

**STOCKBRIDGE SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, July 15, 2021**  
**8:00 a.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.

First on the agenda was a last-minute item that came in on Wednesday after the agenda was posted. A letter came in from Tom Schuler, chair of the ZBA. He stated that Eric Plakun had resigned as an alternate member and the ZBA was recommending to appoint Mark Mills to the position. Roxanne made a motion to appoint Mark Mills as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Chuck seconded; all were in favor.

Next was to take action on meeting minutes for June 24<sup>th</sup> and July 8<sup>th</sup>. Chuck made a motion that they accept the minutes. Patrick seconded; all were in favor.

Mike next updated work on the Larrywaug Bridge. Since July 1<sup>st</sup>, construction had to be shut down due to the high-water levels of Larrywaug Brook, for work on the foundation footings. They are currently nine days behind and Mike anticipates that they may need to request an extension beyond the October 31<sup>st</sup> completion date. They have approximately a month of work to complete in the stream bed which is weather dependent.

The next part of the meeting was for a second home owners discussion session. Peter Strauss brought up current property assessments in Town. Assessor, Michael Blay, addressed the land values around the Stockbridge Bowl and stated that the evaluations are dictated by the Department of Revenue. Real estate sales around the Bowl dictate the condition factors. Peter Ungaro asked about the residential tax exemption and what the Board is looking at. Roxanne said that a lot goes into this process and Mike Blay agreed that determining residential exemption is a difficult task. A question was raised about reverting to a Saturday morning meeting for second homeowners. Roxanne stated that anyone can come to any meeting at any time and encourages them to do so. She added that we are one community. Michael stated that in the future, zoom meetings can continue for the second home owner meetings. A question was asked about the DeSisto property and the Curtisville bridge. Roxanne said that there is nothing before the Board on the DeSisto property and what direction to take on the Curtisville Bridge is moving forward. Mike noted that the bridge was closed to all traffic around 11 years ago and the bridge has been secured

to the required closure. It was suggested that a member of Parks and Rec. attend these meetings so that questions can be addressed such as the kayak racks and beach grounds. A question was asked about the 'residents only' sign posted on Park Street and it was discussed that it went up as a result of the overcrowding of parking from hikers during COVID. It was agreed that the sign would be removed for the time being.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business, Roxanne adjourned the meeting.