

STOCKBRIDGE SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 16, 2020
9:00 a.m.
TOWN OFFICES, 50 MAIN STREET

Present:

Terry Flynn, Roxanne McCaffrey and Mark Webber

Call to Order:

Terry called the meeting to order.

Agenda:

The first item on the agenda was a Police Department update. Chief Fennelly said that since the last meeting they have been dealing with numerous telephone scam complaints. He directed the public that if someone on the phone is asking for personal information such as social security numbers, date of births; it is a scam. If someone is asking you to purchase gift cards and call back with the numbers of the gift cards; it's a scam. Calls such as these are not legitimate. Before a resident responds to any calls like these, give the Police Department a call first. Darrell said that they will be performing more radar at this time of year. The Main Street Christmas event went very well again this year. The Winter Lights event at Naumkeag was again very successful with only a few issues with people trying to unload or park on the sides of the roads but they will be working on better direction and signage for future events. The Police Department just submitted their proposed budget and without collective bargaining increases the budget went up very little. They are also putting together their statistics for the annual report. During January and February planning will begin for the Mercy Sunday event. Darrell said that they formed a Law Enforcement Task force group with Lenox Police, MA State Police, the Sheriff's Department and Tanglewood to discuss, enhance different operations and develop and improve safety measures at Tanglewood. This has been very beneficial.

Next was Len Tisdale with Highway updates. Len said that the new highway garage is in the steel phase and is expected to be completed by the end of the week and begin the exterior cladding. The two bridges scheduled for replacement this spring are in the bidding stage; the Larrywaug Bridge and the Averic Road Bridge and will hopefully come in within budget. Terry asked about completion dates for the garage and Len said that by the end of six weeks they will be able to house trucks; interiors not complete. Terry asked about the black stone chips being used on the back roads and questioned why he is using this instead of sand and Len said that it adds structure to the gravel roads and makes for less of a mud season. Terry's concern is that it is sharper than the pea stone previously used and overall would like to go back to the use of sand for pedestrian walking. Len said that stone is in fact less expensive than the stone. Len said that the stone is effective for both upkeep and cost.

Next on the agenda was a hearing for National Grid. Steven Hayward representing National Grid explained that they have an underground transformer on Prospect Hill and that they are looking to run electrical conduits underneath the road to provide electrical service for a new

resident. Depending on scheduling this would be take place by the last week in January. It was discussed to give a conditional approval until discussing with the highway superintendent concerning road cutting. Terry made a motion to approve the permit pending conversation with the highway superintendent. Roxanne seconded; all were in favor.

Next Terry announced that there will be an auction for the property at 6 Castle Hill Road at 11:00 a.m. on February 26th at the Town Offices. Mark noted that this is the old Rider property taken in take title and will be done by a third party.

Terry said that at the last meeting it was decided to appoint the task force for the Stockbridge Bowl. The Board is going to designate this the Stockbridge Bowl Stewardship Commission. The individuals will be designated at next week's meeting as it was not on the agenda. They are looking at appointing a member from the Board of Health, the Water & Sewer Department, the Conservation Commission, the Sewer & Water Commission, the Stockbridge Sportsmen's Club, the Stockbridge Bowl Association and a member of the Select Board. Roxanne made a motion that the Board set up a Stockbridge Bowl Stewardship Commission with representatives for the areas that Terry just read and that the Board appoints members at the next meeting. Terry seconded; all were in favor.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Terry adjourned the meeting.