

**STOCKBRIDGE SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, December 17, 2020**  
**8:00 a.m.**  
**TOWN OFFICES, 50 MAIN STREET**

**Present:**

Chuck Cardillo, Roxanne McCaffrey, Patrick White and Mike Canales

**Call to Order:**

Chuck called the meeting to order.

First on the agenda was discussing holiday work hours. Following discussion, Chuck made a motion that on the 24<sup>th</sup> the Town Offices will be closed. Roxanne seconded; all were in favor.

With highway updates, Mike stated that they are getting closer to fully moving into the Highway garage; heat is on, alarm systems tested, and a CO issued soon. The Curtisville Bridge project has been awarded and Mike is working with engineers on the Larrywaug Bridge; the million-dollar Mass Works grant has been extended. Now it is figuring out the details on bidding a project that is in the middle; the current contractors are interested in bidding on the project. Roxanne asked how long it will take to go out to bid and Mike said that he would have the time lines at the next meeting. Roxanne also asked Mike about the VHB Main Street project and Mike said that they were out last month surveying and plans are moving forward with the Main Street intersection ellipse. He will soon have options for the Board to consider.

Next Chuck asked where things stood with the Main Street trash receptacles. Mike said that he was looking at receptacles to consider and will have samples together for the next meeting. Patrick mentioned that he had applied for a Shared Street program.

With COVID updates, Mike stated that the Town is maximizing protection; the Town Offices remain closed to visitors and offices are isolating. Highway and Water & Sewer staff have been split into units to minimize contact so not to lose full departments or key critical staff. Roxanne noted that Tri Town Health is working on a distribution plan for the vaccine.

Discussion continued on setting Entertainment License hours for those in residential zoning areas. Chuck's opinion was to keep the end time at 11 p.m. and if interested in longer hours, one can come in for a special permit for those events. Roxanne agreed and stated that one play can fall under one special permit. Marc Wilhelm from Wheatleigh felt that he will lose weddings with an 11:00 p.m. end time. Roxanne said that entertainment needs to end at 11:00 p.m. uniformly; these are residential areas and a special request can be turned

around quickly. Chuck also noted that without past issues, extensions will most likely be granted. Roxanne read a letter from a resident requesting consideration for shorter hours in residential areas. Patrick's position was for 11 p.m. for outdoor entertainment and 12 a.m. for indoors. Mike said that as long as it is uniform in districts, it can be done. Roxanne also asked if special permits will also need to be uniform. Mike said that individual one day permits are based around the events themselves with the determinations are made on their own; the across-the-board blanket policy is being discussed today. Roxanne noted that by law they cannot take into account specific complaints. For annual entertainment licenses in the residential district, Chuck made a motion that the Board keep the end-time at 11:00 p.m. with the option to come in for a special permit to extend. Roxanne seconded. Roxanne: I, Chuck: I, Patrick: no. The motion passed.

Next was to take action on 2021 yearly Entertainment License renewals. Chuck made a motion to approve the license renewals for entertainment as listed. Roxanne seconded; all were in favor.

List follows:

**Residential Zone until 11:00 p.m. for:**

- Berkshire Botanical Garden
- Berkshire Theatre Festival, Main Stage and Unicorn Theatre
- Boston Symphony Orchestra – Tanglewood
- Chesterwood Museum
- The Trustees of Reservations - Naumkeag
- The Norman Rockwell Museum at Stockbridge
- Wheatleigh

**Business Zone as requested:**

- Michael's of Stockbridge
- Roaring, LLC, DBA Red Lion Inn

Next was to approve Planning Board use of funds to contract Planning Consultants. Mike said that funds are available which were appropriated from Town meeting and that the Planning Board has met and requested to hire consultants to finish the project. Chuck made a motion that the Board have Mike move ahead with the Planning Board's recommendations. Roxanne seconded; all were in favor.

Last on the agenda was the SBA request concerning whole lake weed harvesting. Richard Seltzer said that this summer they had the worse growth of nuisance aquatic vegetation around the Bowl. He continues that this was the first time in over thirty years that the Town did not run harvesters on the lake. He suggested that the Town applied for the wrong permit which only allows harvesting invasive weeds. He asked the Select Board to authorize a contractor working on behalf of the Town or authorize Town Counsel to get a permit to allow full lake weed harvesting. He said that he has been told that the Town

contractor is looking to harvest up to 10 acres of Lake water; less than 15% of the whole perimeter of the Lake. Patrick referenced the August 5, 2019 article in the Berkshire Eagle, where Mr. Seltzer complained that harvesting spreads the milfoil and that DEP officials he had spoken with opposed harvesting, wondering why Mr. Seltzer had changed his mind and why he felt that these same DEP officials would now support full-lake harvesting. Patrick pointed out the requirements of 310 CMR 10.60 that to be approved, a full-lake harvesting permit must meet the threshold that “may be permitted only if they will have no adverse effects on wildlife habitat”. Roxanne said that they are currently working on an NOI for weed harvesting; will have a discussion with DEP and NESP to determine what will or will not be acceptable and will take Richard’s comments into consideration. Chuck said that they all want what is best for the lake, are moving forward and will bring up full lake harvesting with DEP.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business, Chuck adjourned the meeting.