

STOCKBRIDGE SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, August 19, 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:

Chuck called the meeting to order.

First on the agenda was Chris Marsden with Facilities Manager updates. Chris reported that Nick Fredsall was able to get the four lights working on the South Street Bridge light. Light poles in the back of the Town Offices and sconces are waiting for LED bulbs and a lift to access the lights. Eight replacement marble posts are coming for the front cemetery fence as a part of the cemetery restoration. The summer preventative maintenance for the HVAC system was done and projected repairs are being scheduled. Chris noted that the HVAC equipment is approaching twenty years old and heat pump replacements will be looked at as a part of future capital planning. Next was discussion on the gate on the access road at the Water and Sewer plants. They are looking at funding sources for the gate and electrical work. Mike said that as this fits into security, designated security funds can be used for the gate costs.

Roxanne made a motion that they accept the meeting minutes for August 5, 2021. Chuck seconded; all were in favor.

Next, Chief Darrell Fennelly spoke requestion approval for a Conditional Offer of Employment to promote Reserve Officer, Chad Heath to full-time status. As Office Mike Bourisk has taking a new position and will be leaving, Darrell felt that Chad could step right into Mike's role. Chad has been with the Police Department for five years as a Reserve Officer. Chad completed the Reserve Academy. With the new Police Reform Bill, a Bridge Academy will be created and within three years, Reserve Officers will go to and complete this academy and training hours will be brought up to those comparable to a full-time officer; they will be certified as a full-time officer. In the future the only option will be to go the full-time Police Academy, effectively ending Reserve Officers in the State. Darrell noted that there is yet no infrastructure set up and running. Darrell recommended highly bringing Chad aboard. Roxanne made a motion to accept the Conditional Offer employment to Chad Heath as a full-time Officer. Chuck seconded; all were in favor. Roxanne also extended thanks and offered good luck to Mike Bourisk.

Next on the agenda was Hugh Page with Highway updates. Hugh said that clean-up is continuing at the highway garage. They are continuing to identify basin and culvert issues, gearing towards next year. He said that he appreciates everyone's patience with road side clean-up. Hugh asked that residents identify and maintain favorable plantings encroaching on Town roadways; to help avoid the highway from cutting back in error items within the Town right-of-way. Roxanne also noted that the Highway at this time has been very short staffed. National Grid has also been out doing tree work around electrical wires. Chuck next questioned fall paving and Mike said that they are meeting with Mass DOT next week to discuss Chapter 90 projects and determine when paving will occur.

Mike Buffoni gave Water Department updates. He said that the Curtisville Utility Bridge project has been closed out and Tuckerman Bridge, a Special Article, is off to the engineers, as well as the pump station. The Quiet Knoll tank has been inspected. Sampling at the Stockbridge Bowl has been conducted monthly in combination with GZA's Chris Mane and Dr. Kortman.

Tony Campetti gave Sewer department updates and also noted that the Curtisville project was complete. He said that with this summer's high rainfall they have been on the defense maintaining the collection system. They are also looking into the drainage issues. Patrick questioned Mike and Tony on their sense of addressing private water issues, such as private water system at Makeenac Heights. Tony said that as many are now connected to Town sewer (2004-2005 project), they can possibly put in private wells. Mike added that the need currently is to fix the mains they have; upgrading downtown and Elm and Maple drainage systems. Tony and Roxanne extended thanks to Mark Viola and all of the employees who helped out with flooding issues they had in mid-July on Park Street at the pump station.

Mike next said that due to weather, the Larrywaug Bridge contract was extended out to a November 19th completion date and they currently remain on schedule. Most of the in-water work has been completed. The first Averic Road Bridge should be completed by November. They will be looking into another small bridge grant for the second Averic bridge. They are on the final phase of the Highway garage and will be putting on the roof snow guards. There was discussion around the Talbot Center. It has been determined that the old building can no longer be used and the Town is looking to relocate the Talbot Center to a space on Conservation managed land where there is a pre-existing building and slab. They are discussing setting a pre-fab building on the current slab as a combined use Talbot Center and wild life refuge information center.

Mike continued that the Ice Glen ash treatment is complete and the bid is out for the Hemlock treatment; due back on August 25th. The cemetery study, restoration of the old section, is out to vendors. They met with EDM on the Chime Tower and are moving forward with bidding out the project. It is the Town's recommendation, understanding the visual location, to begin the work next fall when out of the summer tourist season. They would go out to bid in the spring. The anticipation is to complete the project between Columbus Day and Memorial Day; working through the off season. Foresight will be contracted for the evaluation of the Tuckerman Bridge in order to get ahead of issues with this bridge, as it has been identified in bridge inspection reports. The harvesting plan has come back and is good for three years. They are finalizing the contract on the pump station design and moving forward. Hugh is working on the highway truck purchase. The treasurer is working on the pump station, chime tower and truck borrowings.

Next, Kyle Ronayne was present to request BSO one day entertainment requests, for the extension of hours for weddings to be held at the Linde Center for:

- September 4th from 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. on September 5th
- September 18th from 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. on September 19th
- October 10th from 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. on October 11th
- October 17th from 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. on October 18th

Patrick recused himself as an abutter to Tanglewood.

Roxanne questioned if all the events would be indoors and Kyle said that they would. Chuck proposed that they limit the hours to midnight. Roxanne noted that previously, when Tanglewood requested an event to end at 1 a.m., the Selectboard limited the entertainment license to midnight and thought that the Select Board should remain consistent. The main concern is the traffic flow affecting the neighbors following the events. Roxanne made a motion to grant the one-day requests with the exception that all will end by midnight. Chuck seconded. Kate Fletcher, an abutter, said that in terms of noise and traffic, the arrangement worked well in the past. Ken Krentsa, 2 Gideon Drive, also noted that at 1:00 a.m. traffic has not been an issue and if music is inside, he had no problem with granting the extension. Ben Liptzin said that he would like to support 12:00 a.m. Roxanne noted that they also consider the need to remain consistent with times in all residential areas. Steven Stern, 4 Emmerson Lane, said that as long as the events are indoors, 12:00 p.m. is reasonable. Chuck

made the motion that the events go to 12:00 a.m. Roxanne seconded; all were in favor.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Roxanne adjourned the meeting.