

STOCKBRIDGE SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 27, 2021
6:30 p.m.
ZOOM MEETING - TOWN OFFICES, 50 MAIN STREET

Present:

Roxanne McCaffrey, Chuck Cardillo, Patrick White and Mike Canales

Call to Order:

Roxanne called the meeting to order.

Roxanne began by reading a thank you letter to all respondents to the fire at Camp Mah-Kee-Nac on May 21st.

Roxanne then read a letter from the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Historic Preservation manager, Bonney Hartley, in which she provided an update on the upcoming 1739 Stockbridge Meeting House and 1783 Ox Roast/King Solomon home site excavations.

Next, Chuck made a motion to accept the meeting minutes for April 8th, April 15th, and April 22nd. Patrick seconded; all were in favor.

Pat Flinn from the Laurel Hill Association next presented proposed trail signs for the Mary Flinn Trail, Laura's Tower & Ice Glen. Pat reviewed the three noted trails that Laurel Hill maintains. All three trails begin on and go through Town property. They are proposing to add rule signs at the beginning of the three trails and Laurel Hill would like to also use the Town logo on these signs. Patrick questioned the need to allow hunting on Town property. Mike said that he would look into this. Roxanne noted that the Town Clerk has authority of use of the seal and in this case, she approves of its use. After checking the verbiage with legal and deal with the hunting question, the Board agreed that they have no issue with the signs. Roxanne made a motion that the Board approve the design and the verbiage, with the contingency that they have to check with Town Counsel. Chuck seconded; all were in favor.

Next on the agenda was to take action on a one-day all- alcohol license for Norman Rockwell Museum for June 12, 2021, 6-9 p.m. for a fundraiser on museum grounds. Patrick made a motion to approve it. Roxanne seconded; all were in favor.

Next was the continuation of the Annual Entertainment License application of Hand Crafted catering for events located at 2 Depot Street owned by the Berkshire Scenic Railway Museum Inc. Roxanne gave notice that the Board

was scheduling a hearing to take place on June 10, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. to address the application. She said that this gives the applicant time to get a parking plan in place. Patrick asked applicant Justin Carafotes if he would like to keep this application in place or would like to proceed with one-day licenses. Justin said that he would like to proceed with an annual license. Roxanne noted the requirement of 50 parking places based on the number of patrons on the application and that the Town had received an email from Laurel Hill stating that they have had minimal contact. Mr. Carafotes said that he was planning on using a shuttle to deliver patrons and would like to work with Laurel Hill. Mike added that the full Entertainment application and policy is on the Town website and asked for him to come prepared on June 10th to address the requirements, or at the time if he wishes to move to one-day event licenses, he can notify the Town in writing that he is withdrawing and would like to move to one-day licenses.

Next, Dan Morelli from the Berkshire County League of Sportsmen spoke on Stockbridge Bowl recommendations. He stated that they have been addressing and making our lakes more user friendly. He noted that the Stockbridge boat ramp was not user friendly, as there is not an actual boat dock. Based from complaints, they proposed looking into assist ramps for kayaks which would un-congest the use of the facility. Dan was looking for support from the Town with going through the permitting process with the State public access, who would work with the local Harbormaster and the Town. He also noted that an abutter has a fence going into the water which is not legal. Dan said that lake users currently struggle to enter their boats. Patrick asked that the SBSC evaluate the options. Roxanne and Chuck both felt that they should move forward with this and Roxanne confirmed that the Town already had a signed agreement. Harbormaster, Gary Klinerman stated that he completely supports the boarding ramps. Dan also noted the erosion problems at the boat ramp and Chuck said that this is being looked at. An overall concept and plan would be beneficial as well as a review of the bylaws and rules; what works and what does not; make sure that the bylaws are enforceable by the Environmental Police.

Roxanne discussed the Streetlight consultant approval. She noted that the committee has recommended LightSmart Energy Consulting, LLC. Mike said that the Street Light committee has been meeting for months looking at options for bringing LED lighting to the Town and possible option of having the Town taking over the maintenance of our lights; this will reduce energy by at least 70% and quickly reduce the cost of streetlights to the Town. He said that if we

additionally take over the maintenance the savings increases. The payback is 2.6 years even without a grant. Mike thanked Laura Dubester for all her work on this project. Chuck made a motion to go with the recommendation contingent on its approval at Town Meeting. Roxanne seconded; all were in favor.

Next, Roxanne read an email from Richard Seltzer stating that the SBA was offering up to \$18,500 towards expenses as they are incurred for improvements for the Town beach. Chuck asked how this works and the SBA will be billed expenses are incurred. Roxanne said that this donation goes specifically to the beach parking lot and work will commence this fall. It was also noted that this amount was tax payer's money that the Town was ordered to pay the SBA and the SBA is now giving it back to the Town. Chuck made a motion that they accept this for the benefit of the tax payers. Roxanne seconded; all were in favor.

Mike stated that Governor Baker has put forward for legislative approval for COVID-19 extensions as on June 15th the State of Emergency ends and all rules go back to normal. Relating to the use of Zoom, Mike said that the largest handicap for other committees is that the committee members themselves cannot be on Zoom. There are many questions to yet answer and through the month of June Mike and Chris will be working on setting up the meeting rooms to make it work if hybrid meetings are allowed; at the least for recording purposes. Chuck said that he would like to move to full in person meetings for the Select Board.

Roxanne made a motion to enter into Executive Session per MGL Ch 30A, sec 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body. I declare that the Board will not return to open meeting session upon completion of the executive sessions. Chuck seconded. Vote: Patrick aye, Chuck aye, Roxanne aye.