

Town of Stockton Springs
Select Board – Morning Meeting
March 3, 2022
Minutes

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6 1. Roll Call: Call to Order

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

8 Present: Marsha Shute, Betsy Bradley, Darren Shute.

9 Also Present: Mac Smith – Town Manager, Kevin Kelley – Winterport Broadband
10 Committee

11 2. Adjustments to the Agenda
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13 Mr. Smith suggested adding an item to the agenda for the consideration of a contract
14 from Moore’s Septic. He also suggested that the item regarding broadband service be
15 moved closer to the beginning of the meeting in deference to Mr. Kelley’s time.
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17 3. Minutes: February 17, 2022 Morning Meeting, Workshop, and Evening Meeting

18 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the**
19 **morning meeting as corrected, and to approve the minutes of the Evening Meeting**
20 **and the Workshop as presented.**

21 4. Accounts Payable Warrant #55/Payroll Warrant #56

22 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve Accounts Payable**
23 **Warrants #54 and 55, and Payroll Warrant #56.**

24 5. Heat Pump Bid/Rebate Status

25 The Select Board decided to award the bid at the next meeting, March 17. Mr. Smith said
26 he would notify the Recycling and Energy Conservation Committee.

27 6. Review of Foreclosure Policy

28 There was discussion of the Foreclosure Policy. Questions were asked regarding dates.
29 Mr. Smith said he would obtain more information and report back to the Select Board.

34 7. Stockton Harbor Public Storage Policy

35 Mr. Smith presented the proposed Stockton Harbor Public Storage Policy with the
36 changes made as had been suggested by the Board, including the requirements that the
37 storage be for a non-profit as defined by Section 501 C 3 of the Internal Revenue Service
38 tax code, and that the storage be harbor-related.

39 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the Stockton**
40 **Harbor Public Storage Policy as presented.**

41 8. Report on Town-Owned Property on Rt. 1A

42 Mr. Smith presented what information he had obtained regarding the town-owned
43 property on Rt. 1A that has an occupied home. Mr. Shute said he would review the deeds
44 and report back to the Select Board with his findings. It was agreed that a neighborly
45 approach to a solution would be best.

46 9. Broadband Update/Possible Committee Nominations

47 Mr. Smith reported that he had reached out to the people who had been at the 2/17
48 community input session, and that no one had volunteered for the committee.

49 Kevin Kelley, a Winterport Town Councilor and member of that town's broadband
50 committee, was in attendance at the meeting. He said that he expected the Winterport
51 Town Council to approve a Memorandum of Understanding that would be presented to
52 the towns of Stockton, Prospect and Frankfort, which would be the beginning of the four
53 towns working together to investigate and possibly install broadband throughout the four
54 towns. He said that the towns involved would be able to pull out of any agreement until
55 money was actually obligated.

56 Mr. Kelley discussed the two steps involved in broadband, which is the planning stage
57 and the infrastructure phase. He said ARPA money could be used for the planning stage,
58 and that grants are available, mostly to help with the planning process. He said what
59 money that is available now will not be available forever. He suggested two websites to
60 consult during the process: 1. Connect Maine, and 2. The Island Institute.

61 Each Select Board member indicated they would be in favor of a bond at the point that
62 the project goes forward, acknowledging that the bond would ultimately have to be
63 approved by the taxpayers. Mr. Smith reiterated that the Town of Prospect had
64 approached the Town of Stockton, and that Prospect should be included in any plans
65 regarding broadband that the Town of Stockton might make. Mr. Smith said he would
66 communicate to the Prospect Select Board the current situation with Winterport. Mr.
67 Kelley said he expected the Town of Winterport would be reaching out to Prospect soon.

71 10. Emergency Management Services Request/Emergency Operations Plan Consideration

72 Mr. Smith presented a copy of the proposed updated Emergency Operations Plan, as had
73 been presented by EMS Director Tom Moore, along with a copy of the current plan. The
74 Select Board asked for a copy of the plan with the proposed changes outlined. Mr. Smith
75 said he would present that at the next Select Board meeting.

76 11. Correspondence: Central Maine Power Informational Letter of February 4, 2022

77 An information letter from Central Maine Power to the Town of Stockton Springs was
78 acknowledged.

79 Mr. Smith presented a phone conversation he had with a resident who complained that
80 her sister had been knocked down by a dog running at large. Mr. Smith said he would
81 notify the Parks Committee.

82 12. Public Comment

83 Will Nichols talked about the eroding bank at Sandy Point Beach and asked about closing
84 off the lookout area because people are walking along the bank there to get to the beach,
85 which he said was eroding the already eroding banking. Mr. Smith said he would talk to
86 the Parks and Recreation Committee about the subject.

87 Mr. Nichols talked also about a holding tank at the beach about which he was concerned.

88 13. Select Board Member Concerns and Comments

89 Mr. Shute asked if the Town had a policy for insurance coverage. Mr. Smith said the
90 Town did not. There was discussion of pursuing such a policy.

91 14. Town Manager Concerns and Comments

92 Mr. Smith answered a previous question from Mr. Shute about the second ambulance,
93 reporting that the second ambulance has been back in service for quite some time and had
94 been doing many transfers.

95 In response to a previous question from Mr. Shute, Mr. Smith reported that he had
96 reviewed every Select Board meeting since he took the position of Interim Town
97 Manager, and that every citizen complaint had been responded to. Mr. Smith reported he
98 did send a letter to resident Jeff Kneeland just to remind Mr. Kneeland that everyone was
99 waiting for warmer weather before doing anything further regarding the fire pond on
100 Harris Road.

105 15. Adjourn to Budget Workshop

106 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn to Budget**
107 **Workshop.**

108 The Select Board adjourned to Budget Workshop at 9:55 a.m.

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