

Town of Stockton Springs
Select Board
April 9, 2020
Online
Minutes

1. Roll Call: Call to Order:

Present: Betsy Bradley, Peter Curley, Melissa Moody.

Also Present: Jennifer King - Town Manager.

Ms. Bradley called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

3. Public Comments - Agenda Items Only

Ms. King checked the Comments section of the Facebook meeting post.

Ms. King checked to make sure the meeting was being broadcast. She received feedback that the meeting was being seen and heard.

4. COVID-19 Update

Ms. King said the State of Maine Governor had mandated closures until April 30.

Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to keep the Town Office closed to the public until April 30, 2020, with employees being able to enter the Town Office as needed, with further review of the situation before April 30.

Ms. King said that remote budget workshops could be held if there is a Town Meeting in June.

5. Financial Report

Ms. King reported that excise tax is below normal but that she expects the Town to recoup that money after the State's restrictions are lifted. Ms. King said that the lost trash sticker revenue may or may not be recouped and that she can file a claim with the state to try and recoup the lost trash sticker revenue.

Ms. King said she had not gotten a complete answer regarding June voting and the annual Town Meeting. She said if there is no Town Meeting, and thus no approved budget for the next fiscal year, the Town could use this year's budget until a new budget is approved.

6. Community Garden

Ms. King reported that Jim Nichols was working with the KINDNESS program to help fight hunger and that he wanted permission to use the town-owned property on Steamboat Wharf Road as a garden.

Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to allow the use of the Town-owned land on Steamboat Wharf Road for the purpose of a community garden.

Ms. Bradley read a Facebook comment from Lorna Russell of the Sandy Point Water Company that everything must be organic on the property, which provides water for part of Sandy Point.

7. Public Comments - Any Topic

Ms. King read a question from a Facebook viewer regarding property taxes. Ms. King said property taxes are still due on April 22. Ms. King said municipalities are still required by the State to collect interest on late property taxes.

Mr. Curley asked if the assessment had been performed on the elementary school building. Ms. King said it had not.

Mr. Curley asked if the docks had been put in at Stockton Harbor. Ms. King said she believed it would be done in the next week or two.

Lorna Russell asked about the parking lot on Hersey Retreat Road. Mr. King said that Ms. Russell reported that because the beach parking lot was closed, people were parking on Hersey Retreat Road and causing a safety concern. Ms. King said the parking lot at the restroom would be opened.

Ms. King said Stockton Harbor had been opened for commercial fisherman and mooring owners only, with social distancing restrictions.

8. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.