

STOCKBRIDGE SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 22, 2022
6:30 p.m.
ZOOM MEETING - TOWN OFFICES, 50 MAIN STREET

Present:

Patrick White, Chuck Cardillo, Jamie Minacci and Mike Canales

Call to Order:

Patrick called the meeting to order.

Patrick thanked the SBA, Michael Canales and Hugh for their efforts at the Josh Billings.

He said that there are 25 children at Pinewoods, responding to a question that was asked at their last meeting. The first half of paving at Pinewoods will be this fall and the second half next spring. He asked for public comments.

Michael Roisman, 44 Glendale Road, stated that he was shocked that Chuck and Jamie voted against the RTE and asked for them both to resign.

Special Permit Public Hearing

Patrick made a motion to open the hearing to consider the application of Michael and Rebecca R Bellora for property located at 38 Lake Drive and waive the reading of the notice and incorporate the notice into the minutes of the hearing. Jamie seconded; Aye Patrick, Aye Chuck, Aye Jamie. Patrick 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) All parties will conduct themselves civilly.
- e) Arguments between parties will not be permitted

Notice:

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE
50 MAIN STREET
STOCKBRIDGE, MA 01262
SPECIAL PERMIT HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Selectmen, acting as a Special Permit Granting Authority, will hold a public hearing at the Stockbridge Town Offices and via Zoom Meeting, on Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. to consider the application for the property of Michael and Rebecca R Bellora located at 38 Lake Drive. The applicant is requesting authorization, pursuant to Section 6.1.2 of the Zoning Bylaws to allow the extension, alteration reconstruction or change of use of a nonconforming single-family dwelling. The property is in an R-2 zone.

The application is filed in the Town Clerk's Office where it can be reviewed.

Patrick White,
Chairman

Brent White, White Engineering, presented the plan. The permit is for the reconstruction of a home that is pre-existing non-conforming on a .25-acre lot. The home will not exceed the current 11% of lot coverage. Brent detailed the plans and approvals from other Boards. Patrick asked if there were anyone who would like to speak in favor or in opposition. Seeing none, Patrick made a motion to close the evidentiary portion of the hearing and move to deliberation by the Board. Chuck seconded; Aye Patrick, Aye Chuck, Aye Jamie. No member had any issues with the permit. Chuck made a motion to approve the special permit. Jamie seconded; Aye Patrick, Aye Chuck, Aye Jamie. Patrick made a motion to close the public hearing. Jamie seconded; Aye Patrick, Aye Chuck, Aye Jamie.

Berkshire Community Action Council Presentation

Jessie Cooley from the Berkshire Community Action Council gave a presentation on support for Stockbridge residents in need of weatherization and home heating services. This is a county wide project. BCAC has a weatherization department and a home heating services department as well as their fuel assistance program. The population of focus is low income, many of who are elderly or with disabilities; residents, both home owners and renters throughout the county. There are many free projects but there are also barriers that need to be remediated first causing projects to be deferred. Jessie is reaching out to towns to see if there are any resources available to support the remediation projects in town. Currently there are four verified projects in Town totaling \$32,000-36,000. Patrick suggested using ARPA funds and Mike said that would need to be checked on. Town Meeting could appropriate funds. Jamie and Chuck agreed to looking into it. Patrick made a motion that the Select Board authorize \$16,000 in ARPA funds to support the weatherization barriers efforts of BCAC subject to your confirmation that we can legally use ARPA in that way. Chuck seconded; all were in favor.

Stockbridge Select Board internship discussion

Patrick said that with BHRSD Guidance Counselor, Sean Flynn and Mike, they are setting aside 7.5 hours per week for a student to intern on Town government. Mike will work with Sean to establish a program and see if it is something we will commit to.

Stockbridge Farmers Market

Mathieu Boudreau, Chairman of the Stockbridge Agricultural and Forestry Commission was seeking the Selectmen's approval/support to start a farmers'

market in downtown Stockbridge. They are seeking support to hire a coordinator, funds to promote, with the hopes to have a farmers' market that is self-sustaining within a couple of years. What is imagined is something focused on the citizen's during the week; potentially on the grounds of the Town Offices. Nothing is confirmed but they would like to start working on this to start next growing season. They are looking for no more than \$10,000. A job description and hours would come from the Town. Farmers' produce is the main focus, not crafters or a flea market. They are looking at a weekday with no vendor fee for the first couple of years. Mike said that he will work with Matt on a job description.

Request for supplemental funding: Regional School District Planning Board

At the last RSDPB meeting they asked each town for funding (\$15,000) and now they may not need all of it or any.

Announcement: Patrick said that they will have a public meeting for the Main Street Redesign project with a presentation by Van Kacoyannakis of engineering firm VHB. It will take place on Monday, October 17 at 5:30pm at the Town offices.

Jamie noted that going forward if there is to be public comment it should be on the agenda.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Patrick adjourned the meeting.

Please see <https://ctsbtv.org/government-channel-1303/> to view the full meeting.