

STOCKBRIDGE SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 15, 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.

Patrick began by reading a proclamation honoring resident David Resnick's 100th birthday.

Next was to take action on meeting minutes for March 25th and April 1st. Chuck made a motion to accept the minutes. Roxanne noted that she had minor corrections on those for the 25th. Patrick made a motion to accept with the corrections. Chuck seconded; all were in favor.

Next was for the Board to take action on Town Election Warrant and dates. Chuck made a motion to approve the warrant. Roxanne seconded; all were in favor.

The Town Clerk proposed the hours for early in person voting as May 8th from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Roxanne made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Tow Clerk to do early in person voting on May 8th from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Chuck seconded; all were in favor.

Mike next reviewed project updates. He said that Averic Road Bridge has been bid, came in on budget and contracted with Raymakers. The bridge is scheduled for demolition in August to September, instillation of new bridge in October and the project completed by the end of the month. Once a few more projects are cleared, they will apply for another small municipal bridge grant to do the second Averic Road Bridge. The Larrywaug Bridge has bids due next Tuesday with timelines and a substantial completion date set as October 31st. Bid results will be discussed at the April 22nd meeting. The Curtisville utility bridge is moving along, footings are in, piping is in place and soon they will be connecting the piping in the roads and reattaching. Following this, serious discussions will need to take place on the Curtisville bridge itself. One current concern is that it should be closed to all traffic, including bikes and pedestrians.

The Main Street Intersection will come up as a Warrant article and the engineers are going to do a proposal at the end of the month with a joint meeting with the Select Board and the Finance Committee to make a decision to move the article forward. They will follow up with another public meeting

presentation prior to Town Meeting. The Highway garage roof is almost completely done and they are moving on to punch list items to then close the project out.

Patrick questioned the steps on the Swap Shop and Mike noted that the ADA self-assessment and transition plan will soon access this. Mike added that Hugh is working up on cleaning the site and have the Board declare items as surplus to then be auctioned or scrapped, dependent on value.

Next, the Board was to review and approve the Inter-municipal Transportation Agreement. Mike said that a number of towns have come together to provide transportation to seniors and people with disabilities. Stockbridge has donated our COA van and this will cover the Town's cost for the next three years. Mike believes that this is a good plan and another option for our community. Round trip costs range from \$10 to \$15. Chuck made a motion to agree to the agreement. Roxanne seconded; all were in favor.

A Forest Management Grant was next discussed. Patrick said that the State has a formula that allows for land owners to have a forester come out and write a plan for that land. He felt that some of the grants for Ice Glen require these forest management grants. Roxanne questioned if a forest management plan is specifically for Ice Glen and Patrick said yes. Roxanne said that she felt that there should be a forest management plan for all Town land and understands that the current focus is for Ice Glen, but that they should also engage Sewer and Water, be consistent and use the same forester. Roxanne would like to see the grant options and requirements of each. Mike said that this is a planning grant and would like the Board to authorize them to apply for it. The Board agreed to allow Mike and Patrick to move forward.

The following **Warrant Articles** were next reviewed:

Capital: Mike said that they are building toward Town Meeting and he would like to move forward with appropriations: from free cash for:

\$40,000 for a part-time planning assistant for the Planning Board;

\$35,000 for water testing and consultants for the Stockbridge Bowl;

\$50,000 for funding OPEB Trust;

\$35,000 for Rest of River legal fees;

\$30,000 for tree monitoring and treatment for Ice Glen;

\$8,000 for the Regional School District Planning Board for its study;

\$95,000 for maintenance and upgrade for the Town's tennis and basketball courts; and

\$15,000 to hire lighting consultants for upgrading streetlights;

\$20,000 from the Cemetery Trust Fund to hire consultants to study and evaluate the restoration of old stones within the cemetery;

\$12,000 from Sewer available surplus to buy an underground camera;

\$38,000 from Water Operations Reserve Funds to fund Tuckerman Bridge water main engineering;

\$3,690 from Water Operations Reserve Funds for funding the inspection and cleaning of the Quiet Knoll water storage tank;
\$97,717 from Sewer Available Surplus for portion of debt service payment for last year and
\$96,918 for debt service payment for this year.

Patrick questioned having a Planning Board-Select Board meeting to discuss the use of the \$40,000 article. Bill Vogt, Planning Board chair spoke to the need to review all of the zoning bylaws and Patrick questioned the necessity of reviewing all of the bylaws by a consultant. Patrick would like a list of the Planning Board's priorities for the use of the consultants. Chuck agreed that the Select Board should be updated more often and Roxanne also agreed with having joint meetings. Therefore, this article was placed aside until they have had a joint meeting with the Planning Board. Roxanne added that this would eliminate a lot of misunderstanding. Chuck felt that the need for joint meetings would hold true with other boards also.

Chuck made a motion that the Board approve these articles to go on the Warrant with the exception of the first article until after a joint meeting with the Planning Board. Roxanne seconded; all were in approval.

Operating: With the operating budget Mike was still waiting on information for the ambulance and will therefore place on the next meeting.

CPC: Using the spreadsheet sent from the CPC there was:
\$34,000 for community housing purposes for the Stockbridge Housing Authority to replace wood siding;
\$5,000 for the restoration of Heaton Court historic sign;
\$7,270 for historic resources purposes to be used by Naumkeag for the preservation of the Frederick MacMonnies Young Faun & Heron bronze sculpture;
\$10,000 for the Stockbridge Library towards their HVAC system;
\$15,000 for the Berkshire Theatre Festive for siding and trim on the Mellen Barn;
\$11,750 to the Friends of Gould Meadow;
\$60,000 for the historic restoration of the Civil War Monument;
\$25,000 for the concrete basin of the Dog and Cat fountain;
\$5,000 for the restoration of concrete of the Horse Watering Trough;
\$20,000 to the Stockbridge-Munsee Community for GIS mapping and deed preparation;
\$75,000 to Pinewoods for driveway reconstruction;
\$33,000 to Riverbrook for the ADA compliant bathroom and elevator;
\$17,000 to Riverbrook for installation of sprinkler system;
\$15,000 for reroofing of 17 Willard Hill Road – Patrick noted that this article was not approved and Mike would check on it;
\$100,000 for a Stockbridge Housing Trust;

\$10,000 to be moved to the CPC administrative budget; and the last article to meet compliance of M.G.L. c.44B s.6. Patrick questioned the need to also vote on moving undesignated funds.

Chuck made a motion that the Board puts these articles on the Warrant with the removal of the 17 Willard Hill Road article. Roxanne seconded; all were in favor.

Borrowings:

\$600,000 for restoring the Chime Tower;

\$960,000 to pay costs of improvements to the Main and Route 7 intersection It was discussed to hold off until they have a joint meeting with the Finance Committee with VHB doing a presentation. At this meeting the Board can vote to place it on the Warrant and a vote of the Finance Committee to support it or not;

\$145,000 borrowing to purchase a Highway Department truck with plow and sander;

Or

\$145,000 from free cash to purchase a Highway Department truck with plow and sander.

Mike said that he felt that borrowing would be a better option than purchasing outright; creating a schedule. Roxanne, Chuck and Patrick agreed to the borrowing option.

Patrick made a motion that with the exception of the intersection, to vote to move these forward on the Warrant, as discussed. Chuck seconded; all were in favor.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Chuck adjourned the meeting.