

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 17, 2019
6:30 p.m.
TOWN OFFICES, 50 MAIN STREET

Present:

Terry Flynn, Chuck Cardillo, Roxanne McCaffrey and Danielle Fillio

Call to Order:

Terry called the meeting to order.

The first item discussed was concerning the Thursday, July 4th holiday. Danielle explained that with many employees taking Friday, July 5th off she asked if the Town would be willing to close on the 5th as it is a long weekend and a lot of people travel. It was agreed to stay open on July 5th.

Next on the agenda was to appoint a second alternate building inspector. Chuck moved to appoint Matthew Kollmer as the second alternate building inspector. Roxanne seconded; all were in favor.

Charlie Kenny from the Board of Health presented updates and recommendations made by the Board of Health subcommittee for the Cyanobacteria bloom from last August; with understanding the bloom and prevention. He said that the key is to keeping the lake healthy while understanding factors that caused the bloom. They had a preliminary proposal, budgeted slightly under \$10,000.00, to study the lake this summer (July – October) and a second proposal for monitoring to give a better basis of what has happened over the last century, budgeted at \$50,000.00 which would take place early in the spring (April) of 2020. The goal is to be able to gather information now to benefit the health of the lake.

Chris Mane from GZA was present to answer technical questions. Charlie said that the visual scum initiates the issuance of an advisory for Cyanobacteria and testing to follow the bloom. Terry felt the need to support the proposals but would need to look at the finances and would hopefully make a decision by the meeting on June 27th.

Next on the agenda was a request from the Mohican Tribe to film a walking tour of 1750 home sites. Bonnie Hartley and Rick Wilcox presented their request for a walking tour along Main Street with 11 stops. They would like to take 2 minutes videos at each stop while on the sidewalks and were requested a filming permit from the Town.

Chuck made a motion to approve the walking tour of the Town properties. Roxanne seconded; all were in favor.

Tom Stokes spoke on the PILOT Program and stated that they were midway through the project and asked to be reappointed by the current Board and set a target date to be completing their recommendations by the 2020 Annual Town Meeting. Tom also asked that the Board appoint two other members to make a five-member board when they have names to present.

Next, Brian Cruey, the Director for the Southern Berkshires for the Trustees of Reservations stated that they were applying to have a one-day extension to their annual event license for July 27th for 8 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. This year they are a part of a State wide Art and Landscape initiative that will feature a work by contemporary artist Doug Aitken. This art piece, a giant reflective hot air balloon, will be traveling across the state during the month of July and its last stop will be Naumkeag. The balloon will be located in Naumkeag's lower pasture. Brian also noted that he was working with the Police Department for details. The event is weather permitting.

Chuck moved that the Board extend the event on July 27th to 10:00 p.m. Roxanne seconded; all were in favor.

Next Danielle spoke on the Compactor sticker issuance. Until the Board makes a decision on how to move forward, the current stickers are still good. She stated that the new policy put in place last year to correct improper use of the compactor, tended to add more chaos. She suggested to the Board that they do something similar to what Egremont and West Stockbridge do which is to present a current tax bill proving residency and you receive two stickers free of charge. There would be a charge for replacement stickers. Commercial would still be charged for their sticker and dumping and the Town would still work with Lenox Valley for bulky items which are free of charge to the residents and the Town pays the cost. An actual \$100 limit may be applied per household. Roxanne questioned the loss of revenue for not charging for stickers and Danielle replied it would be about \$50,000 but are still gaining more money from commercial. Chuck and Terry both felt that it was a good way to go. Dann Rinsma who operates that compactor asked for stickers that affix to the outside of the windows for better viewing. He also noted that the prices for dealing with electronics will be increasing. Demolition and items would still be charged.

Terry asked what the advantage would be for not charging a fee for stickers. Danielle said that different amounts are currently being charged and there are different rules for residents, renters, rental cars, commercial users and caretakers. The question remained what the impact would be if no longer charging for stickers. Patrick White felt that not charging for stickers would increase the incentive to properly dump. Terry suggested getting rid of the complexity whether charging or not. It was decided to table the issue for a few weeks.

Roxanne recommended working on updating job descriptions by creating a basic format.

Public Comment:

Keith Raftery, East Street, discussed the funding options the Town had for the Stockbridge Bowl.

John Hart, Rattlesnake Mountain Road, discussed issues concerning public comment being moved to the end of the meeting for clarity and the change of meeting days and times.

Nancy Mills, Cherry Street, asked about the follow-up to the Town vote in favor of the public safety plan for Main Street and if the Board could give a time frame. Terry stated that VHB sent the Town a proposed contract which will be sent to Town Counsel to decide on a workable contract. Once that is done, they will have a better idea on a time line.

Adjournment:

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.