STOCKBRIDGE SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES Thursday, February 1, 2024 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 lead with the Pledge of Allegiance.

National Grid Pole hearing for Interlaken Road

Donald Taggart, National Grid, presented that there is going to be a new service pole and anchor for the service at 21A Interlaken Road. With no comments, Chuck made a motion to approve the Interlaken Road utility pole. Jamie seconded; all were in favor.

National Grid hearing for underground conduits on Sargent Street and Main Donald Taggart explained that this is for a new handhole to reach for 21 and 23 Sargent Street. Don said that the underground network in this area is older and 23 needs a handhole on their side of the road. They will be crossing the road. With no comments, Chuck made a motion to approve. Jamie seconded; all were in favor.

<u>Accept the Termination of Lease – Old Town Hall a/k/a Procter Hall</u> Patrick recused himself.

Chuck read the Motion: I move that the Town release any and all fee or leasehold rights it may have in Procter Hall pursuant to the Lease dated May 24, 1902 and recorded in the Berkshire Registry of Deeds at Book 318, page 313, such lease subject to a reversionary interest in the Grantor First Congregational Church of the United Church of Christ when the Grantee Town ceases to use Procter Hall as a town hall. The Town does not and will not use Procter Hall as a town hall and therefore any and all rights under the lease are extinguished. Jamie seconded.

Chuck opened for public comment.

Attorney Egan representing the Church was present with Pastor Damrow and Teresa O'Brient. Attorney Egan said that they presented the notification of termination of lease and the church has a signed purchase and sale agreement with the Waldorf School scheduled to close once the termination of lease is signed. Chuck voted to approve, Aye Jamie. The motion passed.

<u>Approve Conditional Offer of employment – Stockbridge Police Department</u> Chief Darrell Fennelly presented to the Board for their approval, the conditional offer for full time patrol officer Ken Pettibone. Chuck made a motion that they accept the applicant. Jamie seconded; all were in favor.

Stockbridge Chamber of Commerce - Signs

Doug Goudey, Barb Zanetti and Pam Boudreau were present to discus the directional signage in Town. In 2019 they installed the sign on Elm Street. They presented three additional locations throughout the Town; cultural destination signs. Signs are proposed for Pine Street, Church Street and Hawthorne(Gould Meadows). It was not feasible to put the proposed sign by the fire station due to poor sight lines. Patrick was concerned with the sign on Pine Street as it may hide the sight lines of the Soldiers Monument. Doug said that it is to the right and does not obscure the view of the monument. Patrick also questioned adding nature trails to the signs. Chuck said that he would like it placed on the website for public input and meet again on February 15th.

Executive Session:

Chuck said that they are going into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Police and DPW unions, and the Chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining of the public body and we will not come back to public session. Jamie seconded Aye Chuck, Aye Patrick, Aye Jamie.

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