

Town of Stockton Springs  
Select Board – Morning Meeting  
November 14, 2022  
Minutes

1. Roll Call: Call to Order

Ms. Shute called the meeting to order at 8:18 a.m.

Present: Marsha Shute, Betsy Bradley, Darren Shute.

Also Present: Mac Smith – Town Manager.

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

It was decided to switch Item #4, Discussion with Searsport Town Manager regarding Wastewater invitation, with Item #3, Opening of Bids for Town-Owned Real Estate. This was done because no one was in attendance for the bid-opening.

3. Discussion with Searsport Town Manager regarding Wastewater Invitation

Searsport Town Manager James Gillway was in attendance. He was given a copy of the four responses received in response to requests for the opinions of Stockton residents, three being against entering into an agreement with Searsport for wastewater services, and one in favor. There was a review of the offer. Ms. Bradley and Ms. Shute said they felt the citizens of Stockton would not favor a bond to pay for the sewer line that would be necessary. Mr. Shute agreed and added that he felt a municipal sewer would help with economic development. The Stockton Select Board declined the offer from the Town of Searsport. Mr. Gillway said the offer would always be open. He was told that should the Town of Stockton decide to pursue municipal sewer services, Searsport's offer would be reconsidered.

4. Opening of Bids for Town-Owned Real Estate

The Select Board was presented with the eleven bids received for town-owned real estate, all of which remained sealed.

The one bid received for R6, Lot 165 was opened. The bid was from William Anderson, Jr. and was for \$351.00

**Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the bid of \$351.00 from William Anderson, Jr. for R6, Lot 165.**

34 The six bids for R6, Lot 141 were opened. The bids were as follows: Eric Jergenson -  
35 \$4,125.00; Dan Ford - \$8,200.00; Harold Porter - \$10,502.99; Michael Hawes -  
36 \$10,400.00; William Anderson, Jr. - \$12,501.00, and Paul Hill and Dawn Hill -  
37 \$17,551.50.

38 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the highest bid,**  
39 **which was that of Paul Hill and Dawn Hill, for R6, Lot 165.**

40 The four bids for R3, Lot 019 were opened. The bids were as follows: Mel Grant -  
41 \$5,000.00; Michael Hawes - \$5,625.00; Emery Shute - \$10,600.00; and Scott Pace and  
42 Elizabeth Lenharr - \$150,000.00.

43 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the highest bid,**  
44 **which was that from Scott Pace and Elizabeth Lenharr for \$150,000.00 for R3, Lot**  
45 **019, with the balance due in sixty days.**

46 It was decided that if the bid awardee could not pay in full in sixty days, that the second-  
47 highest bid would be selected.

48 5. Minutes: October 24, 2022

49 Ms. Bradley asked about the wording of the minutes in relation to the short-term rental  
50 issue and the voluntary registration. Mr. Shute asked about wording regarding the  
51 minutes in relation to a complaint he had received from a woman who he said wished to  
52 remain anonymous. It was decided to have the minutes revised and to consider them at  
53 the next meeting.

54 6. Accounts Payable/Payroll

55 **Motion was made, seconded and passed 2-0-1, with Mr. Shute abstaining, to**  
56 **approve Payroll Warrants 26, 27, 28 and 29, and Accounts Payable Warrant 30.**

57 7. Correspondence

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59 A. Letter of October 21, 2022 from the Maine Town and Country Management  
60 Association

61 A letter from the Maine Town and Country Management Association was  
62 acknowledged.

63 B. Waldo County Budget Correspondence

64 Acknowledgement was made of correspondence from Waldo County regarding their  
65 upcoming budget meeting.

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69 8. Scheduling of General Assistance Ordinance Public Hearing  
70 The Select Board scheduled a Public Hearing for the proposed General Assistance  
71 Ordinance changes mandated by the State of Maine for their next meeting, November 28,  
72 2022 at 8 a.m.

73 9. Update on Former Car Dump Property  
74 An email from the Town Attorney was reviewed regarding an offer by a Stockton  
75 resident to purchase the former car dump property on Pout Town Road. The attorney  
76 said in his email that even if the purchaser of the property were to sign a waiver releasing  
77 the Town from any legal responsibility because of the former use of the property, the  
78 Town would still be responsible and could be sued by anyone to whom the property was  
79 subsequently sold. The Select Board decided to not pursue the option of selling the  
80 property to the resident.

81 10. ARPA/Ambulance Stretcher Installation Fee  
82 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the payment of the**  
83 **installation fee for the self-loading stretcher be taken from the ARPA fund.**

84 11. Review of 2022 Audit  
85 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to authorize signature of the**  
86 **2022 audit receipt form.**

87 12. Public Comment – Any Topic  
88 No one from the public was in attendance, but the Select Board and the Town Manager  
89 used this time for their concerns and comments. Therefore, no workshop was officially  
90 held.

91 Mr. Shute explained that he was at the end of COVID and explained the safety  
92 precautions he was taking. He asked about the Town Office being open during elections  
93 and asked about the number of staff working the elections.

94 Ms. Shute talked about the financial difficulties being had by the Sandy Point  
95 Community Club. The ability of the Sandy Point Community Club to ask the Town for a  
96 charitable donation at the time of Town Meeting was discussed, as well as ways to  
97 promote the club and its activities.

98 There was discussion of the Select Board’s Christmas meeting schedule. It was decided  
99 not to meet on Monday, December 26.

100 The Select Board was notified of the resignation from the Planning Board of Thomas  
101 Finn, who is moving from Stockton.

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104 Mr. Smith said that under his contract, he is required to notify the Board of any vacation  
105 days he took, and that he would be taking November 15 as a vacation day.

106 13. Adjourn to Workshop

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

108 The Select Board adjourned to workshop at 9:41 a.m.

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