

Stockbridge Board of Selectmen - Draft

April 16, 7:00 PM

Zoom Meeting Info

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Meeting ID: 897 1809 0128

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Present: Lee Ann Isaacson, Jim Shands, Mark Pelletier, and Lori Scott.

The meeting came to order at 7:10 PM remotely via Zoom Meeting.

Mark read the minutes, Jim moved to approve amended minutes and Lee Ann seconded and the minutes were approved.

Road Report

The road crew is following the Governors orders and working only on emergency repairs and maintenance for soft and rutted roads. They also had to remove a fallen tree, but the crew took separate vehicles and followed the social distancing requirements. Dave is continuing to review the roads and will maintain as needed until new amendments to the Governors orders are received. Mark will talk with Dave tomorrow as well.

Other Business

ABLE Waste Contract - Art Lynds was not able to join the meeting and will be rescheduled.

Hollister Fletcher Fund - The board received a letter from the Trustees of Public funds advising of gift from a former town resident, Hollister Fletcher. The Trustees are in the process of working with the current trustee to move the funds. The Trustees will update the board with the fund information. The board discussed how wonderful this is and would like to get more information about Mr. Fletcher. It was suggested to have the historical society investigate this. The board would like to do a more formal recognition of this gift. **Action Item:** Lori to reach out to the president of the HS.

Trustee of Public Funds 2020 Appropriation distribution. The board reviewed the list from the Trustees. There were 19 recipients for 2020 and all are included on a separate Selectboard Orders Warrant. The board was very appreciative of this great work by the trustees.

Reappraisal Process and Covid-19 impacts on Property Tax Process. The Listers, Tax Collector, and Treasurer met to review the reappraisal update and tax timeline impacts of the Governor's orders. Currently we are still on time for the reappraisal work. The remaining work can be done remotely. The board approved purchasing a laptop for the listers so that they can complete their remaining work from home. NEMRC will be sending property change of appraisal booklets to all taxpayers in May with instructions on the process. Prehearings will be held remotely with NEMRC during June and final grievance hearings will be held after that.

The state has moved the deadline for Homestead Declarations to 7/15/2020. The recommendation is to get the tax bills out at the normal time, understanding that there may be a need to rebill any adjustments. Jim moved to waive interest

and penalties for the first payment of property taxes due 8/15 and Lee Ann seconded. This motion will be presented to the Board of Adjustment for approval. A mailing from the Selectboard will go out to all taxpayers with updates. **Action Item:** Lori to draft a communication.

COVID-19 Update.

Stockbridge continues to follow all the State and Federal guidelines in managing the COVID-19 response. Townspeople should continue to follow the Governor's orders and use the [Healthvermont.gov](https://www.healthvermont.gov), and [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) for all up to date information on COVID-19. Call 211 for any COVID-19 questions. This line is staffed by the state. Please see the town website for additional information or call the town office.

Jim motioned that the board go into executive session and Mark seconded. The board entered executive session at 8:10pm.

The board returned from executive session at 8:25

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 8:25pm.

Lori Scott, Town Clerk
