

STOCKBRIDGE SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 4, 2020
4:30 p.m.
Remote Zoom Meeting

Present:

Terry Flynn, Chuck Cardillo, Roxanne McCaffrey and Mark Webber and Rebekah Lacey

Call to Order:

Terry called the meeting to order.

Terry made a motion that the Board vote to enter Executive Session: Pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(3), the Select Board will enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to the following litigation matters, discussion of which in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the Town's litigating position: Stockbridge Bowl Association v. Stockbridge Conservation Commission, Berkshire County Superior Court C.A. No. 1976CV00032. In the Matter of Stockbridge Bowl Association, DEP OADR No. WET-2019-011
Roxanne seconded. I Terry, I Roxanne, I Chuck.

Returning to open session,

Next was to Award Averic Road East Bridge Replacement to Maverick Construction of Auburn, MA for \$718,792.50.

Mark added that the accountant has determined there is money in place to award the bid, Maverick was the low bidder, credentials have checked out and a recommendation of the Foresight, project engineer to award the bid. The Town will still need another \$150,000 at Town Meeting to cover the shortfall.

Terry made a motion that they award Averic Road East Bridge Replacement to Maverick Construction of Auburn, MA for \$718,792.50. Roxanne seconded. All were in favor: Terry I, Chuck I, Roxanne I.

The next item was to revisit the Annual Town Meeting, scheduling and a venue.

Mark said that moving the meeting back into July from August would help with the 1/12 budget and possibly holding it on a Saturday during the day. Tanglewood and Marion Father's will not be able to hold the meeting. Both the Town Clerk and Moderator approve of a Saturday meeting at 10:00 am. Other possibilities after speaking to Danielle in Richmond, there is a possibility of a car/radio vote as Great Barrington will be doing. Mark will look further into the options.

As far as the schedule of July 25th at 10:00 a.m. the Board discussed if people may have an issue with a Saturday but it was agreed to go July 25th at 10:00 a.m. Terry and Chuck recommended the option of having it at the high school out in the field/tract as opposed to the car option. Mark noted that Great Barrington will have gone before Stockbridge with cars serving as a test and there is precedent for holding meetings out of Town although it has been done in the past.

Terry made a motion that as of right now they will schedule the Annual Town Meeting for July 25th at 10:00 am at the Monument Mountain track. Roxanne seconded; all were in favor: Roxanne I, Terry I, Chuck I.

Terry next made a motion that the Select Board approve a 1/12 budget request for the month of July 2020 as submitted by the Town Accountant and as required by the Department of Revenue. Chuck seconded.

Chuck asked if it was for operational costs to the Town for the month of July and Mark said yes and that it is based on last years' budget.

Terry asked for a vote: Terry I, Roxanne I, Chuck I.

The next topic was scheduling interviews for Town Administrator. Mark noted that there are no decisions on solid dates but have reached out to both finalists and they are still interested. Mark would much rather have them in person in the building and the Board agreed.

Mark mentioned that the Proctor Hall Reroofing bid went out and they are due on June 19th at noon. There is money in place for this project.

Next was discussion on the Park street trails reopening. Roxanne said that Monument Mountain did open today and as next steps, speak to Darrell Fennelly, leave the signs up and add that it is an accessible area and do a soft opening. All were in agreement.

Roxanne added that with having Barb Zanetti present from the Chamber they could discuss downtown reopening and lifting restrictions. She spoke with Ned Baldwin and he indicated for safety to have 36-inches of sidewalk space for pedestrians. Aside from that with social distancing, tables, chairs, small tents, banners and signage, permitting would be lifted through Columbus Day. This could be revisited if necessary. If safety issues arise, the issues would be pointed out for modification. Terry expressed concern on monitoring downtown as needed and it was agreed on. Roxanne made a motion that they temporarily waive the enforcement of various restrictions in terms of tables and chairs on the sidewalk and banners or signage while the Board reserves the right to modify what any business might be doing as they must make sure that there is 36-inches at least of sidewalk available for safe pedestrian traffic, through Columbus Day. Terry seconded; all were in favor.

Roxanne asked about Concept 2 agreed upon for the Red Lion Inn intersection and suggested that Van, Len and Mark to get together to discuss a contractor and funding source. Roxanne also said as Concept 2 is a test and what is missing is the bump out of curves and if it could be added with painting. Chuck said that this had be added. Roxanne added that the elimination of parking spaces in front of the Red Lion Inn should be incorporated at this point and move the handicap parking there and this would be a better test. Terry said that there could be added options as these progresses toward a permanent option. Van is also putting a report together responding to comments. The bike paths are present in Concept 2.

Barb Zanetti questioned the 36-inches and that EZ up tents that are usually 10x10 but asked that they need to be weighted and if 36 inches is not available for a business if they could cone off parking spaces for pedestrian traffic. Terry said that this would need to be directed to Darrell. Barb noted that businesses are working on traffic flow in their businesses and some will solely sell outside as their spaces are too small. Barb stated her appreciation of the Town working with the businesses. She also felt it wise to approach banners as a case by case request. Barb again expressed her thanks. Roxanne spoke with Chris about opening the Town's public restrooms and the possibility of opening them while being able to keep the rest of the building closed. Barb also asked that there be daily sanitation of the information booth along with the daily sanitation of the bathrooms by the Town. Mark noted that someone would need to be hired to cover. Chuck assured that it would be cleaned daily.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Terry adjourned the meeting.