

**TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE, MA.
JOINT SELECT BOARD FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017 AT 7 PM**

1. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7 PM.

2. SELECT BOARD ATTENDEES: DON CHABON, CHUCK CARDILLO AND TERRY FLYNN

**FINANCE COMMITTEE ATTENDEES: JAY BIKOFSKY, JIM BALFANZ, MARY BOYCE,
NEIL HOLDEN, DIANE REUSS, JIM MCMENAMY AND STEVE SHATZ**

OTHER ATTENDEES: DIANE FILLIO

**3. THE MINUTES OF THE JOINT SELECT BOARD-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
FROM SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 WERE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE SELECT
BOARD AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

4. TRI-TOWN HEALTH DISCUSSION OF A PROPOSED FUND TRANSFER:

**JIM WILUSZ, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF TRI-TOWN HEALTH, CALLED TO
THE JOINT COMMITTEE'S ATTENTION THE FACT THAT, AS A RESULT OF AN
INSPECTOR ON MEDICAL LEAVE, HIS ORGANIZATION WAS EXPERIENCING A
6 MONTH BACKLOG (600) IN FOOD, HOUSING AND OTHER SPECIAL INSPECTIONS
FOR LEE, LENOX AND STOCKBRIDGE. HE INDICATED THAT IT WAS
NECESSARY TO HIRE ADDITIONAL STAFF TO RELIEVE THIS BACKLOG, WITH
A MID-TERM ADDITIONAL BUDGET REQUEST TO STOCKBRIDGE FOR \$4,795.
LENOX AND LEE AT SEPARATE MEETINGS WOULD ALSO BE ASKED FOR
ADDITIONAL MID-TERM FUNDING.**

**THE SELECT BOARD AND FINANCE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO
APPROVE THE AFOREMENTIONED AMOUNT FROM A RESERVE FUND TRANSFER
IN ORDER TO FUND A NEW INSPECTOR TO RELIEVE THIS BACKLOG . THEY ADDED
THAT FUTURE CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO REVISING THE INTER-MUNICIPAL
AGREEMENT ALONG WITH DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF POSSIBLY CHANGING THE
ALLOCATION FORMULA. THIS WOULD INCLUDE PARTICIPATION WITH
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THREE TOWNS, LENOX, LEE AND STOCKBRIDGE.
DEVELOPMENT OF A BACK-UP PLAN TO AVOID FUTURE SUCH CRISES WAS ALSO
STRONGLY SUGGESTED.**

**5. SBECT- SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE ELDERLY TRANSPORTATION CORP.
DISCUSSION:**

DANIELLE PRESENTED TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE A FUTURE BUDGET PROPOSAL THAT WOULD ALLOW THE SBECT TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO 762 ELIGIBLE STOCKBRIDGE SENIORS ON A DEDICATED ONE DAY PER WEEK BASIS AT AN ESTIMATED \$8,000 ANNUALLY. THIS PROPOSAL COULD BE SUPPORTED IN PART BY A \$10. PER RIDE CHARGE PAID BY PARTICIPATING SENIORS AS WELL AS A POSSIBLE REDUCTION IN THE NEED FOR STOCKBRIDGE MAINTAINING A TRANSPORT VAN.

THE SELECT BOARD AND FINANCE COMMITTEE CONCLUDED THAT DANIELLE WOULD EXPLORE THE MATTER FURTHER AND PRESENT A PLAN AS PART OF THE UP-COMING BUDGET PROCESS.

6. TOWN GARAGE - TALBOT CENTER REPLACEMENT PROJECT STATUS:

MIKE KULIG OF BERKSHIRE ENGINEERING PRESENTED A NUMBER OF CONCEPTUAL OPTIONS FOR THE REPLACEMENT GARAGE AND TALBOT CENTER.

INCLUDED WERE 4 AND 5 BAY OPTIONS THAT CONTEMPLATED MOVING THE TALBOT CENTER TO A STAND ALONE FACILITY. THESE OPTIONS WERE ESTIMATED AT FROM \$1.2 MILLION, PLUS \$300,000 FOR DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING STRUCTURE AND \$240,000 TO RELOCATE THE TALBOT CENTER AS WELL AS A \$ 200,000 ESTIMATED CONTINGENCY FOR THE 4 BAY TO \$1.8 MILLION FOR THE 5 BAY WITH SIMILAR ADDITIONAL EXPENSES. THE JOINT COMMITTEE ASKED FOR DEFINITIVE FINAL PROPOSALS AND COST ESTIMATES.

THE SELECT BOARD, FIRST, VOTED UNANIMOUSLY ON THE 5 BAY OPTION WITH THE TALBOT CENTER REMAINING AS IS.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE THEN UNANIMOUSLY VOTED THAT TWO OPTIONS BE PRESENTED; ONE FOR THE 5 BAY AND INDEPENDENTLY ALTERNATIVES FOR THE TALBOT CENTER.

BASED UPON RECEIPT OF DEFINITIVE PROPOSALS AND FINANCING ALTERNATIVES, THIS MATTER WILL BE PRESENTED AT A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, JANUARY 22, 2018.

7. A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 22, 2018

8. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:20PM.

