

Stockbridge Fountain Committee

Minutes from January 28, 2021

The meeting was posted as required by MA Open Meeting Law at the Town Hall and on the town website. A recording of the meeting was posted on ctsbtv.com.

Meeting commenced: 4:11 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 4:36 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Carl Sprague, Kate Fletcher, Bob Jones

Also attending: Mike Buffoni, Roxanne McCaffrey

- 1) Minutes from December 9, 2020 were reviewed. Carl made a motion to approve the minutes, Bob seconded the motion and all voted in favor of approving the minutes by roll-call vote.
- 2) Kate updated the Committee on the Timberwolf contract, she had contacted Jeffrey Gulick's references, they were all excellent (Susan Wissler/The Mount, Grande Restorations, two private residential customers).
- 3) The Community Preservation Act application for additional masonry work was submitted to the Community Preservation Committee.
- 4) Bob provided an update on his conversation with Stu Lambert (mason), starting with Stu's qualifications and examples of local projects. Stu worked on the many fountains at Aso Tavitian's property (Prospect Hill Road). Stu offered to do some test holes around the basin once the cover is off to find out what the basin thickness is (at no charge). Bob believes this is a prudent approach in order to know exactly what we are talking about and come up with the best plan possible. The basin is full of cracks and has been patched numerous times. Digging down will provide information on exactly what is or isn't supporting the basin and capstones. We also need to know if we are going to need to raise up the basin bottom in order to meet state code ($\leq 26"$). One goal is to bring the level of the water back to being closer to the capstones. Mike also met with Stu to review specs, he reiterated to Stu that the big unknown is what is underneath the basin and capstones. Mike expressed his respect for Stu's work.
- 5) Kate asked Roxanne for an update on the intersection plans, is additional work that might impede the fountain work planned? Roxanne said that the town had used a professional for the traffic study and that funding is approved at town meeting for work but she does not support going back (starting over). The hope is that the use of pavers will help with slowing drivers up at the intersection.
- 6) Kate asked Roxanne if there was anything that she needed from the Committee, Roxanne said that she was all set and had high hopes for the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) funding coming through. Carl asked what the town's interest is in funding the project if the CPC does not fund the project? Roxanne felt that if the CPC did not come through, the Committee should contact Mike Canales to see if we can put together a warrant article.

Bob motioned to adjourn, Carl seconded, Carl, Bob and Kate voted in favor of adjourning.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Fletcher
May 14, 2021

Meeting Documents: None

Approved May 20, 2021