

Stockbridge Board of Selectmen -Draft

November 5, 2020 7:00 PM

Zoom Meeting Info

+1 929 205 6099 Meeting ID: 853 2987 1207 **Passcode:** 865995

Present: Lee Ann Isaacson, Jim Shands, Mark Pelletier, Lori Scott, Jesse Bessett

The meeting came to order at 7:00pm.

Minutes 10/15/2020: Jim read the minutes from the last meeting. Lee Ann motioned to approve as written. Mark seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Additions and Deletions: Jim asked to add a discussion on the Justice's of the Peace election. Jim also had a question on one of the Selectboard Orders. ECS Excavation with a description of SH Ditching. Lori reported that SH stood for South Hill and Mark reported that the work was out on South Hill past the cemetery and the board had approved the work.

Public Communications:

Jesse Bessett attended to ask the town if there were any Federal or State grants or funding available for Wi-Fi and internet for properties outside the rural center of town. His property is off grid on South Hill. He has received \$26,000 – \$30,000 estimates for poles and running the cable from ECFiber to connect his property. Mark recalled that ECFiber had just received a grant and Jim added that they are most likely using that funding to connect properties that already have poles in place. Jesse had heard that Consolidated Communications is working on increasing service, but he has not been successful in connecting with any one at the company. Jim and Mark suggest that the Town reach out to ECFiber. Lee Ann asked if there is an advocate with ECFiber. Lori reported that Josh Trudeau is Stockbridge's rep to ECFiber. The board also suggested that Two Rivers would be a good resource for any grants or funding available. **Action Item:** Board to determine what leverage the town has with the providers.

Jesse also wanted to bring to the boards attention the South Hill is having similar issues with the ATV's that Stony Brook Residents were having. VAST and VASA members are on the road. Jesse reports that VASA members are not always respectful, they speed over the 25mph that is posted. Jim suggested that this ties in with the need to reinstate the sheriff patrols. He would like this added into the budget line for town meeting. **Action Item:** Notify the VASA representatives for some additional signage for next season and work on the budgeted line item for the sheriff patrols.

Prior Business:

White River Ambulance – Stockbridge Board Member Jim attended the last meeting. In the budget, they are looking for another \$1/capita from Stockbridge. **Action Item:** Meetings are the 4th Monday of the month at 6pm for 1 hour. Lori to reach out to Beth Dawley to see that that will work for her schedule. Jim is willing to step in if Beth is not able to.

Wood chipping and processing business on RTE 107. Lee Ann is working on identifying the owner from the tax maps. **Action Item:** Lee Ann to reach out to the owner initially.

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

JP Election: Two top write in candidates will be notified to see if they want to serve. **Action Item:** Lori to reach out to the candidates in order of voting.

Jim moved to adjourn, Mark seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Lori Scott, Town Clerk

