

Town of Stockton Springs
Select Board – Morning Meeting
May 19, 2022
Minutes

1. Roll Call: Call to Order

Ms. Bradley called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

Present: Betsy Bradley, Marsha Shute, Darren Shute.

Also Present: Mac Smith – Town Manager.

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

It was agreed to move Item #5 – Harris Road Fire Pond Discussion – to the top of the agenda.

3. Public Hearing: Proposed Changes to Land Use Ordinance

No member of the public was in attendance at the Public Hearing. The Public Hearing was opened. Chris Poulin, Planning Board Chair, presented the proposed changes as agreed upon by the Planning Board. There was discussion with the Select Board. The Select Board made one change, Page 47, the definition of Ordinary Maintenance and Repair. The Select Board struck out the words “and materials of a property” at the end of the definition.

Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to place the proposed updated Land Use Ordinance on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting in June as amended.

4. Public Hearing: Proposed Changes to Coastal Waters and Harbor Ordinance

No member of the public was in attendance at the Public Hearing. The Public Hearing was opened. The Select Board considered suggestions submitted in writing by William Nichols. The Board amended those suggestions and added them to the Harbor Ordinance, in Section 7.1 and Section 7.5. Suggestions provided by the Harbor Committee were considered and amended, including adding Section 7.10.4, 7.11.8, 7.11.9, amending Section 8.6, approving the change in the definition of the term “Vessel”, and amending the addition of the definition for Stockton Harbor.

33 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to place the proposed updated**
34 **Coastal Waters and Harbor Ordinance on the Warrant for the Annual Town**
35 **Meeting in June as amended.**

36 5. Harris Road Fire Pond Discussion with Jeff Kneeland.

37 Jeff Kneeland discussed the Harris Road Fire Pond and his concerns with water backing
38 up in a pipe from his house to the pond, and other concerns relating to the fire pond.
39 There was discussion of the dredging project that had been planned for the fire pond.
40 Fire Chief Vern Thompson said the fire pond had been partially dredged. There was
41 discussion of various businesses that had the equipment needed to complete the dredging
42 project. There was discussion of various funding sources for the dredging project. It was
43 agreed to complete the dredging project and then re-evaluate Mr. Kneeland's concerns.

44 6. Minutes: May 5, 2022

45 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of May**
46 **5, 2022 as presented.**

47 7. Accounts Payable Warrant #72 and Payroll Warrants #71 and #73

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49 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve Accounts Payable**
50 **Warrant #72 and Payroll Warrants #71 and #73.**

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52 8. Treasurer's Report

53 Mr. Smith presented the Treasurer's Report

54 9. Correspondence

55 The Board was presented a letter from "Aging Well in Waldo County". Mr. Smith said
56 he would do research and put the letter on the next meeting's agenda.

57 10. Broadband Update

58 Mr. Smith presented an update on the broadband issue. He said the state was not taking
59 applications until they had completed their transition to the Maine Connectivity
60 Authority. He said he would try to find a blank application to fill out so that the
61 application would be ready when the State starts taking applications again. He said the
62 September 20 would most likely be the deadline for the large infrastructure grant, which
63 is awarded every six months. He said he would have more information at the next
64 meeting, after his next meeting with the Winterport Broadband Committee.

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69 11. Foreclosure Request from Property Owner

70 There was discussion of a request from the heirs of a deceased resident regarding that
71 resident's property that had been foreclosed upon.

72 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to release the property at Tax**
73 **Map U7, Lot 027 to the heirs of the deceased owner.**

74 12. Moore's Septic Contract

75 There was discussion of the two-year contract presented by Moore's Septic, which had
76 been discussed at a previous meeting.

77 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the two-year**
78 **contract with Moore's Septic.**

79 13. Select Board Letter for Town Report

80 The Select Board signed its letter for the annual Town Report.

81 14. Approval of Warrant for Annual Town Meeting

82 The draft copy of the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting was reviewed.

83 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the placement of**
84 **the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting in June.**

85 15. Signing of RSU 20 Budget Vote Notices

86 The Board was presented with all the copies of the RSU 20 budget vote notices for
87 signature.

88 16. Future of Abandoned Sailboat

89 There was discussion of the abandoned sailboat, which had been floated and secured to a
90 mooring over the weekend. Mr. Smith said the total bill to refloat the boat was between
91 \$4-5,000. There was discussion of where to take the money from. The Board agreed to
92 take the money from the Harbor account. Mr. Smith said he had placed a notice for bids
93 in The Republican Journal for the sale of the sailboat, and that the deadline was 5 p.m. on
94 Wednesday, May 25. The Board authorized the Town Manager to open the bids and
95 determine the winner, which traditionally is the highest bidder.

96 17. Public Comment – Any Topic

97 There was no public comment.

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101 18. Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. ss 405 (6)(A) Personnel Matters

102 This was not held due to lack of time.

103 19. Adjourn to Workshop

104 Due to lack of time, the Workshop was not held.

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

106 The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

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