

**SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, September 19, 2019**  
**9:00 a.m.**  
**TOWN OFFICES, 50 MAIN STREET**

**Present:**

Terry Flynn, Chuck Cardillo, Roxanne McCaffrey and Mark Webber

**Call to Order:**

Terry called the meeting to order.

**Agenda:**

The first item on the agenda was to approve the minutes of September 12<sup>th</sup> in corrected form. Chuck made a motion to accept the minutes. Roxanne seconded; all were in approval.

Next were department reports and for the Police Department, Sergeant Nichols noted this years' Josh Billings event was successful. They continue to address speeding complaints and the radar trailer will remain out until the end of foliage season. The department is prepared for the Harvest Festival on Columbus Day weekend and the Christmas on Main event.

Len Tisdale reported on the Highway Department. He gave updates on the highway garage schedule noting completion in mid-February. Len said that they completed the main trunk that bisects the Stockbridge Country Club. The Larrywaug Bridge tree cutting will begin this October and they will go out to bid this coming winter for the bridge. The Averic bridge is in the final Chapter 85 review. Roxanne asked if Verizon had installed the phone yet and Len responded that the work order was in. Terry asked if traffic would be open to one lane when the Larrywaug bridge work begins and Len said it would be dependent on cost. Len said that the paving bids for Hawthorne Road and Hawthorne Street open on Monday.

The Select Board signed the State House note.

Next, the Board took action on designating Special Municipal Employees. Terry made a motion to designate as Special Municipal Employees members of Call Firefighters, the Administrator Search Committee and the Historical Preservation Committee for the purposes of M.G.L. c.268A and to authorize the Town Clerk to notify the State Ethics Commission of the designations. Roxanne seconded; all were in favor.

Next discussed was the transfer station and Terry stated that the Board that sticker fees were approved and they had postponed the sale of stickers until April 1, 2020. Left in question was the disposal of bulky waste. Mark noted that over the past 12 months the cost of residents bringing bulky waste to Valley at a cost to the Town, was about \$4,000.00. He continued that there was some conflict with that process to Town bylaws. Roxanne felt that the current process should be eliminated. It was discussed that residents can bring bulky waste at their cost to Valley or collection site at B3 exit. Roxanne made a motion that beginning December 1, 2019,

the Town of Stockbridge will stop the policy of allowing the citizens to take their disposables to Lenox Valley and the Town bearing the cost. Chuck seconded; all were in favor.

The next item on the agenda concerned drafting a formal policy on the use of Town buildings and equipment. Terry noted that there is legal complexity allowing private agencies to rent/lease/use Town property and he asked Mark to work with Town Counsel to develop a policy for these situations.

The next item was a follow up on the Select Board, Planning Board and Finance Committee meeting to discuss Revitalization and how to proceed. The Board suggested October 10<sup>th</sup> and would look to the Planning Board and Finance for confirmation.

Terry asked Mark for an update on the former Sam's Garage and Mark said that he would be receiving a review from the team who is conducting the assessment of the site. Chuck gave an overview of previous meetings with Berkshire Regional Planning and Mass DEP and grant funding. Terry read a letter concerning the process to this point.

Mark noted his upcoming meetings with the Finance Committee, Steve Mack from Berkshire Engineering and Len Tisdale, and that he had met with the PILOT Committee.

Terry also asked if they could get some updated information on the Levan Center.

Terry made a motion that the Select Board enter into Executive Session for the purpose of negotiation strategy concerning the Old Town Hall, include in the session Mark Webber, and return to open session solely for the purpose of adjournment. Chuck seconded; all were in approval.