

February 15, 2017 Wednesday Board of Selectmen Meeting

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

Chuckie opened the meeting.

First on the agenda was Highway Department Updates with Len Tisdale. Nick Anderson gave an update on the highway garage. The pumping of the tanks is all set. Nick gave the Board a drawing showing how much the building could increase in size based on the Flood Plain conditions. Once soil testing is complete the possibility of relocation/ reconfiguration can be discussed.

There needs to have a geotechnical study of soil conditions around and through the existing foundation. Environmental work could begin in as soon as two to three weeks and is estimated to cost between \$20,000 and \$25,000.

Moving forward they will be testing for lead paint and asbestos in the mechanical room.

Danielle will double check with Town Counsel regarding the procurement and special permit requirements to move forward with the demolition and temporary trailer for office space.

Steve made a motion to approve the changes to the Complete Streets Policy that was adopted in March of 2016. Don Seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Bonnie Watson Kniskern, Trustee of the Condo Association at 8 Church Street, came in requesting a curb cut at the property be moved to be accessed through the Town Cemetery Road.

Steve let her know that the Board cannot grant approval without an easement approved by a Town Meeting vote. He also noted that even if that was done it still would not be granted due to the inability of fire trucks and ambulances to make the turn into the driveway.

Steve let Ms. Kniskern know that her existing curb cut might not be allowed based on the current by-laws. However, Steve let her know that the Board might be able to waive specific requirements and grant permission for her existing curb cut.

Ms. Kniskern agreed to re-apply and will contact Danielle with a new application.

Darrell Fennelly, Police Chief, introduced Michael Bourisk to the Board for consideration to fill one of the full-time positions currently open. After interviewing Mr. Bourisk, Steve made a motion to offer him a conditional offer for employment based on his successful completion of his medical and psychological exams as well as background check. Don seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Darrell gave a few brief departmental updates; officers have been attending yearly in-service training which is held here in Stockbridge. Darrell is also working on the Town Report to hopefully be submitted this week.

Joe Gardino of the Fire Department came before the Board with Chief Fennelly to discuss the issue of 911 signs and house numbering.

Joe explained that a lot of houses in Stockbridge are not numbered even though it is a law under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 148 §49. Some houses that are numbered are done so incorrectly.

Joe and Darrell are trying to figure out how to make residents comply with this. It is a matter of speeding up response time in emergency situations. It was noted that some Towns have specific by-laws for house numbering.

It was also noted that other Towns have applications that the homeowners can fill out and the Town will have the sign ordered at the homeowner's expense which is about \$20 from Larkin Sign Company.

Terry Flynn asked if the Fire Department was up to date with computers so that they could use GPS in vehicles.

Chuckie said they are and will work better with the cell tower installed, however Google Maps is off by about 700 feet of which can be a big difference with a lot of unnumbered houses, especially since Stockbridge has many A & B lots.

The Board agreed that this needs to be addressed and it was decided that Joe and Darrell would work together to come up with possible solutions.

The Board discussed hiring requirements for Council on Aging drivers and would like to make it a requirement that they have their own car insurance policy.

Steve made a motion to hire Clint Schneyer as the new Council on Aging driver based on completion of application and a successful CORI check. Don seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Based on the Planning Board recommendation to not move forward with the proposed changes to the Cottage Era Bylaw to the Annual Town Meeting, Steve made a motion for the Board of Selectmen to withdraw their changes from the Town Meeting Warrant. Don seconded. The vote was unanimous.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the FY18 budget for the Selectmen and Town Administrator. Specific items discussed were the increase in postage and advertising based on the costs of Special Permits. After much discussion regarding costs of Special Permits, Steve made a motion to keep the filing fee of \$200 and to bill the clients the cost of advertising and mailing notices for the hearing. Chuck seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

It was decided that the Board would review the budget and possibly approve at next week's meeting.

With no further business Steve made a motion to adjourn. Don seconded. The vote was unanimous.