

August 21, 2017 7:00PM

Selectmen's Meeting

Present: Don Chabon, Chuck Cardillo, Danielle Fillio

Don called the Select Board meeting to order.

Don went over the schedule followed by announcements as follows:

The next meeting will be on Monday, September 11th at 7:00PM, followed by Wednesday, September 20th at 9:00AM and Monday, September 25th at 7:00PM.

The website update is that Danielle is still waiting for a signed contract and hope to see it up in in a couple of months.

Chuck said that the Ambulance Committee is still in process of gathering information and options. They will hopefully have more for the September 11th meeting.

Don announced that there is a South County Shared Services meeting on September 7th in Sheffield. Danielle and Don will attend.

Some Planning Board members were in a few weeks ago discussing their new Zoning Ad hoc committee but they have not had their first meeting yet.

Our Police Chief attended the August 16th meeting and is planning to investigate the possibility of a traffic circle at the Route 7 and Route 102 intersection in Town due to the congestion and dangerous aspects of the intersection.

The Select Board, Assessors, and Finance Board is looking into their relationship with the non-profits in Town and are looking forward to having a discussion with them concerning mutual interests in the near future.

The Highway Department is moving forward on the garage demolition. Chuck added that asbestos in the ceiling is to be removed.

Don added that there will also be discussion on the status of the Talbot Center.

Along with the Finance Committee it was decided that prioritization will be the method in bridge repair. Currently priority is with the Route 183 culvert repair.

In the near future the Board will be meeting with the Stockbridge Bowl Association and GZA to move ahead with Contract #4; possibly on Wednesday August 30th at 9:00AM.

Ginger Schwartz, 22 Main Street asked for more specifics on the procedure for the highway garage and the Talbot Center.

Don said that they are looking at removing the existing structures because of safety issues. They will be putting up a Pre-Fab permanent building. They will work with Len on discussion of the Talbot Center. Len is looking at the current space to possibly also house the harvesters in order to fix and make repairs. It is agreed that they Talbot Center needs to exist but possibly in a different spot due to public safety.

Chuck added that the goal is to separate the Highway from the Transfer/Compacter Station if possible. He foresees the Talbot Center being alongside of the Compactor. Discussion will be open to the public meetings for input.

Pat Flinn, 27 Park Street, announced Laurel Hill Day on Saturday, August 26th at 2:00PM. She welcomed everyone to come and have a good afternoon.

Chuck announced that on Sunday, August 27th there will be Emergency Response Day at the Central Fire Station at 1 East Street. The Fire Department, The Police Department and Medical personnel will be there. Along with displaying equipment there will be hamburgers and hotdogs served.

Don announced that the Stockbridge Democratic Committee will meet on Saturday, September 9th at 10:00AM in the Town Offices.

Next on the agenda Joe Nejaime asked for an extension of hours for a one-day alcohol license for a wedding on September 23rd to be held at the Norman Rockwell Museum. The music and drinking would move inside after 11:00PM and he requested to be allowed to serve alcohol until 11:30 - 11:45PM. Danielle said that normally the alcohol permit does not extend past the entertainment.

Chuck said that as long as the music was not amplified after 11:00PM he did not have an issue with it. Mr. Nejaime said that the Norman Rockwell

Museum was ok with the extension of hours. Don said as long as the guests were being shuttled as indicated by Mr. Nejaime and the music would end, they would permit him the extension of hours.

Don made a motion to approve the one-day alcohol license as presented until 12:00 midnight. Chuck seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Don read a statement from Town Counsel concerning Special Permits: In Stockbridge, Special Permits require all three Selectmen's approval (a "super majority"). So if one Selectman opposes, the application fails. However all three selectmen must be present to hear evidence presented during the public hearing, and to vote. Unfortunately, as you know, Terry Flynn is out for medical treatment and we hear he will continue to be out for some time. This means a super majority cannot be formed, the substance of the application cannot be heard, and the application cannot be favorably voted on. In light of the forgoing, applicants should consider not filing until there is a third member of the board sitting; in the event that an application is filed, the public hearing will likely be opened and continued, which is the case for these Special Permits on the Agenda for tonight.

Don noted that there are two Special Permits before them from Attorney Lori Robbins.

The first on is a Special Permit for David and Sarah Lebwohl for property located at 24 Mahkeenac Shores requesting authorization ,pursuant to Section 6.1.2. of the Zoning Bylaws to allow the extension, alteration, reconstruction or change of use of a nonconforming single-family dwelling.

Don move that the Board open the hearing for Sarah Lebwohl at 24 Mahkeenac Shores Road and to waive the reading of the notice to be incorporated into the minutes. Chuck seconded. All were in favor.

Don continued that due to the lack of ability to have a "super Majority" vote as previously stated, he moved to continue the hearing to September 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Chuck seconded. All were in favor.

The second Special Permit submitted is a Special Permit for Raynor and Ranne Warner for property located at 19 Birch Lane owned by Hand E Reinholt, LLC, requesting authorization, pursuant to Section 6.1.2. of the Zoning Bylaws to allow the extension, alteration, reconstruction or change of use of a nonconforming single family dwelling.

Don moved that the Board open the hearing for Raynor and Ranne Warner at 19 Birch Lane and to waive the reading of the notice to be incorporated into the minutes Second All in favor.

Don continued that due to the lack of ability to have a "super Majority" vote as previously stated he moved to continue the hearing to September 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Chuck seconded . All were in favor.

Don noted that if Mr. Flynn is unable to attend the September 11th meeting the hearing will again be opened and continued.

Danielle explained that they cannot award the Fire Truck Bid until Terry is back as Chuck is the Fire Chief.

Chuck made a motion to allow Danielle the authority to sign all warrants and approve payment of all bills in the month of September. Don Seconded. All were in favor.

Don said that it may be possible for Terry to remote into meetings once he is able but they are continuing to wait for word from his doctors with clearance.

Pat Flinn asked if it was possible to put up signs announcing Laurel Hill Day and Danielle told her to come in and fill out a temporary sign permit.

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