

Town of Stockton Springs

Select Board – Morning Meeting and Workshop

February 3, 2022

Minutes

1. Roll Call: Call to Order

Ms. Bradley called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Present: Betsy Bradley, Marsha Shute, Darren Shute.

Also Present: Mac Smith – Town Manager.

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

Mr. Smith explained that he had forgotten to add an item regarding the possible authorization of the construction of two finger dock floats for Stockton Harbor. The item was added to the agenda.

3. Discussion of Internet Difficulties on Old County Road

In attendance for this portion of the meeting was Fred and Billie Swift, of Old County Road. Mr. Smith explained that Mr. Swift had presented an unofficial petition from residents of Old County Road regarding problems with unreliable internet service on Old County Road. The Swifts said that at-home employment was difficult for them because of the unreliable internet service. Mr. Swift said that alternatives are cost-prohibitive. He said he had concerns that if anyone on Old County Road decided to sell their house, they might have difficulty doing so because of the unreliable internet service and society's dependence on the internet. There was discussion of Broadband internet and the funding already made available to the state to expand broadband. There was discussion of the state's apparent reluctance to use technology to get the word out regarding broadband funding. It was decided to hold a community input session at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 17, where more information could be obtained and steps could be taken to work on solving the problem.

4. Public Hearing: General Assistance Ordinance

Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to open the Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing was opened at 8:31 a.m.

There were no members of the public in attendance, and there was no comment.

34 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to close the Public Hearing.**

35 The Public Hearing was closed at 8:32 a.m.

36 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to adopt the State of Maine's**
37 **General Assistance Ordinance dated September 2021.**

38 5. Town-Owned Properties – Bid-Opening/Award

39 Mr. Smith presented a sealed manilla envelope. He said that as bids were received, the
40 date and time of their receipt was written on the envelope containing the bid. Those
41 envelopes, still sealed, were stored together in the walk-in safe.

42 There were bids for three parcels. Each Select Board Member was given the bids for
43 each individual parcel. The bids were opened separately.

44 For parcel R2-001, 1 Acre on Harris Road, there were two bids: Dan Ford, for \$3,100,
45 and George Russell, for \$1,104.

46 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the highest bid,**
47 **which was that of Mr. Ford.**

48 For parcel R3-018, 14 acres on Harding Road, there were two bids: Stockton Woodlands
49 Corporation, for \$5,000, and David Spencer, for \$4,100.

50 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the highest bid,**
51 **which was that of Stockton Woodlands Corporation.**

52 For parcel R2-158-1, a half an acre on Bangor Road, there was one bid: Vern Thompson,
53 for \$400.

54 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the bid from Vern**
55 **Thompson.**

56 6. Minutes: January 20, 2022 Morning Meeting and Workshop

57 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the**
58 **January 20, 2022 Morning Meeting as presented.**

59 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the**
60 **January 20, 2022 Workshop as presented.**

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66 7. Accounts Payable Warrant #49 and Payroll Warrant #50
67 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve Accounts Payable**
68 **Warrant #49 and Payroll Warrant #50.**

69 8. Consideration of Copier Replacement

70 There was discussion of the oldest of the two copiers owned and used by the Town. Mr.
71 Smith said that the company who sells and services the copiers can no longer guarantee
72 replacement parts for the older of the two copiers.

73 It was decided that Mr. Smith was come back with more information at the next Board
74 meeting.

75 9. Harbor Public Space Use Policy

76 Mr. Smith presented a draft copy of a proposed new Harbor Public Space Use Policy.
77 After discussion, it was decided to revise the policy to reflect usage by non-profit
78 organizations, using the Internal Revenue Service definitions of non-profit.

79 10. Set Town Meeting Date

80 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to set Saturday, June 18 as**
81 **Town Meeting day.**

82 11. Schedule Budget Workshops

83 It was agreed that the Select Board would meet for public budget workshops each
84 Thursday during the month of March, to be held after the regular morning meeting. It
85 was decided to postpone regular workshops during that time.

86 12. Finger Floats

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88 Mr. Shute asked if the money could come out of the Dock Replacement Reserve Account
89 for now, to be replaced at budget time. Mr. Smith said that was possible, and that he
90 would contact the Harbor Committee Chair regarding the decision.

91 **Motion was made, seconded and 2-0-1, with Mr. Shute abstaining, to approve the**
92 **spending of \$6,000 for finger floats for dinghy storage at Stockton Harbor.**

93 13. Public Comment – Any Topic

94 There was no public comment.

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99 14. Adjourn to Workshop

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

101 The Select Board adjourned to workshop at 9:37 a.m.

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1. Call to Order

Ms. Bradley called the workshop to order at 9:38 a.m.
Present: Betsy Bradley, Marsha Shute, Darren Shute.
Also Present: Mac Smith – Town Manager.

2. Select Board Member Concerns and Comments

Ms. Bradley and Ms. Shute discussed upcoming Stockton Springs Community Builders activities.

3. Town Manager Concerns and Comments

Mr. Smith told the Board about a sailboat that had sunk in Stockton Harbor.
Mr. Smith answered a question about a recent MDOT project on Rt. 1a at Carley Brook. He said he had checked with the MDOT Project Manager, and that no guardrails are planned for the project. Mr. Smith said the project manager had reported that the incline is not steep enough to require guardrails under State regulations.
Mr. Smith explained to the Board about an incident that had happened the day before involving a resident on Harding Road.

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

The workshop was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.