

STOCKBRIDGE SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, August 5, 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 Board took action on meeting minutes from July 15th. Chuck made a motion to accept the minutes from July 15th. Patrick seconded; all were in favor.

First on the agenda was Harold French with discussion on a request to place a Revolutionary War Monument in Town. Harold said that the Town does not have a memorial for the Revolutionary War soldiers. He suggested a stone with appropriate wording lettered on the face, keeping it true to the time period, and to also have a brochure that lists all of the names. Harold suggested that it be placed by the Chime Tower, in line with the WWI monument. When questioned on the funding, Harold said that a free stone may be available and the setup would be minimal. Roxanne said that she would go with Harold to look at stones. Patrick stated that he felt that a professional should be hired for the project but Harold said that it was unnecessary. Roxanne thanked Harold and Tom LaBelle for their efforts.

Next was to take action on a series of one-day licenses.

Roxanne read the following one-day alcohol license application for the Josh Billings Runaground at the Tanglewood east lot for September 19, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Chuck made a motion to approve this license. Patrick seconded; all were in favor.

Roxanne read the following one-day alcohol license applications from the Berkshire Botanical Garden for:

- o August 7, 2021 from 4-10 p.m. for a wedding
- o August 8, 2021 from 4-8 p.m. for a fundraiser
- o September 4, 2021 from 4-11p.m. for a wedding
- o September 17, 2021 from 5-7p.m. for an exhibit opening
- o September 24, 2021 from 6-10p.m. for a rehearsal dinner
- o September 25, 2021 from 4-7 p.m. for a memorial service
- o September 30, 2021 from 6-10p.m. for a rehearsal dinner

Chuck made a motion to approve these licenses. Roxanne seconded; all were in favor.

Roxanne read the following one-day alcohol license applications from the Norman Rockwell Museum for:

- o August 21, 2021 from 1-4 p.m. for a fundraiser
- o August 25, 2021 from 6-10 p.m. for a fundraiser

Chuck made a motion to approve these licenses. Roxanne seconded; all were in favor.

Next on the agenda was the Stockbridge Golf Club's Change of Manager and Change of Officers Application for Review and Approval. Chuck made a motion to accept the application. Roxanne seconded; all were in favor.

The Board was next to take action on the Agricultural and Forestry Commission's recommendation for a forester. Patrick said that they had a recommendation for someone who had experience with old growth forests and thought it was a good idea. Chuck made a motion to approve Michael Mauri from South Deerfield, MA as the forester for the forestry plan. Patrick seconded; all were in favor.

The next topic was bylaw enforcement discussion. Roxanne said that this discussion was to reassure people that there is a mechanism in place for enforcement of existing and new bylaws, which is MGL Ch40 Section 21d: a citation with a specified fine to be paid is written out and it can be paid to the Town or the individual can dispute it in district court. Patrick felt that older bylaws should be periodically updated; giving the example of the bylaw that states that the Select Board is required to meet once a week. Roxanne said that they can bring it up at a future meeting.

Roxanne mentioned an on-going issue with an East Main Street culvert which is under the purview of Mass DOT district one. Roxanne questioned if they could help move the issue along. Mike said that he will look into the history, get the information together and see if there is any history with a complaint conversation between the State and the Town.

Roxanne said that they are ready to start the harvester this week. Hugh said that they should have it ready to go. The hope is that it will be in the water next week with the new GPS attached.

The next item on the agenda was to take action on a one-day entertainment license for Hand Crafted Creative for a fundraiser at 2 Depot Street on August 29, 2021 from 1-5 p.m. and also to take action on one-day alcohol for 5 Senses Events & Design for a fundraiser located at 2 Depot Street on August 29, 2021 from 1-5 p.m. Chuck made a motion that they accept the licenses. Patrick seconded.

Roxanne noted that they have a bonified parking plan, a fully executed agreement with Laurel Hill Association. As all requested paperwork was submitted, Roxanne agreed. All were in favor.

Next was discussion on public meetings. Roxanne said that at this point most of the boards and committees are being conducted hybrid (live and zoom). There remains the option currently to be fully remote or fully in-person. Mike said that the Select Board could recommend using hybrid meetings but there is no obligation for any public meeting to allow remote participation; it is up to the chair, as well as how the meeting is run. Patrick said that he feels that all meetings should be accessible remotely.

Under correspondence, Roxanne stated that the senior lunch program is starting up again; Tuesday and Thursdays at Heaton Court and Wednesdays in the Senior Center around noon. There is suggested \$2.00 donation for those over 60 years old and \$7.00 for those under 60. Sign up is required. Contact Christine Straub at 413-298-7300 or by email at: stockbridgersc2@gmail.com.

The Board also received a letter from the Berkshire Theatre Festival updating outdoor performances and how they are dealing with indoor performances.

Mike noted the formation of a Stockbridge Housing Trust board and Patrick said that were envisioning a five-person board and if anyone is interested in serving, they should contact Michael.

Patrick thanked Michael on his response to residents' concerns on the Averic Bridge repair.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Roxanne adjourned the meeting.