

**STOCKBRIDGE SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, June 24, 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 item on the agenda was the review of an Electronic Device Usage policy for Public Meetings, pertinent to Board and Committee members. Roxanne read the following policy:

To ensure that meetings not be interrupted by distractions from electronic devices and to ensure full compliance with Open Meeting Law.

**Public Meeting Cell Phone/Electronics Usage Policy**

No electronic devices, such as cell phones, laptops, computers or computer tablets are allowed to be on during any Stockbridge Open Meeting.

No Board or Committee member shall be allowed to have an electronic device on during any meeting with the **EXCEPTION of the host and/or cohost or Board/Committee authorized presenter of a remote or joint in-person/remote meeting for** *the sole purpose of screen sharing specific information pertinent to agenda items for the benefit of the public, members of the body and other meeting participants.*

For open public meetings in which there is no remote participation, no electronic devices will be allowed to be on and in use except for the sole purpose of displaying specific information pertinent to agenda items for the benefit of the public, members of the body, and other meeting participants.

In addition, any Board or Committee member who wishes to participate remotely must do so pursuant to the requirements laid out in 940 CMR 29.10.

This policy would take effect on January 1, 2022 as currently the Governor has extended full remote meetings. A host would be designated to monitor the chat while in Zoom format. Texting and chatting through Zoom by board and committee members would be prohibited.

Roxanne made a motion to adopt the policy as read, regarding open meetings and electronic device usage. Chuck seconded; all were in favor.

Chuck made a motion to designate Mike as their meeting co-host. Roxanne seconded; all were in favor.

The co-host will monitor zoom hand-raising and chat questions during a meeting. Additionally, speakers who are in person will be on screen and speakers in Zoom will need to clearly identify themselves.

Next, Roxanne made a motion to open the continuation of the deliberation 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. Chuck seconded. Aye Chuck, Aye Patrick, Aye Roxanne. The applicant was not present. Roxane stated that the applicant failed to substantiate a bonified parking plan with details and measurements and has not provided documentation of a floor plan depicting the use of outdoor space and locations.

Roxanne moved that they deny the application for the following reasons:

1. The application failed to include a parking plan in accordance with the operational requirements.
2. The application failed to include documentation of a floor plan depicting the use of outdoor space.

Chuck seconded. Aye Patrick, Aye Chuck, Aye Roxanne.

Next was to take action on a one-day alcohol license for Chesterwood Museum for an exhibit opening on July 9th 5pm -7pm. Chuck made a motion that they accept it. Patrick seconded; all were in favor.

Next was to take action on Take action on One-Day Alcohol licenses for Berkshire Botanical Gardens for a

- o fundraiser on July 3, 2021 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- o rehearsal dinner on July 16, 2021 from 4 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- o wedding on July 17, 2021 from 12 noon to 5 p.m.
- o rehearsal dinner on July 23, 2021 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- o wedding on July 25, 2021 from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.
- o wedding on July 30, 2021 from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Patrick made a motion to accept these. Chuck seconded; all were in favor.

Roxanne announced that the second homeowner's discussion session will be held on Thursday July 15th at 8am. The meeting will include department heads.

Next on the agenda was the Ice Glen discussion. Matt Boudreau, chair of the Stockbridge Agriculture and Forestry Commission was present in person and consultant Ken Gooch was present via Zoom.

Patrick noted the report from Ken and Matt reviewed the results. The Board confirmed an estimated \$7,000 expense (\$70,000 voted on at Town Meeting) for the stem injection treatment of 38 ash trees in Ice Glen. Matt noted that there are resident concerns and said that with this treatment there is a low chance of animals absorbing the preside treatment as it would be applied to the tree base. Matt said that the ash tree treatment is the first step and would buy time for the AFC to develop a long-term stewardship plan of the Ice Glen Forest. Within the next forty years, the climate will be more similar to that of the mid-Atlantic and changing climate will significantly affect forest management. Chuck made a motion to treat the ash trees as soon as possible after the July 1st date. Roxanne seconded; all were in favor.

Ken confirmed that it is an injection at the base of the tree and the only way it would affect the outside environment is if it were spilled.

Ken said that a licensed forester would need to write a forest stewardship plan which Patrick said is a prerequisite for applying for grant funding.

Patrick suggested fundraising and grant initiatives moving forward. A previously approved Ice Glen gift account has been established.

Ken will identify the first-priority trees and second-tier trees. Priority trees will then be treated with current funding (100 hemlock trees in the steep area of Ice Glen Forest are in need of immediate treatment and a second tier of culturally significant trees is located further back.) Mike noted that the RFP can be developed in a way to prioritize the trees.

Chuck made a motion to establish Ice Glen Forest as an Old Growth Forest through the Old Growth Forest Network. Roxanne seconded; all were in favor. The Agricultural and Forestry Commission will make a recommendation by July 12th for a forester knowledgeable on old growth forests to assist with the development of the stewardship plan. The recommendation will be reviewed by the Select Board at their July 15th meeting.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business, Roxanne adjourned the meeting.