

TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE
Notice of Meeting

Board or Commission: **Board of Selectmen**

Date of Meeting: June 8, 2023

Time of meeting: 6:30 p.m.

Place of Meeting: Town Offices and Zoom
50 Main Street
Stockbridge, MA 01262

Ernest Cardillo
Select Board Chair

Agenda-

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Appoint Karen Levy as Associate to Conservation Commission
- Take action on one-day alcohol licenses for Chesterwood:
 - July 6th for art reception from 5PM-6PM
 - July 13th for wine tasting from 5PM-8PM
 - July 22nd for art reception from 6PM-7PM
 - July 27th (rain date July 28th) for reception from 6PM-7PM
 - July 29th for exhibit opening from 5:30PM-7:30PM
- Take action on one-day alcohol license for Berkshire Botanical Gardens for an art opening on July 1st from 6PM-9PM
- ARPA to fund planters at Heaton Court: \$4,000 of \$5,000 request with \$1,000 donated by the Hymans.
- Train Hill Road – Speed bumps and “T” intersection discussion and determination.
- Stockbridge Bowl Update on conditions.
- Discussion of second homeowner’s meeting.
- Affordable Housing Trust Fund - Announcement on Housing Production Plan schedule and plan for engagement. See attached letter for packet.
- Other plans we may want to consider:
 1. Open Space and Recreation Plan
 2. Master Plan

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Canales, Michael

From: Carole Owens <carole@stockbridgeupdates.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 3, 2023 2:12 PM
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Subject: News Alert: No toxins in Bowl algae bloom; health advisory lifted

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Stockbridge Bowl

Good News Traveling Fast

SU Commends Tri-Town Health and the Town of Stockbridge

It was explained to me by Town administration that the responsibility of our government is to protect the public. To do that the policy is to err on the side of caution, that is, immediately warn it may be toxic subject to clarification later. It is deemed a superior policy to not warning immediately and risking harm to the public while we await testing results.

Below is the follow-up announcement from Tri-Town Health. It is happy news and we thank our representatives for their quick observation of potential risk, speedy reaction, and cautious alert to the public. Thank you.

Carole Owens Executive Editor Stockbridge Updates

From: James Wilusz, RS, Director Tri-Town Health

Folks based on sampling results confirmed this morning by GZA, there is no presence of Cyanobacteria and therefore effective immediately we are lifting the public health advisory that was issued yesterday. I will update our website once I get a chance. On behalf of Tri-Town and the Town of Stockbridge staffing and officials working together, we appreciate all the support in ensuring public health of our residents is protected. This process is a snapshot of how multiple agencies and departments work so well together in our response to the health of our precious Stockbridge Bowl. Our hard work is paying off and we will continue to strengthen our commitment to our towns.

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TRI-TOWN HEALTH DEPARTMENT

DATE: June 2, 2023

FROM: James J. Wilusz, RS, Executive Director, Tri-Town Health Department

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

RECREATIONAL WATER PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY ISSUED FOR ISOLATED AREA ONLY~ SOUTHWEST PORTION OF STOCKBRIDGE BOWL ALGAE BLOOM

Please be advised that the Tri-Town Health Department is issuing a recreational water use public health advisory for the Southwest portion of Stockbridge Bowl near the outlet due to a visible scum that we have identified as an algae bloom. At this point this is the only location in the Bowl that is affected and there are no other visible blooms on Stockbridge Bowl currently. This advisory will remain in effect until such time the bloom dissipates. The bloom has NOT been tested or sampled to determine its type.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

- Do not swim, wade or come in contact with the water, scum, foam or algae at this location: Southwest portion of Stockbridge Bowl by the outlet.
- Seek medical attention if you or family members are experiencing illness after swimming or playing in water. Recreational waters containing cyanotoxin *or* cyanobacteria at levels exceeding the state's guidelines for issuing a Health Advisory can put you at risk of various adverse health effects including upset stomach, vomiting and diarrhea. Exposure to concentrations of cyanotoxins higher than the state's guideline values could potentially result in more serious illnesses, including liver or kidney damage.
- Animals may be vulnerable to adverse health effects. Please contact a veterinarian if animals show signs of illness.
- If you, your family members, or your animals have experienced adverse health effects, please contact Tri-Town Health Department to report the illness.

