

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 3, 2019
7:00 PM
TOWN OFFICES, 50 MAIN STREET

Present:

Terry Flynn, Chuck Cardillo, Roxanne McCaffrey and Danielle Fillio

Call to Order:

Terry called the meeting to order.

Agenda:

Old Business: Terry noted a backlog and started with Municipal signs and recycling bins for Main Street. Roxanne said that she gave Barb Zanetti vendor names for three companies for signs and stated that she was waiting to hear back and determine the cost. From there they will determine the number of signs that can be purchased. They can then be rolled out in a staged way. On the recycling bins she said that she did not get an answer back from Len Tisdale and are waiting on pricing.

Next item discussed was the South Street bridge lights and the flashing light that once was located in front of Seven Salon. Terry spoke to the director of MassDOT District One and she will look into what the State might do on the lights.

Terry stated that he is trying to get an update on Elm Court.

Other things in process that they are concerned about following up on are: the erosion problems of the stream bed between Hill Road and Route 183, the Willard Hill Road drainage project which should be starting in a few weeks, the Curtisville Bridge and eroded wing wall issues are both being addressed and they will hopefully have a decision within the next few months.

Under old business, Roxanne added that she had recently spoken with Chief Fennelly and plans on following up with MassDOT District One addressing taking control of and lowering some of the speed limits and potentially stream line the process. She also stated that Chief Fennelly came up with the idea that at the Red Lion Inn intersection to paint an ellipse shaped area in the center along with directional lines/arrows indicating traffic flow. She will follow up this week with MassDOT for their approval to make the roads safe, particularly in the center of Town.

Terry made a motion that the Board designate Roxanne to work with Chief Fennelly and with representatives of the DOT to look at immediate strategies that they can do to make traffic safer at the Red Lion Inn Intersection. Chuck seconded. Terry continued that he would like Roxanne to also look into other strategies such as making the islands at the intersection longer, which would tighten up the intersection. He would also like her to discuss with DOT removing the stop sign coming from West Main Street, restoring the right of way that previously existed. Chuck said that the reason the stop sign was put there was to keep the traffic backing up on Main Street. He also asked that a set of drawings be done first. Roxanne said that this is to touch base with DOT, to see if we can stream line the procedure, how to go about starting the procedure and to get their opinions. Terry said that whatever ultimately happens, these are

things that could happen immediately to make things safer. Chuck asked if they should be running this by the traffic consultant and Terry said no; the idea behind doing this now was to not get tied in with engineering; to do things now to make things safer. Roxanne said that this is just a fact-finding mission at this point with DOT. The vote on the motion was all in unanimous.

In response to Terry's request for information on Elm Court, Danielle informed the Board that they had just filed a request to extend their special permit for one more year, with a projected start date of 2020.

Terry noted the need of a Reserve Fund Transfer for repairs to Town Beach facilities, broken pipes, toilet and sinks, for \$9500.00.

Terry made a motion for the Board authorize Danielle to go to the Finance Committee to request a reserve fund transfer for repairs to Town Beach facilities. Chuck seconded. All were in favor.

Next discussed was scheduling of future meetings and establishing a regular schedule by the end of the summer. Terry said that he would like looking at different options for now. He suggested an earlier time for Monday night meetings or possibly have Thursday evening meetings. He would like to have them in the morning or late afternoon. Also being discussed is monthly meetings with Department heads. Chuck felt that meetings should be at night allowing for the working public to attend and Terry felt that while that had always been the feeling, it may no longer be true with the change in demographics and flexible schedules. Danielle said that they need to consider special permits and Terry said that they have held many special permits on Wednesday mornings. Chuck said that he would like to see meetings on the first and third Mondays at 7:00 PM and the fourth Wednesday at 7:30 AM. He felt that an hour for Department head meetings on Wednesdays would be fine. Roxanne agreed with Chuck on wanting the public to be able to attend meetings but would like them to be a bit earlier; 6:00 or 6:30. Chuck said he would like to keep the evening meetings on Monday. Roxanne said that they could alternate times.

Utilizing the schedule of first and third Mondays, alternating between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. and one Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.; Terry suggested meeting on Wednesday June 12th at 7:00 a.m. and Monday, June 17th at 6:00 p.m. all agreed.

Public Comment was opened.

Audience members felt that alternating times would be confusing and that 7:00 a.m. is very early. Terry said that the morning meetings would not be solely department head working meetings.

Patrick White said that Lenox was just designated by the State as a Cultural District and felt that Stockbridge could benefit from this also for their signage. Denny Alsop asked that the Board keep in mind transparency in government and that an attempt should be made to keep a regular schedule for meetings. Keith Raftery agreed with the transparency issue felt that they should keep the current time slot of 7 p.m. Anne Rabinowitz asked for an update on the dredging project and Patrick White gave an overview on the hydraulic dredging process.

Patrick White commented on Air B&B tax and room tax. It was requested to look into increasing the 4% tax to 6% and requesting the State to rule on Kripalu's exempt status.

Lisa Thorne asked that the Talbot Center be re-opened for as long as possible until construction begins on the new Highway Garage. Lisa said that they will be able to close at a moment's notice. Roxanne made a motion to open the Talbot Center immediately pending further notice. Terry seconded; all were in favor.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Terry made a motion to adjourn.