

STOCKBRIDGE SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 15, 2020
8:00 a.m.
TOWN OFFICES, 50 MAIN STREET Zoom Meeting

Present:

Chuck Cardillo, Roxanne McCaffrey, Patrick White and Mike Canales

Call to Order:

Chuck called the meeting to order.

Tony Campetti first gave Sewer Department updates. Tony said that the only capital project for the warrant for next May is the replacement of the pump station on Park Street. The plan is in place and they are currently exploring other options to reduce the cost of what was engineered a couple of years ago. Next Wednesday they are going to Amherst to tour some of their active pump stations. Park Street has only 19 homes and they are double checking to see if they can reduce the cost. Day to day items are keeping them busy. An odor issue in Glendale over the summer was taken care of. Chuck questioned the status of the Curtisville Bridge and Tony said that he was not sure that there was even a contract yet. He believed that the funds were available from Water and Sewer but he was uncertain where it stood with the contractor. Mike said that through Foresight they received the contract from the company. One of the things they were looking to add was a COVID clause for which an addendum was added. They are just waiting for the signatures and will be able to proceed. Tony asked about the paving of the permanent/access road at the plant and if there was secured funding for this project. Mike said that he would get back to Tony by the end of the day. Tony noted that the first quote for paving only, was around \$40,000. He also stated that he did not know if they are allowed to go into the street with the curb cut they have and also noted that as you pull out you are entering a passing zone. He thought that the State may address this and change the layout before a permanent curb cut. Patrick questioned if Tony had any decisions on bringing in a junior employee. Tony said that it would be a good thing to happen but not this year; but a good topic for discussion.

Next, Fire Chief Vinny Garofoli gave updates. Vinny said that the Fire Department was up on calls over last year, most attributed to the major storms and seasonal residents here earlier in the year. He said that the operational budget was good but they are coming to the end of age for some items: a couple pieces of jaws apparatus, the firefighting ensembles will need to be replaced in 2023 year, revamping the pay scale for current firefighters, and the addition of an employee to assist in day time hours, also some replacement equipment, hoses. He noted that two engines are looking towards replacement.

Next Len Tisdale, Highway superintendent, gave updates. He said that the Larrywaug Bridge and the dewatering operation will begin next week for the footings. The pre-casts have been approved and fabricated. Chuck asked if they were on schedule. Len said the pre-casts are at the facility and once Dan Roach pours the footings after dewatering, they will start the components. Roxanne asked about the pouring of the floor at the highway garage and if there was a reason that the dump was not closed, requested to be closed or have a safety plan in place. Len said that they originally poured the slab in December with no issues and were told to keep it open by previous management. He said the concrete trucks would be out of there by 10 a.m. and the bulk of the work is the finishing. He said that they had large projects like this in the past and made it all work; this is not a very big project, pouring the slab. He stated that they had no issues when they first poured in December and they had all of the structural steel on site. Roxanne said that when the steel was delivered a robocall went out. Len did not recall that. Chuck asked about the schedule of the Highway garage. Len said that they were pouring the slab today, they had a project meeting yesterday with the president of UW Marx, Mike Canales and Mike Kulig of Berkshire Engineering were there. They have the components for the exterior skins of the building and the roof panels; he is looking for an erector for that but they have all the pieces. Chuck asked if that was for replacing the siding and Len said there were areas they damaged with their lifts, scratched roof panels, a punch list of stuff. Chuck asked if they had crew members themselves to do this. Len said that UW Marx is just a construction management and farm everything out. Chuck asked if there was a tentative move in date. Len said they have another meeting on the 30th but they are actively moving forward. Roxanne asked if there was a date to do the roof and siding. Len said no and that he is just waiting for an erector. He said that this will not prevent them from moving into the building; it's just punch list stuff. Roxanne asked if there was electricity in the building and Len said no but Aminetek told him that National Grid had been notified. Once they have this date, they will need to shut down the transfer station for a day when they swap out the power. Once they have the date, they can do a robo-call. He said as with the Larrywaug bridge, they have not moved the poles yet as National Grid has been tied up with storm damage.

Mike next began with project updates. Mike said that over the past couple of weeks he had been reaching out to engineers and project managers and went through all of the projects. Starting with the garage, one thing started yesterday was routine scheduled project meetings. Mike's feeling was that they have not had good communications between the Town, the engineers and the contractor. Yesterday they went over with everyone what they are doing and where they were. There are concerns as some questions such as the electrical, plumbing and the erector could not be answered and therefore were not able to get a full schedule in place. It was established that they will be doing bi-weekly meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for October 30th at which time they expect to see the rest of the project updates as far as scheduling; allowing for a

time line of when they can get into the building and if it can be this winter. He felt that they should be able to but it is on the contractor to find out. Mike said that project meetings are something that will be instituted across the board on a lot of the larger projects allowing for the best communication possible. After the meeting on the 30th he will bring updates to the Select Board.

Yesterday they met on the Chime Tower with Verdin who specifically works on restoring clock towers. The project is getting ready to move to the next phase. They had musicians who play the chimes there along with a member from the Historical Commission. They will have a meeting with the musicians and Historical Commission to come to a consensus on how to approach the building itself, some of the changes that need to be made to make it musically an instrument and a historic structure. He felt that it was a productive meeting and will begin to build the budget. They are three to four weeks out on getting the engineering assessment from EDM of the structural integrity of the building and the roofing. From there they will be able to do the preliminary cost estimates which then will tell us what they need to do as far a bidding out of the projects; masonry work, the roof itself and where the bells are. The other will be approaching a sole source procurement because of the specialty of working with historic bells. They have the proposal for the next phase to do that work. If everything can be lined up over the winter and the funding in place, he anticipates it as potential project for the next construction season.

Mike said he spoke to VHB on Main Street, Pine and South on October 13th. They discussed the focus of the preliminary design and the survey plans they have. They have the conceptual, the street markings were put down as a test and they will now move into the preliminary design and plans for this winter. They will come up with the costs and narrow everything down. Some questions that need to be answered will be what type of mountable pavement will be used, from raised concrete printed as cobble stone to full cobble stone and various degrees in between. Mike recommended that they put together what our options are, what are the pros and cons, the maintenance and submit them to us for the Select Board to review. Included in this project is the relocation of the Main Street cross walks to make them ADA compliant. Mike said that he should have an update in December where they will have the options for mountable pavement.

Mike next spoke on the beach update. He said that topographical surveys were done by Foresight to show what would be done. Currently the Conservation Request for Determination of Applicability was not properly submitted; an incomplete application. Therefore, no action has happened from the Conservation Committee. The only correspondence found was from August 17, 2020 with no follow up on the project. Mike said he had spoken to the chairman and the RDA will need to be submitted to be voted on and then move forward with the project. Chuck questioned funding and Mike said that he understood that funding was in place but he will work with Ray.

On the 2020 paving project update: paving bids went out and came back in but due to the fact, upon his review of the project, Mike said that there was improper procurement and therefore it will not be brought forward for the Select Board approval. There was not proper notification in the papers and it was not fully completed on CommBuys. Therefore, it would have to go out to re-bid and by that time will be too late in the season. These projects will need to be pushed off until the spring.

The Cat and Dog fountain bids came in and are being reviewed by the Fountain Committee and they will submit a recommendation. A bid for the utility work was not received so it has been put back out to bid with an October 28th return date. Hopefully, with bids for the utilities, both can be awarded.

Patrick said that people have been reaching out on the harvester NOI schedule and asked to address the timing. Mike said that they will be setting up a meeting with DEP to review everything and determine how to proceed.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Chuck adjourned the meeting.