

# Stockbridge Fountain Committee

Minutes from June 2, 2022

Meeting location: Stockbridge Town Offices, 50 Main Street, Stockbridge, MA 01262

Meeting accessibility: Access provided via Zoom, the meeting may be viewed at CTSBTV.org  
<https://ctsbtv.org/government-channel-1303/> search for "Stockbridge fountain"

The meeting was posted as required by MA Open Meeting Law at the Town Offices and on the town website.

Meeting commenced: 4:00pm

Meeting adjourned: 5:06pm

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

Also attending: Mike Canales, town administrator, Hugh Page, highway superintendent, Dana Bixby from Dana Bixby Architecture

- 1) The minutes from March 31<sup>st</sup> 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) Dana provided an overview of their work in the field; exact measurements have been taken at the Cat and Dog Fountain site. Soils are well-drained; the location of the electrical conduit was found in the process of testing the soil. Kate mentioned that the electrical box will be buried, Mike said this will be done later. Dana described the circular foundation they have designed.

Water depth for the basin and MA code requirements were discussed, where does the 26" requirement come from. A fence around the basin is not desirable.

Carl mentioned that he liked the idea of raising the grading slightly around the perimeter.

Dana broached the topic of recirculating water, Carl recapped the Committee discussions on recirculation (cost, possible need for chlorination). Mike Buffoni provided an estimate of water use for the fountains and at the cemetery (110,000 gallons). Mike will be putting in a meter pit such that water use is measured. He expressed concern that recirculation is a high additional cost.

Mike Canales mentioned that Stockbridge has an open water source and is not drawing from an aquifer. If we needed to control due to drought, we could turn the water off. Hugh Page mentioned that we could tie in at a later date to infiltrators. Mike Buffoni is going to tie into the existing main, will not go out into the street. Dana asked about the condition of the existing main, is that known? Mike described the work he would do in case there is work on the main down the line. A 3" sleeve will be ideal.

Dana, Mike and Hugh had in-depth discussions of the water lines and storm drain conditions. Hugh suggested exploratory work during demolition. The basin drain design was discussed. Dana discussed an infiltrator; Matt from SK Designs did mention that the soil conditions are ideal (sand and gravel). Dana would need to know what the actual usage or flow of water is in order to design an infiltrator. The design of the infiltrator depends on whether water is recirculated or not. The state of existing conditions was discussed in-depth. Mike Buffoni felt that the drain should be replaced and routed to the storm drain.

Kate asked if there could be tie-in such that you could recirculate in the future if the meter indicated high water use, Hugh said this should be feasible. Dana said that conceptually this does not seem very complicated, you would potentially get into the need for water treatment. There was consensus that as long as the approach does not preclude recirculation at a future date, work should proceed.

Hugh brought up the idea of positioning the drain at the south side of the sculpture such that it is not as visible from the north, east and west sides. All agreed with this suggestion.

Gunitite pool color: Committee agreed on a dark charcoal grey color. Dana asked about pool firms, is there a specific firm? Hugh suggested Leisure Pool, we'll see who is available. Carl mentioned Morrison's. Hugh suggested asking about hardware, any recommendations that they have.

Coordination between Jeff and Allen Williams was discussed. Given that Jeff had indicated that the casting will not be exact and there is some variation, Kate wanted to ensure that the granite base will actually match the middle sculpture tier. Dana felt that they could assist in coordinating this.

Hugh asked for a rebar schedule, Dana will provide specs for that. Dana mentioned 15 segments, 4 pieces per segment, you need 60 pieces. Typically use number 4.

Carl motioned to adjourn, Bob seconded the motion and all voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kate Fletcher  
June 2, 2022

Meeting Documents: Draft minutes from March 31, 2022, progress prints from Dana Bixby Architecture dated May 17, 2022