

STOCKBRIDGE SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, July 23, 2020
6:30 p.m.
TOWN OFFICES, 50 MAIN STREET

Present:

Chuck Cardillo, Roxanne McCaffrey, Patrick White and Mark Webber

Call to Order:

Chuck called the meeting to order.

First, Chuck made a motion to approve the minutes from June 25th, July 2nd and July 9th 2020 meetings; Roxanne seconded; all were in approval.

Next, was for the Board to take action on Front Yard LLC Special Permit Two Year Extension Request. Chuck made a motion to open the meeting. Patrick seconded; all were in favor. Nick Arienti representing Front Yard for their additional 2-year extension application for the Elm Court Estate, 310 Old Stockbridge Road. Nick stated that the additional time primarily related to ongoing issues with regards to financing for the project for construction. With the challenging market, the major problem is the result of the COVID-19 pandemic. At the onset of the pandemic, there were problems with the hospitality industry including food and lodging across the board; primarily that commercial lending particularly towards construction-based projects has largely evaporated. They continue to pursue financing but the impact has not eased and therefore cannot start construction on the current schedule. At this point in time Front Yard is requesting an additional two-year extension. Nick noted that there is also an extension request submitted to the Town of Lenox to be address at their August 3rd meeting.

Chuck made a motion that the Board accept the application for a two-year extension. Roxanne seconded; Vote: I Roxanne, I Patrick, I Chuck.

Next was to take action on application for Alteration of Premises for Michaels of Stockbridge – DBA Michaels Restaurant. Chuck made a motion to open the meeting to discuss the application from Michael’s Restaurant. Roxanne seconded; all were in favor. Michael Abdalla stated that he would like to have outdoor dining permanently as shown in the application. Roxanne questioned why he had not started the temporary outdoor dining that was approved. He said that they are starting out with six tables in the driveway next to Valada’s. He said he would like to add tables to the front approximately six feet from the sidewalk. He added that all of his tenants were in favor of it. The Building Inspector, Ned Baldwin and Chief Fennelly had no issues. With no additional comments Chuck made a motion to close the open hearing. Patrick seconded; all were in favor. Chuck made a motion that the Board accept the application

for Michael's Restaurant for outside dining according to the application. Roxanne seconded. Vote: I Patrick, I Roxanne, I Chuck; all were in favor.

Next the Board reviewed the Annual Town Meeting, July 25th. Chuck stated that it would be held out back of the Town Offices and 50 people were needed. Mark said that procedurally Article 4 is read by the Finance Committee and Jay will read it. Next the Board usually decides who will read each article motion. It was decided that Chuck said he would read 1 through 6; Patrick would read 7-13, and Roxanne would read 14-21.

Chuck noted that their next meeting will be on July 30th at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom. Second home owners and other items are on the agenda. After that the next meeting will be on August 13th and held in the gym as an open meeting with masks and social distancing required. Mark added that it would still be held as a zoom meeting but those who wish can attend in person, up to 50 can attend. Patrick was still concerned about holding in person meetings and opening the building to the public at this time. Roxanne felt that as it is approved by Tri Town health, social distancing and masks are required, she was ok with it. Patrick again stated that he would still rather not start open meetings but as long as zoom is still occurring, although in the gym it may need to be tested, he would be ok with it. Chuck said that this decision is not set in stone and may change.

Chuck made a motion to enter into Executive Session per MGL Ch 30A, Sec 21(a)(2), "to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel," Town Administrator, and the Board will return to open meeting session upon completion of the executive session. Patrick seconded. Vote: I Roxanne, I Chuck, I Patrick.