

## Stockbridge Board of Selectmen - Draft

May 7, 2020 7:00 PM

### Zoom Meeting Info

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**Meeting ID:** 813 0368 8176

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**Present:** Lee Ann Isaacson, Jim Shands, Mark Pelletier, Dave Brown, Mette Rea, Ken Carter, Chuck Lyman, and Lori Scott.

The meeting came to order at 7:04 PM remotely via Zoom Meeting.

### Road Report

The road crew is working on improving ditches on Music Mtn. Dave is continuing to work on getting a grant for Blackmer Blvd to correct where the blacktop continues to sink. Richard Veilleux will be working with the road crew to cut trees to in the areas where they will continue ditching work – Stony Brook, Whitcomb Hill, and Lyon Hill. Dave worked with Jack Merritt to mark the trees to be cut on Lyon Hill. Power poles have already been moved on Lyon Hill. Dave would like to have all three of these roads done by the end of June. Dave will be starting planning on the River Road riprap work at the Lilliesville bridge. Dave wants a meeting with Michel Lapointe, Chris Bump, Scott Jensen ANR, and Jack Holding. We have submitted the paperwork for the grant for this work and need to follow up. Mark would like to wait until we have a verbal approve before beginning planning. We are scheduled for the first road mowing the last week in May as requested at the town meeting. Dave is also working on a fire dept grant to fix the municipal fire hydrant on the common. Working on getting a right of access permit from the property owner for the repair. Dave has reports that the class 4 section of Fletcher Brook Rd on South Hill is so bad people are having a hard time getting through. A driveway at one of the camps is making the road worse. Dave is thinking he may be able to get a grant in aid to upgrade the culverts. Mark and Jim requested that Dave work with the property owner with the driveway to get that corrected. **Action Item:** Find out if there is a permit for the driveway. Culvert work and more ditching to begin over the next two weeks. There is an upcoming class 2 road grant meeting. Mark and Jim will try to attend

### Public Communications

Central Vermont Quad Runners – Ken and Chuck requested permission for the club to use the trails as they do each year. Mark reminded them that we need the insurance certificate. They intend to work on the trails this weekend and open next weekend. The board was in full support of the request and approved.

Rochester/Hancock/Granville/Stockbridge COVID Group representation. The board is confident that they have addressed all potential concerns for the town with the following statement. 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, and 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. They feel that this is the best information for the townspeople. They want to stay with this simple consistent communication overall. Mark agreed to update the committee.

## Other Business

Stony Brook Burning Complaint –It was reported to Jim that homeowners were burning trash or packaging material and the fire department was called and they had to put the fire out. At that time it was suggested that the homeowners were operating a home business. **Action Item:** Jim to follow up and determine if there is an official complaint.

Stockbridge Historical Society – Document Donation. The town received an email from a man who has 2 full file cabinets of old Stockbridge documents. He would like to give them back to the town. These records were originally disposed of as they did not meet the criteria for records retention. Although they are not significant for the town, they are significant for the Historical Society. The board suggested that the Historical Society reach out to the Meeting House Society to see if they can store the records in the storage shed until the HS can go through them. **Action Item:** The board asked Mette to reach out to Joanne Mills, and once she has agreement Lori will contact the person with the files.

Board reviewed April Financials and Cash Flow

Flood Loan from the 4/15/2020 event Maturity date 5/9/2020. Lori reported that since FEMA has not yet reimbursed the town, the bank has agreed to extend the terms of this note until 5/9/2021. Once FEMA reimburses the town the note will be paid off. The board agreed that this is a good plan, and all approved the extension.

## Correspondence

**248a 60-Day Advance Notice: AT&T Stockbridge** – AT&T has sent a notice that they are planning a cell tower on federal lands that abut several Stockbridge residents' property. Each of those residents have received a packet as well. The location is close to the Pittsfield line toward Mayo Meadow. They have aligned this plan with the Stockbridge Town Plan. The Planning commission also has a copy of the notice. They are requesting the boards support. **Action Item:** Lee Ann will research the zoning bylaws and Jim will reach out to the Lou Chap on the planning commission.

**FEMA Planning Risk Map Discovery meeting.** Someone from the Selectboard needs to attend this meeting on Tuesday 5/26/2020 at 11:00am. We need to review at the Selectboard prior to this meeting. **Action Item:** Lori to add to the agenda.

## Prior Business:

**COVID-19 Update** – Jim Shands is the Town's Safety Officer and will coordinate the town's COVID plan and will ensure that all mandatory training is completed. The town continues to follow the Governor's orders opening road work and construction and allowing some land record searches by appointment only. 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.

**Hollister Fletcher Fund Update** – Trustees of Public Funds have completed all the paperwork to progress on moving the funds to the Town of Stockbridge. Once deposited into the town account, the Trustees will work with their investment advisor to move the funds to the investment accounts. We do not have a timeline yet.

**Reappraisal Update/Property Tax Process Update** – The listers confirmed that they are current with the state homestead declaration uploads. They are working directly with the PVR District Manager 5/7 to process the Current Use properties. That work needs to be completed prior to the property owners receiving their Property Valuation change notices. The full grievance process will be included in that mailing. The Listers indicated that they are still on track to meet the timeline.

**Town Office Land Record Process** – In order to comply with the Governor’s orders, the town office is allowing land record searches by appointment only. One searcher and the town clerk can be in the office at the same time. Both must wear masks while in the office. Searchers will work in the conference room and the clerk will retrieve and copy all required documents. Any index files that are used by the searcher will be quarantined for 72 hours and then returned to the vault. When the searcher leaves the conference room will be disinfected. All other town business is being transacted via the phone, email, the drop box by the front door or online.

**Town Officials Appointment Update –**

<b>Town Officer Appointment Vacancies</b>	<b>Year</b>	
Fence Viewer	2021	Roy Benson Declined
Planning Commission	2021	David Walls Declined
Planning Commission	2020	Vacant
Regional Planning Alternate Rep	2019	Vacant
Ambulance Representative	2021	Vacant - Matt Johnson volunteered but ineligible
Stagecoach Representative	2021	Donna Bryan Declined

Minutes of the 4/16 meeting were read by Jim. Lee Ann moved to approve, and Mark seconded. The minutes were approved.

**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 8:51pm.

Lori Scott, Town Clerk

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