

Stockbridge Board of Selectmen -Draft

August 20, 2020 7:00 PM

Zoom Meeting Info

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Present: Lee Ann Isaacson, Jim Shands, Mark Pelletier, Regina Toolin, Joe Havelka, Julie Maxfield, Bev Adams, Lou Chap, Kevin Travis, Katelynne McKinstry, and Lori Scott.

The meeting came to order at 7:00pm. Mark read the minutes from the last meeting. Jim motioned to approve, Lee Ann seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Community Center Proposal – Katelynne McKinstry

Katelynne presented a proposal for a Community Center building for Stockbridge. She has researched potential funding from grants from the USDA that are available for this type of project. She also provided some details on potential building plans and usage ideas. Katelynne showed the VT Interactive Map parcel viewer to show land that might be potential locations. Katelynne is also proposing setting up an endowment to take care of maintenance costs for the future. Jim asked Katelynne what she thought would be next steps. She said the first step would get approval to use the land. Jim said that there would need to be a plan created. Lee Ann asked if this is something that would need to be put to the town to assess interest since this is over and about normal budgeted items. Mark suggested that Katelynne investigate potential planning grants. Jim cautioned that the money might be better spent enhancing the school. The board was very appreciative of Katelynne's efforts in the initial investigation.

Public Communication – Noise Complaint Update

Regina asked for an update from last meeting. To address the current issue, Mark was able to catch up with Ray Harvey and they agreed not to start work until 7am on any workday. Regina also asked for an update the status and process for making a change to a town ordinance. Jim and Lee Ann had researched other town's ordinances to get the specific language used there to figure out how that language would fit in Stockbridge to create proposed language. Mark asked Regina what she believe is realistic in the ordinance. Regina is all for the ordinance change, but she feels that the issue is still more of a nuisance issue. The board reminded the group that they cannot write an ordinance for a small group, Stockbridge is a much larger community. To summarize, Jim said the board would continue to work on the ordinance update. If there needs to be a review and revision of the bylaws, then that will be a longer process. He encouraged the attendees to consider applying to be on the Planning Commission to work on the next review of the bylaws. Regina asked what the process is to apply to join the Planning Commission and Lou Chap said to come to the next meeting. He said that she could start by speaking with him directly. The Planning Commission will recommend members and then the Selectboard will approve. Lou confirmed that there are two vacancies

Road Commissioner Report

Dave confirmed that the town would not be doing the second mow on the roads this year. He asked if the remaining budget could be used to trim overhang from trees on Whitcomb and Abbott Road. **Action Item:** The board asked him to get pricing and bring back to the next meeting.

Grant on Mount Hunger has not yet been approved. The state is running low on funding this year.

River Road – Meeting with contractors on the road on Tuesday 8/18. 5 were in attendance. The bids are due 8/28 at 11am for opening at the town office.

Worked on Laury road to put in ditching to help prevent topsoil run off.

Added culvert to Lyon Hill Road and cleaned out the culvert on New Boston Road

Lyon Hill, Whitcomb, and Stony Brook projects have utilized the current year budget for construction and purchased labor. Dave is asking to use money from the construction fund. The board approved.

Blackmer Blvd needs to have more pavement placed before winter. It doesn't look like state grant money will be available for this work so Dave would like to work with Two Rivers to get a Better Roads grant for next year to complete the ditching work there. He also needs to close the road for 6-7 hours. The board is in favor of closing the road for that time.

New loader is ready to be shipped. He will need to have payment ready for either the next board meeting on 9/3 or the following one.

Lee Ann asked about signage for the Gaysville Bridge area. Dave also said there was a complaint on parking at Children's camp as well. **Action Item:** Dave to get no parking signs from Work Safe. Jim will get the campground signage.

The board asked Dave what his plan is for 2020-2021 and he is going to continue to plow.

Planning Commission

Lou introduced Kevin Travis and is recommending him as a new planning board member. Kevin is a management consultant and has been a partner in a large firm. **Action Item:** Lou will need to send a letter of recommendation to the Selectboard. Jim moved that the board approve the appointment when the recommendation arrived. Lee Ann seconded.

The board reviewed the July financials and cash flow. All expenses are tracking to budget. The town has collected 54,000 in estimated tax payments on account.

Digitizing Land records. Lori is working on a plan for Electronic storage of land records. The town records are currently on micro fiche and this conversion would allow better access for researchers and realtors.

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

Mark motioned to move to Executive Session to discuss personnel items and Jim seconded. Moved to Executive session at 8:41. The board moved to Executive Session

The board returned from Executive session at 9:00pm

Jim moved to adjourn, Mark seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

Lori Scott, Town Clerk
