

Town of Stockton Springs
Select Board – Morning Meeting
April 21, 2022
Minutes

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6 1. Roll Call: Call to Order

7 Mr. Shute called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

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

9 Also Present: Mac Smith – Town Manager.

10 2. Adjustments to the Agenda

11 There were no adjustments to the agenda.

12 3. Mt. Prospect Cemetery Donation Request

13 Andrea Staples of the Mt. Prospect Cemetery Association was in attendance to discuss an
14 offer for the Town to take over ownership and care of the Mt. Prospect Cemetery, off
15 Church Street. She said the work involved in the maintenance of the cemetery had
16 become too much for her family. There was discussion of the possible sale of plots if the
17 Town takes ownership. She said her family had made arrangements for mowing for this
18 season. There was discussion of the costs involved in maintenance if the Town took over
19 ownership. There was discussion of possible volunteer labor. There was discussion
20 regarding the possible need for a survey. There was discussion of equipment owned by
21 the cemetery. There was discussion of abutters to the back of the property and how much
22 land the cemetery owned. Mr. Smith outlined the process involved with the offer of
23 ownership. He said that the state law on cemetery donations such as this was sparse and
24 specific. He said the official written offer had to be made a month in advance of Town
25 Meeting, which is scheduled for June 18. He said it was up to the Select Board to vote
26 whether to send the question to Town Meeting, and that they would do so at their meeting
27 on May 19, after the written offer from the Mt. Prospect Cemetery Association had been
28 received.

29 4. Possible Taxpayer Request Regarding Foreclosed Property

30 Because the taxpayer whose property had been foreclosed upon was not in attendance,
31 this item was skipped.

35 5. Public Comment – Any Topic

36 McKenney Road resident Linda Salley was in attendance. She reported that, with the
37 help from From Above, a community action group, they had cleaned up the residence
38 next to hers, 98 McKenney Road. She said that it took four people three hours to cleanup
39 the outside. She said that the entire house was surrounded by human feces in containers.
40 She said they also found syringes. She said they boarded up the house before they left.
41 She said she suspected there was a meth lab in the basement. There was discussion of
42 what could be done with the property. Mr. Smith explained that because the previous
43 owner had no heirs who were interested in the property, ownership was through a private
44 company. It was decided to send a copy of the minutes to the property’s mortgage-holder
45 to assure that they know the condition of the property and the risks to health and safety.

46 Kevin Kelley of the Winterport Broadband Committee was in attendance and delivered
47 the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the towns regarding broadband. It
48 was decided to put the issue on the agenda for the next meeting and to invite the Prospect
49 Select Board to also be in attendance. It was generally agreed that any seed money for
50 Stockton broadband be raised at Town Meeting as opposed to using American Rescue
51 Plan Act (ARPA) grant money.

52 6. Excise Tax Request

53 Mr. Smith explained a situation in which an entitled 100% disabled veteran had
54 registered a car before October, when a new law took effect allowing the waiving of
55 excise tax on one vehicle owned by a qualified disabled veteran. He explained that the
56 veteran had contacted the Town Office regarding the new law, but that the state had not
57 yet informed the Town of the law.

58 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to refund the excise tax to the**
59 **veteran because he had made a good-faith effort to obtain information before**
60 **registering his car.**

61 7. Minutes: April 7, 2022

62 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the**
63 **April 7, 2022 meeting as presented.**

64 8. Accounts Payable/Payroll

65 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve Accounts Payable**
66 **Warrant #65 and Payroll Warrant #66 as presented.**

67 9. Treasurer’s Report

68 Mr. Smith presented the Treasurer’s Report.

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71 10. Correspondence

72 Mr. Smith pointed out that he had incorrectly listed Correspondence twice on the agenda.

73 11. GA Signature

74 Mr. Smith presented the signature page from the GA Ordinance which the Select Board
75 had approved a few months earlier. The members of the Select Board signed the
76 ordinance signature page.

77 12. Select Board Letter for Town Report

78 Mr. Smith presented the proposed letter from the Select Board for the Town Report. He
79 said he wanted to tighten-up some of the writing.

80 13. Stocking of Second Ambulance

81 Mr. Smith explained that he had authorized the Ambulance Director to restock the second
82 ambulance using money from the Ambulance Replacement Account. He said that
83 because the Select Board had authorized the spending of the money for the second
84 ambulance during the previous fiscal year, the spending for the approximately \$3,000 in
85 supplies for the second ambulance would require reauthorization.

86 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve paying the**
87 **approximately \$3,000 for restocking the second ambulance out of the Ambulance**
88 **Replacement account.**

89 14. Habitat for Humanity Update

90 Mr. Smith explained that the Island Institute had a piece of property in town that they had
91 discussed subdividing. He offered to put Habitat for Humanity in touch with the Island
92 Institute to see if they could work out a deal.

93 15. Liquor Application

94 The Board reviewed the liquor license renewal application from Just Barb's, as well as an
95 application that would allow alcohol to be served under their tent. Mr. Smith said he had
96 checked with the Stockton Springs Police Department and there were no issues with Just
97 Barb's.

98 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the liquor license**
99 **renewal application and the extension application for Brian Sullivan, doing business**
100 **as Just Barb's.**

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105 16. Harbor Committee Appointment.
106 Mr. Smith presented the name of Glenn Meadows for the vacancy on the Harbor
107 Committee. It was pointed out that Mr. Meadows had received a recommendation for
108 membership by the Harbor Committee. There was discussion of alternates versus regular
109 voting members.

110 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to appoint Glenn Meadows to**
111 **the Stockton Springs Harbor Committee, with a term to expire June 30, 2022.**

112 17. Possible Declaration of Stockton Harbor as Full by Harbormaster

113 After discussion, it was decided that the issue had been taken care of.

114 18. Correspondence

115 A. Letter of Support for Stockton Harbor Breakwater Grant

116 There was discussion of application for a directed Congressional spending grant by the
117 Harbor Committee for a granite breakwater to protect the town docking system. Mr.
118 Smith presented a copy of a letter signed by the Select Board as well as a letter from
119 himself as Town Manager describing the importance of the dock system to the town.

120 19. Select Board Member Concerns and Comments

121 Ms. Bradley and Ms. Shute thanked the community for the large turnout at the Spring
122 Parade and Activity on the grounds of the library.

123 20. Town Manager Concerns and Comments

124 Mr. Smith noted that Republican Journal reporter/editor Sarah Reynolds was moving to
125 another job, and he thanked her for helping get accurate information to the public so that
126 informed decisions could be made.

127 21. Adjournment

128 It was decided to postpone the budget workshop scheduled for after the meeting.

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

130 The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

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