

STOCKBRIDGE SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 9, 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.

First item on the agenda was to take action on meeting minutes from August 12th, 19th and 26th. Chuck made a motion to accept the minutes. Roxanne seconded; all were in favor.

Next was to take action on one-day alcohol license for Chesterwood for a wedding to be held on October 2, 2021 from 4 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Chuck made a motion to accept it. Patrick seconded; all were in favor.

The Board made appointments to the Housing Trust Committee. Roxanne made a motion to appoint Jay Bikofsky, Nancy Socha, Tom Sharpe and Patrick White as the Select Board representative, to the Housing Trust Committee. Roxanne stated that the purpose of the committee is to create a housing trust proposal, ie. a bylaw for approval by the Select Board and ultimately to voters at Annual Town Meeting to make the trust official; to create an action plan; to propose a budget and to define the housing trusts' initiatives. Chuck seconded; all were in favor.

Next were appointments to the PILOT Committee and Roxanne stated that they will be reappointing Jay Bikofsky of the Finance Committee, Gary Pitney of the Assessors, and Tom Stokes. Roxanne said that she would like to be a member of the committee representing the Select Board. Patrick made a motion that they make those appointments. Chuck seconded; all were in favor.

The Board next reviewed COVID updates pertaining to the directive put out by Tri Town Health Department on September 7th. Roxanne noted that the Delta variant is accounting for an increase in positive cases in Massachusetts and cases have started to show in Lee, Lenox and Stockbridge. As of September 7th at 12:01 am, the following directives were implemented:

1. Appropriate CDC approved masks or face coverings shall be worn in all indoor spaces in the Tri-Town District communities of Lee, Lenox, and Stockbridge, unless seated at a table consuming food and/or drink. A sign shall be posted at the entrance of all buildings. A copy of the sign can be found at www.tritownhealth.org or any other masking requirement sign may be used with similar content.

2. Food service establishment employees shall wear a mask or face covering when serving customers, both indoors and outdoors.
3. Masks shall also be required in crowded outdoor public events, and where physical distancing, of at least six feet or more, cannot be maintained. This includes but is not limited to: events held at fairgrounds/parks, outdoor performance and event venues, restaurants, etc.
4. Masks shall be fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face; and be secured with ties or ear loops; and include multiple layers of fabric; and allow for breathing without 45 Railroad Street-Lee, MA 01238 Tel: 413-243-5540- Fax: 413-243-5542 Email: info@tritownhealth.org restriction; and may be removed for eating, drinking where allowed. Disposable surgical/procedural masks, N-95s, elastomeric masks, cloth masks are permitted. Masks with exhale valves are not permitted.
5. Event planners and or any organizations shall consider postponement of any outdoor or indoor event/gathering where social distancing of a minimum of 6 feet per person cannot be maintained.

In addition, the Tri-Town Board of Health are encouraging community members to:

1. Get vaccinated and stay at home if showing signs of symptoms.
2. Get tested for COVID-19 if you have new or unexplained symptoms, before and after travelling and/or if you have been exposed.
3. If at risk of exposure, call and schedule a test at 1-855-BMC-LINK 4. More information on COVID-19 can be found at www.tritownhealth.org, www.mass.gov and www.cdc.org

Roxanne announced that there will be a Flu Clinic for Stockbridge Seniors at the Town Hall parking lot on September 21st from 2 to 4 pm. COVID vaccines will also be available to them. Seniors are asked to bring their insurance cards and wear a mask. This is sponsored by Community Health Programs, Stockbridge Council on Aging and Southern Berkshire Public Health Collaborative.

Patrick brought up possible crowds with the upcoming Josh Billings triathlon and Mike noted that the race committee was meeting this evening concerning the race. Mike said that he would touch base with Chief Fennelly and find out what was discussed.

John Hart directed a question to Roxanne and Chuck. He questioned their approval of a special permit for 20 Mahkeenac Shores Road and Roxanne noted that the vote was unanimous. John spoke to issues before the Conservation Commission and whether to fine them for the violations committed. John questioned why the Select Board gave them a permit. Roxanne said that the conservation issues are outside of what the Select Board can make a decision on. She continued that Conservation's ruling cannot come into play on the Select Board granting a special permit but that it is well within the right of

Conservation Commission to impose the fines. Patrick said that their jurisdiction was on the building permit. John was concerned that original approved plans are not always followed. The Board said that they are aware of the issues concerning this permit. John said that he felt that the Chairmen of the Boards and Committees should meet at least monthly with the Select Board to keep communication lines open. John said that definitive steps to take; ie. bullet points, have been discussed for years. Kate Fletcher said that she agreed with John and that some simple things could be done, such as how the Select Board has posted meeting packets and the Planning Board has also started posting meeting packets to the website agendas. She felt that if Conservation would also do this, the boards could compare what is presented to each other. She also felt that training; such as on LPOD, would be beneficial. There was discussion on an automated email delivery method for delivering meeting minutes and meeting packets. John also suggested that the Conservation Commission secretary should have posted hours.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Roxanne adjourned the meeting.