

Stockton Springs Select Board Minutes

01/07/2025

Attendees:

Select Board Members Present	Elizabeth Lenharr Marsha Shute Betsy Bradley
Select Board Members Absent	
Note taker	Sarah Hardy
Community members	Approximately 21 community members were in attendance. Speaker names were captured in the notes as best as possible. No attendance list was captured.

Yellow Highlight indicates NEW or not-yet-completed action items.

Green Highlight indicates COMPLETED action items.

Blue Highlight indicates incomplete notes, based on in-person note taking where something was missed. Need to go to tape back up.

#	Agenda	Notes
1.	Roll Call: Call to Order	Liz Lenharr called to order 8:00am roll call – see attendance above
2.	Changes to the Agenda	None
3.	Discussion of Interim Town Manager	Liz makes a motion to accept the resignation letter from Diane Reynolds. Liz read the letter Marsha seconded the motion, voted all in favor
4.	Appoint Interim Town Manager	Liz makes a motion to appoint Loren Cole as Interim Town motion, Marsha seconded Discussion: none Voted all in favor Liz makes a motion for Loren Cole as Interim Treasurer, Tax Collector and Road Commissioner. Marsha seconded. Voted all in favor. The select board signed the letter appointing Loren Cole. Betsy introduced Loren to the crowd.
5.	Public Comment	Amber asked for the status of the Interim manager we discussed yesterday from the MMA list.

		<p>Steven refused the position because it was too far. Brad Plant – from Poland, is extremely interested, was in law enforcement left a message for Liz last night. She has been playing voice mail.</p> <p>She has several Mitch who is moving to NH otherwise would be interested Bill Gideon – left a VM David Morton – left a VM</p> <p>Q: Alfred - Is there a finalized ad posted for the official town manager position? A: Betsy explained that they didn't post it yet because they hoped that the interim manager would help with the writing of the ad. If they don't then</p> <p>Betsy would like to bring up the topic of Tally Ho. Per Kirsten, to have a sale of any house it must be posted which is why folks have seen it online. Kirsten tried to make it pending online but there was a technical glitch. Kirsten did reach out to other brokers to let them know it's not available because it's under contract. Kirsten is trying to reach the website to get this rectified.</p>
6.	Workshop	<p>At 8:10 Liz made a motion to move into workshop, seconded by Marsha and all approved.</p> <p>Liz discussed the broadband meeting she attended on the evening of 1/6/25. It was only 1 hour so there wasn't a lot of time to ask questions. Some details she shared: The group name is: 1A broadband communication commission: Stockton Springs, Prospect, Frankfort, Winterport The group does not meet regularly, maybe only once a quarter. The first phase is to bring the service down 1A – "the backbone"</p> <p>The group is now going to seek funding for the next phase to expand coverage beyond 1A.</p> <p>A website will be built, hopefully available within a week, to see if broadband can be brought to their homes. It will also indicate who is interested in joining the service. This is being done by Direct Communications (used to be Until, but they were bought out). Jane Sullivan is the point person for the website. When the site is available it will be publicized to the community to use.</p> <p>Per Betsy this is different than she remembered it being described in the past. She remembered seeing a map with the target of getting</p>

		<p>underserved residents (with no other service options) onto the network.</p> <p>Betsy brought up some history – when the federal Infrastructure Bills passed, there was money available for broadband. The town manager of Winterport reached out hoping that by going in together they could get funds.</p> <p>Amber – offered that there was a map for broadband up in the map room, people are welcome to come visit.</p> <p>Q: Alfred – do we know where the initial starting point is? How will it get into Stockton from there. A: Liz – after it gets down s1A to Stockton, there is going to be a hub within the town, maybe near the town office. At some point the company will come and put in a cement pad where it will be placed.</p> <p>Regarding the ad for the Harbor Committee bid to build new floating docks (paid by a grant): it is finished but is not posted yet because payment for the ad couldn't be made without a town manager in place. It's a \$40,000 grant, matched with the Harbor Committee funds (not tax payer). It will be posted now that we have Loren approved.</p> <p>Regarding the letter to the state about Green Valley Road bridge/culvert: to be sent today after correcting dates. Explanation: the previous town manager and George Russell drafted a letter to the state to pursued them to change the road from local to a state road. Traffic is well over the number of vehicles required to make it a state road. If they do take it, then they would be responsible for the repair to the culvert.</p> <p>Q: Amber – is the town office going to be closed on Thursday? A: Betsy – all government offices are going to be closed to commemorate Jimmy Carter. Amber/Angie will confirm if this applies to municipal government or only federal government is affected Angie said she got ahold of Motor Vehicle bureau and they still don't know about closure, it may not be decided till Wednesday.</p> <p>Q: Amber – does the select board want her to contact the auditor? It's required between managers. A: Board (several voices) – yes, please do that</p> <p>Liz brought up a letter that will go to the bank indicating we've had a change of town manager. She also included the information about Mac's term date and financial info for payout in that one letter. That will be sent out today once it's on letterhead.</p>
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7.	Adjournment	Motion to adjourn at 8:50, seconded by Marsha. Voted by all in favor.