

Town of Stockton Springs
Select Board – Morning Meeting
October 10, 2022
Minutes

1. Roll Call: Call to Order

Ms. Bradley called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

Present: Betsy Bradley, Marsha Shute, Darren Shute.

Also Present: Mac Smith – Town Manager.

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

3. Minutes: September 26, 2022

Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2022 Morning Meeting and Workshop as presented.

4. Accounts Payable/Payroll

Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve:

Payroll Warrants #19, 20 & 21;

Accounts Payable # 18 & 20.

5. Correspondence

Mr. Smith presented three correspondence items:

- A. A request from a Stockton resident regarding the possible purchase of a piece of town-owned property on the corner of Harris Road and Pout Town Road. The previous use of this property as a car dump was discussed. It was agreed that Mr. Smith would contact the town attorney regarding the advisability of putting that piece of property out to bid. Mr. Smith said that even if the attorney finds it advisable to put the property to bid, the property would go through the bid process and would not be sold directly to the individual who made the request.
- B. Mr. Smith acknowledged email he had sent to the Select Board members with the schedule for the Town-Owned Property bid process.

33 C. Mr. Smith presented the election notices from RSU 20 for the Select Board's signature.
34 The notices, which authorized a vote regarding the building of an outside classroom, with
35 grant money, were reviewed and then signed.
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37 6. Public Comment – Any Type

38 Ms. Bradley discussed the project she and other volunteers had undertaken that weekend
39 to install the emergency radios in the Town Office. She said there was leftover coaxial
40 cable and asked about possibly being credited for the leftover material if there was not a
41 use for it. She also discussed the possibility of budgeting for a new radio during the
42 budget cycle due to the age of one of the radios.

43 7. Possible Electronic Sign for Front of Town Office

44 There was discussion of an idea to place an electronic sign in front of the Town Office,
45 under the current wooden sign. The current estimate was approximately \$17,000. The
46 cost could be covered by ARPA money. The Select Board opted to pass on this idea for
47 the time-being due to the cost. Ms. Shute raised a concern about the look of an electronic
48 sign under the more traditional-looking wooden sign.

49 8. Speed Limit at Bridge on Cape Jellison

50 There was discussion of a citizen concern about people speeding on the section of Cape
51 Jellison Road, between the Y in the road at the Public Works Building and the bridge that
52 is to the right of the Y. Mr. Smith said the concern was that people are on the bridge in
53 the summer and the citizen was concerned about an accident happening there. Mr. Smith
54 explained that the speed limit was 35 at that spot. He explained the process for changing
55 a speed limit, which involves a feasibility study with the Maine Department of
56 Transportation. He said the state encourages alternatives to a change in speed limit.

57 It was agreed that Mr. Smith would continue to monitor the situation and would work
58 with the Stockton Police Department for increased coverage of that area and other
59 alternatives.

60 9. Bus Turnaround

61 Mr. Smith explained the situation with a bus turnaround on Pout Town Road. He said
62 that a new property-owner had discontinued use of a school bus turnaround on their
63 property. Mr. Smith said that homeowner was not receiving any tax breaks or special
64 benefits for use of the bus turnaround on their property. He also said that RSU 20 had
65 already taken care of the problem and that a resident of Pout Town Road had volunteered
66 use of his property for a bus turnaround. It was agreed that Mr. Smith would prepare a
67 letter to send to the homeowner to thank him and his wife for doing so.

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70 10. Broadband Update

71 Mr. Smith provided the Board with a copy of the Request For Proposal (RFP) that would
72 be distributed by the Winterport Broadband Committee, of which Stockton is a part. He
73 said that once proposals had been received, that committee would choose one, and then
74 that proposal would be brought back to the individual Select Boards and Town Council
75 for their approval or disapproval. He also reminded the Board that ultimately they would
76 be the ones authorizing any necessary bond, which is expected, and that the people of
77 Stockton would make the final decision with their vote on the bond.

78 11. Adjourn to Workshop

79 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn to workshop.**

80 The Select Board adjourned to workshop at 8:26 a.m.

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1. Select Board Member Concerns and Comments

There were no Select Board Member concerns or comments.

2. Town Manager Concerns and Comments

Mr. Smith notified the Select Board that William Nichols had resigned from the Harbor Committee due to a change in residency.

Mr. Smith updated the Board on the scheduled work on the culvert between the Town Office and the Post Office.

3. Adjournment

Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn the workshop.

The workshop was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.