

STOCKBRIDGE SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 10, 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:

Roxane called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was to announce that the Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. It will be outdoors next to the Town Hall. In the event of rain, it will be held inside. Roxanne added that our Moderator may not be able to attend and, in this event, a Moderated will be nominated.

Next was the Hearing on Annual Entertainment License application of Hand Crafted catering for events located at 2 Depot Street owned by the Berkshire Scenic Railway Museum Inc.

Roxanne moved to open the hearing on the Annual Entertainment License application of Hand Crafted catering for events located at 2 Depot Street owned by the Berkshire Scenic Railway Museum Inc. Chuck seconded. Aye Patrick, Aye Chuck, Aye Roxanne. The applicant, Justin Carafotes said that he was able to meet with two members of Laurel Hill and now have an agreement, provided them with a certificate of insurance and will name them as additional insured, met at the site to review tent placement and parking: the train station owns 36 spots and Laurel Hill agreed to parking on the loop, leaving emergency access, which would accommodate the 50-person parking spaces. They will not be using the Laurel Hill field. Mr. Carafotes added that Laurel Hill will be using the space for events also. Roxanne asked if had a written agreement with LHA and he said he did. Chuck asked how many parking spaces they now have and Mr. Carafotes said around 55 spots. Patrick questioned how emergency access will be maintained and not obstructed. Mr. Carafotes said that they would not want 50 cars there and will be using a shuttle service and a valet service on site. Roxanne asked where they would be valeted from and to. Mr. Carafotes said that the valet would park the on-location spaces. Roxanne said that they have yet to see a layout in terms of how space will be used, where the spaces are proposed, and where tents will be erected. Mr. Carafotes said that he did have drawings, was not prepared to currently share but will happily provide diagrams. Mr. Carafotes said that he applied for attendance for 125 people. Patrick questioned Mr. Carafotes on his alcohol license and Patrick was reminded that this hearing was strictly on the entertainment application. Patrick stated that he was skeptical on how this would be pulled off. Roxanne said that they have 30-days to render a decision and therefore can continue to

their next meeting with Mr. Carafotes providing visuals and he agreed. Chuck asked where cooking would be done and Mr. Carafotes said they have a licensed kitchen in West Stockbridge where they will prep 30% and will cook fresh on site under cook tents. Chuck asked for that to be added to his plan. Roxanne asked if anyone wanted to speak and hearing none, made a motion to close the hearing. Chuck seconded, Aye Patrick, Aye Chuck, Aye Roxanne. Roxanne said that they will continue and make a decision at the June 17th meeting.

Next was to take action on meeting minutes from May 13, May 20 and May 27, 2021. Chuck made a motion that they approve the minutes. Patrick seconded; all were in favor.

The Board then took action on One-Day Alcohol license for Chesterwood Museum for a wedding on June 12, 2021 from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. Chuck made a motion to approve the license for Chesterwood on June 12th. Roxanne seconded; all were in favor.

Joe Tonetti was present for his appointment to the Stockbridge Cultural Council for a three-year term, as recommended by Council Chair Karen Marshall. Following introductions and discussion, Chuck made a motion to appoint Joseph to the council. Patrick seconded; all were in favor.

Next, Roxanne spoke on weed harvesting challenges for the year. She said that Jackson Alberti from Foresight went before the Conservation Commission this week and they are still waiting for NHESP determination which is due to be back by June 18th. There are also DEP notes that came in the day of the Conservation Commission meeting and Foresight will be answering and modifying the map. Restricted areas where harvesting cannot happen will be avoided. It is hoped that all will be in for the June 22nd Conservation Commission meeting. Richard Seltzer said that as milfoil was in "recess" last year and DEP agreed to adjourn for one year all the test protocol, he felt that the lake should be examined for milfoil again this year. After speaking with the Harbormaster, he confirmed that there is a lot of milfoil on the lake. Richard said that he and Solitude Lake Management will come next Tuesday and inspect the circumference of the lake to see what nuisance vegetation is growing and where it is growing. Patrick said that they do not have the right to harvest nuisance vegetation; it is an ecological restoration to harvest invasive species. Richard felt that this was discouraging and, in the past, both invasive and nuisance species were harvested. Richard said that he was informed that harvesting nuisance species was allowed as long as you are not harming the habitat of any endangered species, plant or animal. Roxanne stated that the SBA project is for a herbicide test and control area; going out with Solitude is to determine if the test areas need to be moved. The current discussion is about the herbicide test locations; not harvesting. Mike added that harvesting would begin around the current test sites and if moved with DEP's consent; the

order of conditions would be to stay out of the test sites and adjust the harvesting areas. Patrick stated his concern that harvesting in an area which is allowed today for herbicide treatment could impact the experiment if the areas change. Roxanne stated that they are hopeful that harvesting will go through on June 22nd and they will stay away from the SBA project areas. The Town can only work on the findings in front of them. If DEP changes the areas, they then need to avoid these areas. Mike stated that the SBA has a right to move their test sites if consented by DEP and the Town will adjust harvesting at that time. 7.3 acres were approved for harvesting, not full lake.

Roxanne brought up possibly placing a pedestrian flashing sign at the Red Lion Inn Intersection as it is a dangerous cross walk. When pedestrians approach the crosswalks, the lights would flash. Mike said that a sound component is also required for ADA. Mike said that he could have the current engineers to examine a controlled crossing under the uniform traffic code. Patrick and Chuck were in agreement with having Mike look into this.

Next on the agenda was COVID – 19 regulation updates. Mike said that a number of items are going to legislation, such as remote participation by the Board itself until September, outdoor dining until October 29th and a few other items. Currently, they have not yet been passed.

Next, was discussion on the Talbot Center. Roxanne noted that there were problems with the current Talbot Center. There has been discussion with moving it to the left of the entrance, placing a pre-fab building on the existing concrete pad, but this parcel is managed by Conservation, The Geraldine Foot Bird and Wildlife Sanctuary and has a deed covenant therefore it cannot be a land swap. The Town would like to discuss with Conservation as the management of this property to allow the Town to use a small section of the property. Mike noted that DEP does have a swap shop program where possibly some funds could come from. It has also been suggested to move the Transfer Station shed closer to the entrance also. Mike also noted that they have been cleaning up the area. Chuck made a motion that they look into working with Conservation on this. Roxanne seconded; all were in favor.

Mike added that there is a National Grid underground outage near 43 Main Street. National Grid is looking into identifying the exact underground location and make repairs and have provided generator power for the locations who are affected.

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. The Board will return to open meeting session upon completion of the executive sessions. Chuck seconded. Aye Patrick, Aye Chuck, Aye Roxanne.

Roxanne moved to close executive session and go back into open session. Chuck seconded. Aye Patrick, Aye Chuck, Aye Roxanne.

Chuck made a motion to accept the Highway employee contract. Roxanne seconded. Aye Patrick, Aye Roxanne, Aye Chuck.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Roxanne adjourned the meeting.