

April 19, 2017 8:00AM

Select Board Meeting

Present: Ernest Cardillo, Steve Shatz, Don Chabon, Danielle Fillio

Chuck welcomed everyone.

First on the agenda was Darrell Fennelly with discussion of General Order. What Town Counsel says is that the way the general order is written, it lets the immigrant population know that the Stockbridge Police are not here to enforce Federal laws and the Town will not to lose Federal funding. We will follow the law as the law states although it is an ever changing situation.

Don asked if this proposal had been presented to the citizen's group and Darrell said that he wanted to present it to the Selectmen first and would like to give them a copy today. The substance of this general order and what the group had drafted is all there.

Steve asked to have some agreement amongst the Board before the Town Meeting. On the order he suggested that between now and then they come to a resolution of where they stand. It is conceivable that at the Town Meeting the Board can take the position to preserve the strong chief powers and accept the General Order and therefore not need to take it to vote.

Darrell explained that they are preparing for Mercy Weekend and the new officer, Michael Bourisk has officially started and Reserve Officer Slater begins the Academy on June 19th. Everything is going well.

Next the agenda was Barbara Zanetti along with Margaret Kerswill from the Chamber of Commerce representing the Tourism Committee, discussing Municipal Directional Signs. The Select Board is the deciding board for such signs. They are looking at adding an Elm Street sign and adding merchant signs to this. They would use tourism funds to erect the signs. They are presenting the design. Steve asked about the process; the Board needs to approve; are there protocols? Michael's Restaurant is the only business owner who currently has agreements to be on the sign. Others may pay to be on municipal signs if granted by the Board on a first come first serve basis. Other communities have similar signs. Steve asked them to find out how these communities manage/ procedures/ maintain. The Board agreed that this is a good idea.

Jeffrey Cook next talked on the continuation of the BSO Curb Cut. He thanked the Board for coming to the site visit. The only other issue is the street openings for utilities. Steve stated that the BOS did have a site visit and had an opportunity to visit the jurisdictional area and the proposal is with in keeping with the Bylaws.

Steve made a motion to approve the application as filed for an expansion of the entrance from Hawthorne Road at a site 35 feet NW of Hawthorne Street Intersection. Don seconded.

Kate Fletcher commented that Tanglewood came before the Planning Board with the storm water request. They are within the Town's jurisdiction, five feet, is all they are in charge of. Her concern is with

the character of the street, i.e. Vegetation removal. Jeff Cook said no. She encouraged the BOS to continue to strengthen communications of all organizations.

With no further discussion, the Board made a unanimous vote.

Steve motioned to approve an opening of the highway on Hawthorne Road to permit drainage facilities from one side of the Tanglewood campus to the other. Don seconded and stated that this is a cut in the road to allow the site to be drained, better managed. The vote was unanimous.

Jeff Cook stated that they had one other request; that the construction could be done after the season instead of by the 30 day requirement. Steve motioned to waive the 30 day requirement and to permit the construction (of these two matters permitted only) to commence on October 1st.

The entire project construction time frame is from September 2017 to May of 2019. Don seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Next was Dennis Regan with the continuation of the Housatonic Valley Association Open House Event on May 12th, 4:30pm to 6:30 pm, at the Merwin House. They are parking at the Congregational Church. All neighbors have agreed to the event. Don motioned to approve this permit. Steve seconded. Steve asked if he spoke with the neighbors across the street and Dennis said that they will and he will get their permission.

Don motioned to approve the event license. Steve seconded. The vote was unanimous.

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Next on the agenda is discussion of CPA Funding and keeping them on the Warrant. Town counsel raised some issues with two CPC projects on the Warrant; the Library funding and Laurel Hill/Stockbridge Land trust concerning conservation restriction. With respect to the Library, an amended application for funding was submitted and the CPC would need to vote to accept the amended application.

Kate Fletcher spoke to moving the funding of the Dog and Cat fountain to the Town, if there is to be another CPC meeting, let her be informed.

Tom LaBelle asked if anything could be added to the Warrant if already closed. The Warrant could be re-opened, added to, and re-closed, but not at a Town Meeting.

Last on the agenda was discussion of employees with ethics exemptions. Steve discussed a request from Chris Marsden to vote and exemption under Chapter 268A, section 220, so that he can continue to act as Facilities Manager and Emergency Management Manager as well. Exemptions are also necessary for Jim Prince, Joe Gardino, and Don Holmes.

Steve motioned to accept the exemptions for Chris Marsden and Donald Holmes. Chuck seconded and the vote was unanimous.

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With no further business the meeting was adjourned.