

Stockbridge Board of Selectmen - Draft

April 2, 7:00 PM

Zoom Meeting ID: 412 579 498

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Present: Lee Ann Isaacson, Jim Shands, Mark Pelletier, Lori Scott, Laurie Novatny, Fred & Jenn Wall

The meeting came to order at 7:05 PM remotely via Zoom Meeting.

Other Business

Laurie Novatny and Fred and Jenn Wall attended to request the board's support to sign the Municipal Impact Questionnaire in their Act 250 permit application. Fred presented the line of site approach map to the parking area. Fred indicated that the plan fits into the requirements of the line of sight distances. The Agency of Natural Resources, Flood Plain Manager, and Fish and Wildlife have said that the plan is ok. Fish and Wildlife may want to look a little closer at the vegetation. VTrans would like to look further at the approaches. Speed limits are 30mph on the curve, but if VTrans would lower to 25 would be better. Fred is also speaking with Mike Ketchum to see if there may be a better approach to the property. Jim said that the board wants to be very supportive in this effort. Vermont River Tubing has been a great partner with the town. The board discussed the importance of posted signs and rules. Lee Ann brought up the fact that appropriate signage and handouts of rules will cover the business owner. Mark was not convinced that it would make that much of a difference. Many of the people who frequent the tubing business do not live here and do not understand the parking and overflow rules. Egress to the property is important as last year volume was an issue. The board is agreeable to help Vermont River Tubing with VTrans assistance in having the appropriate signage. They also asked that Vermont River Tubing to keep track of the number of cars parking. Laurie, Fred and Jenn confirmed that the barn is only used for storage and that has not changed. Fred also confirmed that they have no intention of opening until all the COVID-19 restrictions are removed. Jenn also recommended that instead of a vehicle turning sign, a people crossing sign might be better. Lee Ann updated the group on the complaint that triggered the Act 250 review and the request for this permit. The Tubing business has been in this location for many years and the one thing that changed this year was volume. Jim moved to approve the request and the Selectboard agreed to support the permit application for Vermont River Tubing and will sign.

There were two sets of minutes that need to be approved. Lee Ann read the 3/19 minutes, the minutes of the previous meeting were read by Lori, Lee Ann moved to approve. Mark motioned to approve Jim seconded and minutes were approved. Lori Read the 3/15 special meeting minutes. Lee Ann moved to approved. Jim seconded and the minutes were approved.

COVID-19 Update.

The board discussed the 2nd homeowners coming to town to shelter in Vermont for the duration of the pandemic restrictions. State police and Vermont Transit are currently monitoring traffic coming into Vermont. There is some anxiousness regarding visitors not abiding by the 14-day quarantine orders. The board also discussed the call that came into the town office to report someone coming into town from another state. The person reporting would not give his name. The Selectboard confirmed that they do not act on any complaints without the person reporting providing their name.

The board also discussed the financial impacts of the COVID-19 and Stockbridge's 2020 revenue stream from Property taxes. The board also discussed the issue of penalty and interest charges that could be a hardship on the town's people. The board will continue to monitor property tax options and plan to do what is in the best interest of the property owners.

The Board approved the Tax Anticipation Note and terms. They have all signed and Lori will submit to the bank tomorrow 4/3/2020

Orders were sent electronically to the board members and will be signed and scanned back to the town office.

Lee Ann moved to adjourn, Mark seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Lori Scott, Town Clerk
