

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 25, 2018
7:00 PM
TOWN OFFICES, 50 MAIN STREET

Present:

Don Chabon, Chuck Cardillo, Terry Flynn and Danielle Fillio

Call to Order:

Don called the meeting to order.

Announcements:

Don noted upcoming meeting dates of July 7, 2018 at 10AM, the Second Home Owner's Meeting; July 9th at 7:00PM; July 16th at 7:00PM; July 25th at 9:00AM; and August 6th at 7:00PM.

Status Reports:

Danielle said that Compactor stickers will go on sale on July 2nd and should be purchased by July 15th. Any metal will remain as a no charge drop off in Stockbridge and Lenox Valley will take it at no charge. The Traffic Study is proceeding as planned and the hearing on the Marijuana Bylaw is scheduled for July 17th.

Minutes:

Don moved to approve the minutes of May 23rd and June 4th. Chuck seconded. All were in favor.

Agenda:

One-Day Permits:

Don moved that they approve the one-day alcohol license for the Berkshire Botanical Garden on July 6th from 4-8p.m. and July 12th from 5-9p.m. Chuck seconded; all were in favor.

Don moved that they approve the one day alcohol License for Chesterwood on June 29th from 5-11 p.m. Terry seconded; all were in favor.

Voting Machine:

Danielle explained that a Town Meeting vote approved the purchase of a new voting machine. In order to replace it the State requires a formal vote.

Don moved that the town discontinue the use of the Accu-vote optical Scan Tabulator and to replace it with the ICP Tabulator as voted at the annual Town Meeting on May 21, 2018. Terry seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Rest of River:

Steve Shatz spoke representing the Rest of River Committee. The EPA suggested that the 5 towns enter into a non-binding mediation with GE in reference to a landfill in Berkshire County for PBC sediments from the river dredging. Steve asked for the Board's authority to enter into mediation.

Don moved that they authorize Steve to sign the mediation agreement on the Rest of the River Project, as outlined, on behalf of the Town. Terry seconded; all were in favor.

PILOT Program:

Tom Stokes presented an update report on the PILOT Committee. Danielle explained that according to the State Election's Office rules state that there cannot be a local ballot question on the state ballot. Tom said that the committee was fine with this and moving forward they will continue to come up with guidelines, meetings and forums. In the program, non for profits will be asked to make contributions in lieu of taxes. He announced a public forum on July 18th at 6:30PM and hopes to have a report in by November to then collaborate with the Selectmen to have a trial run of the program. By next ATM they hope to bring the program to the voters.

Parks and Recreation:

Next Steve Knopf and Julie Edmonds from Parks and Recreation discussed status and plans of the committee. Chuck mentioned playground equipment; lack of infant swings and mentioned two new swing sets at the highway garage purchased over a year ago. Steve responded that they will be hanging a second swing and the other sets will be going to the Park Street Park and the Interlaken Park where safety was an issue. He understood that the Highway Department would remove the old ones and put up the new but it was suggested to have installers do this. Steve said that they are working on finding installers. Chuck asked about the two docks at the beach and they need to be replaced but will need to come out of future funding. Chuck asked that the committee come up with a five year plan to keep the parks up. Danielle said that they can also ask for a special article to fund the projects. Chuck asked what the plans were with the additional staff that was given for the summer and Steve said that the person would help to maintain the beach and parks. They currently have not filled that position. Chuck asked about the old wooden structure behind the Bidwell Park and they will look into it.

Ambulance Exploratory Task Force:

Jay Bikofsky stated that the task force was created to look into ambulance service and need in response to the recent budget increases for ambulance service from our providers (Lee and Lenox).

Special Permit Applications:

Don moved that they open the continuation of Harold Kobrin & Sonya Morrison for property located at 14 Pine Street. Chuck seconded; all were in favor. Don made the motion to waive the reading of the advertisement and incorporate it into the minutes. Chuck seconded; all were in favor.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Selectmen, acting as a Special Permit Granting Authority, will hold a public hearing at the Stockbridge Town Offices, at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 4, 2018 to consider the application of Harold Kobrin and Sonia Morrison for property located at 14 Pine Street. The applicant is 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. The property is in the B zone.

Harold Kobrin said that they were looking to enclose the existing basement egress and add an additional egress; allowing the option to rent the lower level. With no one speaking against the application Don moved that they close the hearing for deliberation of the Board. Terry seconded; all were in favor. With no further deliberation of the Board, Don moved to approve the application as presented based on the finding that it is not substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood. Terry seconded; all were in favor.

Don moved that they open the public hearing for Matthew Winter & Jane Lehman for property at 86 Interlaken Road. Chuck seconded; all were in favor. Don made the motion to waive the reading of the advertisement and incorporate it into the minutes. Chuck seconded; all were in favor.

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Attorney Lori Robbins said that the applicants were under contract to purchase the property subject to getting their permits. The applicants propose to build a two level dwelling at the sight of the previous home. The plans were presented. The current septic will be replaced but the design is still in the process.

With no one speaking against the application, Don moved that they close the hearing for deliberation of the Board. Chuck seconded: all were in favor. With no further deliberation of the Board, Don made the motion to approve the application as presented based on the finding that it is not substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood. Chuck seconded; all were in favor.

Don moved that they open the public hearing for Town of Stockbridge – Highway Garage for property at 1 West Stockbridge Road. Chuck seconded; all were in favor. Don made the motion to waive the reading of the advertisement and incorporate it into the minutes. Chuck seconded; all were in favor.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Selectmen, acting as a Special Permit Granting Authority, will hold a public hearing at the Stockbridge Town Offices, at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 25, 2018 to consider the application submitted by the Town of Stockbridge for property located at 1 West Stockbridge Road. The applicant is 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 municipal structure. The property is in an R-2 zone.

Nick Anderson, Berkshire Engineering, presented the plans requesting an extension on the existing non-conforming use; to demolish the existing structure and replace it with a new highway garage. This will be going to Conservation for approval. There was discussion concerning the temporary construction vehicle access possibly becoming a permanent access for municipal employees only.

Don moved that they close the hearing for deliberation of the Board. Terry seconded; all were in favor.

With no further deliberation of the Board, Don moved that they approve the continuation of existing non-conforming use as presented based on the findings that it is not substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood. Chuck seconded; all were in favor.

Adjournment:

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