

STOCKBRIDGE SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 17, 2020
9:00 a.m.
TOWN OFFICES, 50 MAIN STREET

Present:

Chuck Cardillo, Roxanne McCaffrey, Patrick White and Mike Canales

Call to Order:

Chuck called the meeting to order.

First on the agenda was to take action on appointment of John Loiodice, MD as representative of the Sewer & Water Commission to the Stockbridge Bowl Stewardship Committee. Chuck made a motion to appoint. Roxanne seconded; all were in favor.

Chief Fennelly next provided Police Department updates. Darrell said that over the summer the department has been busy with calls to service and many speeding complaints as many are home during COVID. When the Larrywaug Bridge work began, traffic enforcement was heavily hit and they are still patrolling it. Unfortunately speeding in other areas of Town are up. Four solar radar signs have been purchased and will be set up. Darrell asked for public comment on other areas of placement as they can be moved. Darrell also noted a terrible summer with bears, even in the downtown area in the middle of the day. He said that they have had conversation with Mike Abdalla concerning the dumpster behind his restaurant as multiple bears visit. Darrell has been working on a bylaw which would consist of deterrents of not feeding the bears and homeowners and businesses securing their garbage. Lastly, beginning on September 21st there will be limited access to the Police Department as there will be work done in the back parking lot. He noted that people should call and they will provide necessary station access during this time. Darrell said that they are staffed with their full complement of full-time officers and have two reserves as opposed to the usual four, but it is working well. Chuck complimented the department. Patrick asked why the dumpsters are not just locked at night to eliminate the food source and Darrell agreed to that solution but said that without the bylaw they cannot enforce it.

Hugh Page represented the Highway Department and said that they are cutting back and opening swales. He said that they will begin working with Chris on the project behind the Town Hall. He said that concerning the compactor, they are cleaning up old items that are on site and will bring them to the upcoming hazardous waste collection. Hugh said that he wants to put focus on the snow fighting equipment and have everything ready to go for the winter. Chuck asked about the progress of the highway garage and Hugh said that he is not in that loop. Chuck asked where Lenny was as most of their questions were for

him and Hugh said that he was off for a couple of days. Chuck said that Hugh has been doing a great job. Roxanne asked about the Larrywaug project of clearing out and widening. Hugh said that Justin had been running the machine and they are out of there now aside from seeding and putting a drop box in a deep gutter but they cannot do it until the tension cable is moved and a rotted pole addressed. He said that there is more to do there but they need to move over to the Town Hall, they have paving projects following that and they are continuing to repair road areas, potholes as they arise.

Next was Chris Marsden with Facilities updates. First, Chris mentioned the HVAC system repairs at the Town Offices. It was determined that there was a failed joint in the line from the building around back to the cooling tower. The best course of action was to do a replacement of the existing pipes. It is schedule to begin on the 21st. Four Seasons will do the repair and the site work will be done in house with the highway department. This will save more than half of the projects cost. Chris noted that they will be taking a more direct route and run the line under the sidewalk; removing and replacing the sidewalk in front of the back entrance. Chuck questioned if it might make sense to make the whole stretch of sidewalk there handicap accessible. Chris said that the current design was to keep the storm water flowing away from the building but that they can look at it. He is anticipating a total of two weeks for completion with the need to have the entrance open for early voting starting October 17th. ADA compliance will be adhered to for access.

Patrick asked what Chris was doing with Riverbrook. Chris said that he is in communication with them and they would like to get back in to run some of their day programs and have a meeting space to meet with family members. With all things considered, they will hopefully get them back in fairly soon with extra use of the senior center, with 8 to 10 individuals at a time. Patrick then asked if there were any plans to re-open the senior center this winter. Chris said that he has spoken with Liz and will have further discussions. Roxanne also questioned restarting the lunch program.

Patrick asked about the Chamber's rent and would like it resolved. It was suggested to make this an agenda item. Patrick also asked about the Town putting a fire pit somewhere where people can socialize as the weather gets colder. Roxanne suggested possibly the park. Chris said that the Proctor Hall roof replacement has been put off until the first week in October. He also noted that this past Tuesday, EDM did a structural assessment of the Chime Tower for future restoration work and to be ready to bring it to Town Meeting. Patrick asked about the engineering funding and Chris said it was funded by a carry-over of FY20 facilities operating budget; \$10,000 set aside for engineering. Hugh added that they will maintain an access ramp to the Police Department the best they can during the work out back. Chris was able to secure a weather proof drop box which he will install to the West side of the building.

Patrick announced that the Harvest Festival is having a month-long celebration. He noted that the Governor announce that Stockbridge got a

\$38,000 grant for the Municipal Vulnerabilities Program and he thanked Chris, Scott Muir and Laura Dubester for helping with the proposal. He asked to get an update on the Soldier's Monument repair next week and asked what was being done on the School Committee appointment. It was suggested to put it on the agenda for the next meeting along with the appointments.

Chuck asked where things stood on the intersection and Roxanne said that she would follow up with Mark and get the information to Mike.

Chuck asked that at the next day meeting to have Fire, Water and Sewer, Lenny and Terri Iemolini in to provide updates. Patrick also said that if there is going to be a fall Special Town Meeting, it needs to be scheduled soon.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Chuck adjourned the meeting.