

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 2, 2018
9:00 AM
TOWN OFFICES, 50 MAIN STREET

Present:

Don Chabon, Chuck Cardillo, Terry Flynn, Danielle Fillio

Call to Order:

Don called the meeting to order.

Announcements:

Don said that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Solar Array was planned for that afternoon at 1:30PM and Indian Heritage Events are planned for Saturday, May 5th.

Don noted that Wednesday morning meetings have been set aside for Special Permits and Town Employee Updates.

On May 9th there will be a morning meeting for the bond vote and executive sessions for contracts.

On May 16th at 7PM there will be the Naumkeag seasonal alcohol license hearing, the Zoning Bylaw Review Committee will be reporting, and discussion on the Traffic Study results and the Guide to Stockbridge Procedures for Permitting.

The Compactor fees and marijuana bylaw will be discussed in the future. Danielle said that the Marijuana bylaw had already been drafted and the Board needs to present it to the Planning Board and Don noted that they will meet to review it first.

The Baby Town meeting is on May 14th, the Annual Town Meeting will be on May 21st, and elections on May 22nd.

Status Reports:

Don stated that they continue to look for volunteers for the Fire Department and the Memorial Day Committee. Danielle said that after meeting with Standard and Poor they came back to reaffirm the Town's AA+ bond rating to go out for another bond. They have been upgraded from adequate to strong in the management ratings. Don said that the Church Street Water Main project is moving along.

In Lieu of Tax Thank You Letter – Riverbrook Residence:

Don recognized and read a letter of thanks to Riverbrook for their payment in lieu of taxes.

Change of Manager for the BSO - Review for Granting Amendment Application:

Attorney Jesse Cook announced that the BSO has applied with the ABCC for a change of manager as Kim Noltmey had left. Kyle Ronayne is the new manager.

Don moved that they approve the Change of Manager Licenses for the Boston Symphony Orchestra from Kim Noltmey to Kyle Ronayne for the following licenses: Highwood Building, Ozawa Hall North East Tent, Hawthorne Tent, Café, Meals to Go, Grille, Bernstein Tent and Tent Club. Chuck seconded. All were in favor.

One-Day Alcohol Permits - Review for Approval:

Don moved that they approve the Berkshire Botanical Gardens one-day alcohols for a Gala on May 26th, a wedding on June 10th, a Rehearsal Dinner on June 22nd and a tri-town mixer on June 13th. Chuck seconded. All were in favor.

Don moved that they approve the The Norman Rockwell Museum one- day alcohol for a Rehearsal Dinner on June 29th, 5:30-8. Chuck seconded. All were in favor.

Old Growth Forrest Request for Ice Glen:

Shelby Marshall, president of the Laurel Hill Association, spoke on a request from the Old Growth Network seeking to recognize Ice Glen as an Old Growth Forrest for Berkshire County. The designation invites eco-tourism. Requirements are that the land owner, the Town, keeps the land open to the public and never logs the forest. He and the Conservation Commission recommend the designation. Terry said that as the deed was specific to its use for the inhabitants of Stockbridge, it may be a risk to enter into this agreement and that his vote was no. Don and Chuck agreed with Terry's view. Don moved that they reject this proposal. Terry seconded. All were in favor.

Department Updates:

Highway Department updates and Special Article requests: Len said that spring clean-up was ongoing and the Main Street lines and sidewalks were going to be painted. Len questioned the bike path and Terry suggested holding off on painting the bike paths while traffic study discussion was on-going. Chuck and Don said that as the bike lane was voted in; it should be maintained, painted. Len said that the special articles are for purchase of a bucket-loader with boom mower and the Church Street re-paving. Tom LaBelle asked that an item be placed on the agenda for the work on Church Street for the neighbors to attend.

Facilities Management updates, drainage and DEP Special Article: Chris Marsden gave updates on the FEMA grant for the drainage project and said that they have been cleared by FEMA and the Tribe Historic Preservation but are waiting on the State Historic Preservation Office. Chris said that they have security cameras placed and on-line in the building. He also said that the warrant article for the former landfill property to put a soil cap over the remaining portion of the wood waste landfill.

Police Department updates and Special Article requests: Chief Fennelly said that Mercy Sunday went well, the Memorial Day parade will be on May 28th, the radar trailers will be deployed by the end of the month and residents may request them, the new reserve officers are in the middle of their training program, they have increased police enforcement around Main Street corridor, and regular foot patrol will be starting. Warrant articles are for ballistic vests and a new sedan cruiser.

Fire Department updates and Special Article requests: Chuck said that the fire station roof project is almost completed. On the Warrant they have a request for funds for the generator replacement and the upgrade to the heating system, lighting, windows and doors. Danielle said that the Green Community grant that has been applied for will reimburse \$60,000 Of what the Warrant article is on, aside from the outside doors.

Economic Development Task Force:

Danielle gave a review of the meeting with the Tourism Committee, the Chamber and Berkshire Regional Planning to come up with an economic development plan and ways to promote tourism. Berkshire Regional Planning was asked to return with an overall economic development plan proposal. Once that comes back they will re-meet with Tourism to discuss how they can work together. Standard and Poor came back stating that they cannot see increasing the Town's rating to AAA as the Town is so dependent on tourism as a whole. Terry felt that there are existing organizations and boards in place to generate ideas and there was not a need to create a task force, a proposal or have involvement of Regional Planning. Danielle said that after meeting with Barbara, Margaret and Doug from the Tourism Committee and looking at the Visioning Report; they were looking for a proposal from Berkshire Regional Planning based on key factors on areas that need improvement that they need other help with.

From there they would see if the Town would agree to form a committee/ task force with Berkshire Regional Planning to gather information, work on and implement some things to help the Town. Barb Zanetti, Chamber of Commerce said that the Tourism Committee did not feel that they needed help with promoting Stockbridge and their opinion is to work with what they have now and to grow from there. Danielle stated that the Tourism Committee asked for \$44,000 this year and have monies left from previous years. Chuck said that he saw no issues with gathering information at this point from all sources. Don said that he would organize and coordinate and put together a presentation for the Board.

Review Warrant:

The Board reviewed the Warrant and decided who would present each article.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Don made a motion to adjourn. Terry seconded; the vote was unanimous.