.

Chuck read: Take action on a one-day entertainment license for the BSO Linde Center for a wedding on October 14th extending hours to 12:00 midnight. Patrick made a motion to approve. Chuck seconded; all were in approval.

Take action on minutes from August 10th, August 24th and September 14th. Chuck made a motion that they accept the minutes. Jamie seconded; all were in favor.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Chuck adjourned the meeting.

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