

STOCKBRIDGE SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 18, 2021
8:00 a.m.
ZOOM MEETING - 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 to take action on minutes of January 21st and 28th. Chuck made a motion to accept the minutes for these two dates. Roxanne seconded; all were in favor.

The Board was next to take a vote on Road & Maintenance District Tax for Beechwood-Lenstock Association. Chuck asked Art Krieger if they had an association board who makes decisions for the association and Mr. Kreiger said that they do. The association vote on this proposal was 71 yes – 8 no. With all Board members in agreement, Chuck made a motion to place this on the Warrant for the next Annual Town Meeting and let the voters decide. Roxanne seconded. All were in favor.

Mike next reviewed the Stockbridge Hazard Mitigation Plan. He said that the final plan has been approved by FEMA and MEMA with the last step being to vote to pass the draft plan; after which they can apply for HMP grants and qualify for MVP action grants. Chuck gave thanks to Chris, Scott and Foresight for putting this together. Chuck made a motion that the Board accept the Hazard Mitigation Plan and move forward with it. Roxanne seconded; all were in favor.

Mike gave project updates:

The Averic Road bridge bids are due today at 2:00 p.m. which will be followed by the technical review from Foresight. Mike said that the engineers will oversee this project/construction oversight.

The Board discussed possibly moving some items to a fall special town meeting so not to be overwhelming with a large warrant.

The cat and dog fountain restoration is moving forward with the removal of the structure for restoration. It should be returned in the spring.

The VHB proposal with cost estimates is in and Mike will be sending it around to the Board. It will be on the agenda for the 25th.

The check list and plans for the Larrywaug bridge are being reviewed. The project is moving forward; still looking at an August /September end date.

Patrick gave an overview on a walk-through ice glen's old growth forest in Stockbridge with three tree experts. It was determined that three different pests are attacking the hemlocks and action needs to be taken before looking at a mass die off of the trees within 2.5 to 3 years.

Next, Mike stated that the Glendale Post Office is now closed under an emergency suspension. There are additional post office boxes in the lobby of the Stockbridge Post Office for now and there is hope that the boxes could be returned to Glendale, possibly using town-owned land. The push is to not keep the closing permanent.

Next was for the Board to consider waiving fees for seasonal alcohol renewals as they did for the section 12 annual alcohol renewals. It was decided to continue this to the 25th when a list of the licensees would be provided. Conversation continued on upcoming meetings and timing to complete everything by Town meeting; including the possibility of having a later Town meeting if allowed and warranted.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Chuck adjourned the meeting.