WHAT IS BEING DONE?

- Tri-Town Health Department and the Town of Stockbridge is working closely to monitor the bloom.
- TTHD will post updated information when the Advisory is lifted or if there are any changes to the conditions of this recreational water area.

For more information, please contact our office at 413-243-5540 www.tritownhealth.org and check your town's website <https://www.stockbridge-ma.gov/> for any updated information. Please share this information with other people who recreate in these waters, especially those who may not have received this notice directly.

WWW.TRITOWNHEALTH.ORG

STOCKBRIDGE HOUSING AUTHORITY

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May 9, 2023

Town of Stockbridge
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Stockbridge, Ma. 01262

RE: Request for Assistance

To the Honorable Board of Selectman and Selectwomen and/or the Affordable Housing Trust Committee:

We are writing to request funding in the amount of \$5000.00 in order to undertake a much-needed technology upgrade and for building materials to update our raised planter beds in the courtyard of Heaton Court.

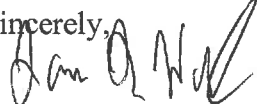
For the technology upgrade we would specifically like to purchase an interactive Amazon Fire TV with Bluetooth and built in Zoom capabilities. We would also like to acquire a Bluetooth microphone and a compatible HD web camera. Additionally, we would like to add the cost of subscriptions to HULU, Netflix or Paramount Plus. The requested funding would also include the purchase of the recommended "swing"-wall mount.

The purpose of this request would be twofold. We would finally be able to conduct Hybrid board and other Zoom meetings, much more easily, using modern technology. Currently, we make do with a laptop and a small "ancient" 20" flat screen TV. Having a "smart television" would also be advantageous to the residents of Heaton Court. New and different activities could be planned such as movie nights and Sunday football, in order to continue to foster community building events.

Lumber is needed to repair some of the raised beds and it is very expensive. We are requesting funding in order to upgrade the beds. We have many gardeners here at Heaton Court and this too is a community building activity that brings residents out of there homes and engaging with one another.

Our residents, staff and Board of Commissioners have always been and continue to be extremely grateful for the continuous support we have received from the town of Stockbridge!

We kindly ask that our request be considered.

Sincerely,


Jim Welch
Chairman



Train Hill Road

Speed Bump: We should not allow the speed bump to remain, because this is an issue of safety for cars, motorcycles and pedestrians. A vehicle hitting a speed bump in excess of 30 mph can cause an accident which could involve pedestrians and/or operators which is why speed bumps on roads with speed limits over 30 mph should not be installed. Intentionally installing a speed bump outside of design standards may result in the town being vulnerable and create a greater safety issue.

Statutory Speed Limits: Speed limits for roads that do not have posted speed limits and have been established by MGL c.90§17 to apply throughout the Commonwealth. These include:

- 50 mph on a divided highway outside of a thickly settled or business district for at least ¼ of a mile
- 40 mph on an undivided highway outside of a thickly settled or business district for at least ¼ of a mile – Train Hill Road would fit in this category.
- 30 mph in a Thickly Settled or Business District for at least 1/8 of a mile. A Thickly Settled or Business District is identified as an area where homes are less than 200 feet apart or areas where businesses are built up, for a distance of ¼ mile. Where municipalities have adopted MGL c.90§17c, the speed limit is further reduced to 25 mph. Further information can be found on the [Notify MassDOT of Chapter 90 Section 17c adoption page.](#)
- 20 mph in a legally established school zone

Advisory Speeds: There are advisory sign for the lower curvy area where Train Hill Road and Route 183 combine. Advisory speed signs have a black legend on a yellow background and are used to supplement other warning signs of a condition that may require a reduction in operating speed, such as an approach to a sharp curve or winding road. Advisory speeds are not enforceable since their intent is to advise motorists of an appropriate speed, not regulate it.

T Intersection: The best solution for this problem, but will take some time is a “T” intersection (90 degree) where traffic would have to slow to turn on to Train Hill Road. The key to any solution is to adhere to the design standards of the state and federal government and is something that can be discussed.