

**SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, August 8, 2019**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**TOWN OFFICES, 50 MAIN STREET**

**Present:**

Terry Flynn, Chuck Cardillo, Roxanne McCaffrey and Mark Webber

**Call to Order:**

Terri called the meeting to order.

**Announcements:**

Terry noted that the design contract on the downtown intersections will be moved to the next meeting; the roof repair on the old town hall is scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup>; and that Mark Webber's contract took affect on August 5<sup>th</sup> and will remain in effect until an end date determined by the Select Board, Mark's intention is to work on average 24 hours per week and Terry extended a welcome to Mark.

**Agenda:**

Terry noted two one-day alcohol license applications: one for Chesterwood for a wine seminar on August 15<sup>th</sup> and a second for the Norman Rockwell Museum for an event on August 29<sup>th</sup>. Chuck made a motion to approve the two licenses. Roxanne seconded; all were in favor.

Next on the agenda was a special permit for Stephen Fradley on 9 Christian Hill Road.

Notice:

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE  
SPECIAL PERMIT HEARING

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 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 8, 2019 to consider the application of Stephen D. Fradley for property located at 9 Christian Hill 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 single-family dwelling. The property is in a R-C and R-4 zone. The application is filed in the Town Clerk's Office and the Selectmen's Office. The application can be reviewed in either office during normal business hours.

Terry Flynn,  
Chairman

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Mr. Fradley stated that he applied for a special permit for a small addition, 3 feet by 6 foot 2, to the side of his house. The addition encroaches on the set back.

Roxanne commented that the Board hear from two of his neighbors in support of the permit.

Terry mad a motion to approve the permit for Stephen Fradley on the basis that it is not going to be more detrimental to the neighborhood. Roxanne seconded; all were in favor.

Next on the agenda was Economic Revitalization. Laura Beasley, 40 Lake Drive, stated that as a part of a group of volunteers, a request was made to form an Economic Development/ Revitalization committee. This follows Standard and Poors' rating of the Town which reported that Stockbridge's economy is heavily reliant on tourism and the hospitality industry. Out of this a group got together to discuss how to diversify the Town's economy. Laura stated that they would like to focus on three areas: downtown Main Street, open space and recreation, and housing. Their objective would be to determine short-term and long-term priorities that would build on the foundation of the Stockbridge economic environment in an effort to further the town's prosperity and enhance the quality of life for citizens, residents and guests.

Terry felt that Laura may be getting ahead of herself and suggested that a Select Board sponsored meeting open to a wide variety of people including the Planning Board might be a first step before forming an official committee. Roxanne suggested a joint meeting between the Select Board, Planning Board and Finance Committee to define goals and objectives. Chuck suggested that this could be a sub-committee under the Planning Board.

Roxanne made a motion to hold a joint meeting of the Select Board, the Planning Board and the Finance Committee, with an invitation to Laura to come and make a presentation with the basic goal of setting a framework for that committee that the Board would then be appointing. Chuck seconded; all were in favor.

Next on the agenda Roxanne stated that the Town is moving to Code Red from Blackboard Connect for emergency notification. The Fire Chief initiated the process and resident's information in the current system will be transferred to Cod Red. People will be able to add their information on-line and there will be a plan for those who do not have internet access to be manually input. They should be up and running by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Terry said that at a meeting with the Fire Chief, Police Chief and the Emergency Management Director they decided that in terms of protocol, the approval of initiating a call would go through the Town Administrator and if he is not available it would fall to the person initiating the out-going message. Mark noted that if it is urgent in nature, he felt it was better for the specific managers to initiate the call. Terry said that they would revisit this.

Terry made a motion that Mark will clarify the approval aspect of the policy and that the notification will stay the same. Roxanne seconded; all were in favor.

**Public Comment:**

Patrick White on behalf of the Conservation Commission provided clarification on some information that people may have heard: the Town has been staffing the harvesters for an average of 64 hours per week this summer; the Department of Environmental Protection does not oppose harvesting; it is approved; and lily pads are not an infestation, they are a native plant and by definition cannot be an infestation.

Mark provided the Selectmen with an activity log and his August schedule.

Roxanne said that she was going to donate \$500.00 toward the purchase of some equipment for the lake testing. Terry and Chuck gave their thanks.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business, Terry adjourned the meeting.