

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 22, 2018
9:00 AM
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 announced that September 4th are the Primary Elections; absentee ballots can be applied for until August 31st. The next Board meetings are: September 5th at 9AM, September 12th at 9AM, September 24th at 6:30PM the Special Town Meeting, October 9th, Tuesday, at 7PM, and October 17th at 9AM.

Status Reports: Ambulance service for the Town is being looked into and there is a meeting that afternoon. The traffic study has been underway and should have a tentative report by the end of August. At the last meeting there were appointments for Nina Ryan for Berkshire Regional Planning Alternate and Jamie Minacci for Berkshire Regional Transit Authority. Kyle Kemp was hired as Police Officer and Robert Navin and James White were hired for Highway. Bids on the Town office spaces are ongoing. All bids are being forwarded to Town Counsel for review. Demolition process for the Town Highway garage is proceeding. Don said that there has been a bit of back and forth on the state of the Town parks and beach. There has been discussion with the Parks and Rec. Commission and are looking at organizational alternatives to better service the Town parks and beach.

Agenda:

Green Communities Grant

Laura Dubester gave an annual report. In 2015 the Town was designated a Green Community by the State which has grants available. The Town Offices had insulation and lighting upgrades first to save on energy costs. This year they are putting funds into the Central Fire Station with garage door replacement, lighting and a new heating system. Laura thanked the Committee and noted that Danielle is the grants manager and this year they are working with Chuck and Ray Ellsworth, the Town Accountant.

Proctor Hall / Stockbridge Old Town Hall - Draft variance application

Norman Rockwell Museum / First Congregational Church

Attorney Vicki Donahue spoke on an upcoming ZBA Variance application that the Norman Rockwell Museum and the First Congregational Church will be filing before the Museum purchases and renovates the Old Town Hall. They were looking for the Board to sign off on the application of variance; to establish and maintain the existing lease lines from 1902 separating the two non-conforming lots, before beginning the permitting process. It was noted that the church owns the entire parcel in discussion and the Town only had a lease from 1902. Don noted that there has been frequent discussion, much of which in executive session, and this is the first step in moving the project forward.

Don moved that they give assent to the variance application prepared by the Norman Rockwell Museum, and to authorize the Chair to indicate its assent on the application. Terry Seconded; all were in favor.

Transfer Station Fees - Red Lion Inn

Sarah Eustice, CEO of Main Street Hospitality Group and part owner of the RLI wanted to open dialogue on waste disposal and stated that they average 25 trips to the transfer station per month at \$60/load; a 600% increase of what they use to pay although lower than the original proposed commercial rate. They proposed that the Board consider a modification by charging \$40/trip or a flat rate of \$1,000/month. Don noted that the issue of waste management is significant to the Town with responsibility to keep it fiscally viable. He asked that the RLI submit

their numbers for review and Terry added that he would like the Board to take serious consideration and see what cost it would entail. Don added that there will be other changes coming up also.

Marijuana Bylaw - Select Board discussion

Don said that the Planning Board has agreed upon a policy. The bylaw will apply to recreational and medical marijuana. The retail facility will be located in the business district and manufacture facilities in the industrial park. In the business district there will be a buffer zone of 25 feet. The maximum size was agreed upon at 1,500 square feet. As now approved, the full bylaw will be on the warrant for the Special Town Meeting. Don moved that they accept the changes to the Bylaw to be put in the Warrant. Terry seconded; all were in favor. If the Town rejects the Bylaw as presented, the Town would need to start over. With the moratorium expiring on December 31st, 2018, without an approved bylaw it would revert to the default State law.

Monument Repairs – Need, planning and funding

Terry stated that the Soldier's (Civil War) Monument should be the first to be addressed/repared. There is significant restoration work necessary and no conflict with the traffic study.

Terry moved that the Select Board pending approval of the Finance Committee, enters into an agreement with Cultural Heritage Conservation, LLC of Chatham, NY, to conduct a survey of and prepare a cost estimate for the restoration of the Soldier's Monument and further moves that the Select Board recommends to the Finance Committee that it approve a Reserve Fund transfer of \$5,350 to cover the cost of the survey and the cost estimate. Don seconded.

Terry is in hopes to have an estimate by the Special Town meeting in September to ask the Town for a transfer from stabilization. They would then follow up for CPC funding to be voted on at the Annual Town Meeting in May. Terry said that the fountains currently have CPC funding for repairs. Terry also suggested that there be a budget item for monument maintenance and repairs. Following discussion Terry read the above motion again. Don Seconded; all were in favor.

One-Day Alcohol Permit - Review for approval

Don moved that they approve the one day alcohol license for a Garden Party at Berkshire Botanical Gardens on August 30th from 4-6p.m. Terry seconded; all were in favor.

Sarah Horne came forward with concerns on increased and high speed traffic on Old Meeting House Road. Since it has been paved, it is being used as a right of way for cars, trucks and buses. Don said that they empathize and will talk to Len and Chief Fennelly to see what legally can be done.

Chuck said that the Fire Department is now carrying Epi pens and Narcan.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Don made a motion to adjourn. Terry seconded, all were in approval.