

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 26, 2019
6:30 p.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 a special permit hearing for Daniel and Nicole Fariaux for property located at 1 Park Street.

The notice follows:

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, September 26, 2019 to consider the application of Daniel and Nicole Fairaux for property located at 1 Park Street. 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 an R-C 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.

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Chairman

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Terry invited the Fariauxs to describe the project. Mr. Fariaux explained that they wanted to rebuild a back yard shed and make it slightly larger.

Roxanne made a motion that the Board grant a special permit to Dan and Nicole Fariaux for Property Located at 1 Park Street. Terry seconded; all were in approval.

Next the Board took action on One-Day Alcohol Permits and an Entertainment Permit for Berkshire Botanical Gardens for Harvest Festival on October 12th and 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and for TKD at 10 Elm Street, Stockbridge for an Exhibit Opening on October 10th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Chuck made a motion to accept the permits. Terry seconded; all were in favor.

Next Terry said that they wanted to discuss with Parks and Recreation the canoe launch and the wading pond at Curtis Park in Interlaken. Currently the launch which was damaged during an ice jam last year while the dock was on ground. Terry asked what plans are for re-install and retrieving if there are issues again. Nick Fredsall stated that there is a contract for putting the dock in and removing it. He said that they would like to put it up closer to the pumping station for storage.

Next Terry noted that there used to be a shallow wading pond at Curtis Park which is now silted in. The concept has been raised to restore the damn and pond. Mark said that it may involve many permits. After initial examination with Steve Mack, Steve agreed that the damn breach should be repaired and that restoring the pond would involve permitting if desired. Another option could be to remove the damn. Terry suggested gathering additional input and bringing it up at either the October 17th or 24th meeting.

The next item was to adopt a policy for the use of Town Counsel and this item will be addressed at the next meeting.

Next was to award the bid for the paving of Hawthorne Road and Hawthorne Street. Mark said that the bid opening was held on September 23rd at 10:00 a.m. and there were three bids and the low bid was L.B. Corp. at \$318,750.00 and after review by Len Tisdale, the highway superintendent, all three bids met all of the requirements and specifications. Len recommended that the bid be awarded to L.B. Corp. This is a mill and fill. Chuck made a motion that the Board accept the bid for L.B. Corporation for \$318,750.00. Roxanne seconded; all were in favor.

Next on the agenda was discussion on the Soldier's Monuments and Historic Commission consultant, Gregory Farmer. Mr. Farmer spoke to the consultant who created the proposal last year for the Soldier's Monument and using her proposal, she will possibly create a bid package. A Special Town Meeting may be needed to begin this process.

Charlie Kenny, Board of Health chair, spoke on Cyanobacteria, the process up to this point, lake testing and proposed regulations. He proposed to the Select Board to establish a contractual and financial relationship with experts which will allow lake testing to begin early next year; at ice melt. Terry extended thanks to the task force and Board of Health. Roxanne suggested that the Board prepare a proposal to seek an appropriation of funds; possibly set up a task force for the whole ecosystem moving forward and set a target date for a Special Town Meeting.

Chuck said that the Eight Town School Consolidation Discussion Committee met the previous evening and the next meeting was scheduled for October 15th at 6:00 p.m. The Board is continuing to look for an alternate to appoint to this committee.

Public Comment:

Charlie Kenny noted the current warning for Equine Encephalitis and that it does not pose an increased risk for this area. He also mentioned the State ban of the sale of e-cigarettes and the associated danger warning.

Jack Conquest spoke about the extreme rates of traffic on Park Street and pedestrian safety. He asked the Town for strategic placement of speed bumps on the street and a light at the end of the street.

Mark Webber reviewed with the Select Board: his meeting with the Finance Committee and noted that Fiscal Year 20 Free Cash was certified at \$2,454,301.00; the Fiscal 19 audit is set to commence on October 10th for trial and come back a month later for the full depth audit; in speaking with the DOR Divisional Local Services Field Rep. it was noted that the Town's financial team is top notch, also in speaking with DOR Boston with discussion on meals and rooms tax revenue gross number and that we do not know how many vendors are out there and if everyone including tax exempts are included and paying; finally he met with Len and VHB engineers from the traffic study and first orders of business are to conduct traffic counts, conduct physical surveys of the two areas, and to integrate the results of MassDOT's traffic safety audits of last week.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Terry adjourned the meeting.