

Town of Stockton Springs
Select Board – Morning Meeting
May 5, 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

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

3. Meeting with Winterport Broadband Committee/Review Memorandum of Understanding

Kevin Kelley and Ethan Tremblay were in attendance. They discussed the history and current status of Winterport’s broadband project. They presented a Memorandum of Understanding for the Select Board’s consideration. They talked about how they had an information and survey-distribution booth at their last election. They discussed that there was no financial obligation at this point with the Memorandum of Understanding, and that Stockton could withdraw from the MOU up until a certain point without financial obligation or penalty. The Board and Town Manager agreed that this was a good opportunity for Stockton.

Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Winterport.

4. Meeting with Searsport Town Manager/Invitation to join Searsport Wastewater

Searsport Town Manager James Gillway, who had requested the meeting, was not in attendance.

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34 5. Taxpayer Foreclosure Request

35 A request was made from a taxpayer to pay all taxes, interest and penalties on their home
36 in exchange for the Town releasing the property back to them.

37 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to allow the owner of Tax**
38 **Map R2, Lot 109 to pay all back-taxes, interest and penalties by 5 p.m. in exchange**
39 **for the property being released back to the owner.**

40 6. Minutes: April 21, 2022 Morning Meeting

41 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the**
42 **April 21, 2022 meeting as presented.**

43 7. Accounts Payable Warrant #68 and Payroll Warrant #69 & #70

44 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve Accounts Payable**
45 **Warrant #68 and Payroll Warrants #69 & #70 as presented.**

46 8. Emergency Operations Plan

47 The proposed Emergency Operations Play policy was reviewed. One concern raised was
48 the lack of mention of the Town Manager's involvement during an emergency. Another
49 concern was the need for a safety officer and a scribe to be at all emergencies. It was
50 decided that Mr. Smith would make those changes and present the policy again to the
51 Board for signature.

52 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the Emergency**
53 **Operations Plan with the above changes made.**

54 9. Heat Pump Dedication

55 It was decided that Mr. Smith would talk to the Recycling and Energy Conservation
56 Committee regarding the dedication of the heat pumps.

57 10. Eagle Scout Project

58 Mr. Smith described a project planned by Boy Scout and resident Robert Walker, which
59 would serve as Mr. Walker's Eagle Scout project. Mr. Smith said Robert would clean up
60 Peterson Park and would build two picnic tables for the park.

61 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve Robert Walker's**
62 **Eagle Scout project for Peterson Park.**

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67 11. Letter for Town Report

68 Mr. Smith said the updated letter was not available but that he would circulate it among
69 the members of the Select Board after it had been tightened-up.

70 12. Town Manager Annual Performance Evaluation

71 Mr. Smith handed out material for the members of the Select Board to use when doing
72 their evaluation of him. It was agreed to complete the evaluation at the next meeting.

73 13. Public Comment – Any Topic

74 A resident asked if he could pay the back-taxes, interest and penalties on his home, which
75 had recently been foreclosed upon. He said he was able to pay the entire amount by 5
76 pm.

77 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to allow the owner of Tax**
78 **Map R4, Lot 158 to pay all back-taxes, interest and penalties by 5 p.m. in exchange**
79 **for the property being released back to him.**

80 14. Select Board Member Concerns and Comments

81 There were no Select Board Member concerns or comments.

82 15. Town Manager Concerns and Comments

83 Mr. Smith notified the Select Board that the caretakers of Mt. Prospect Cemetery had
84 withdrawn their offer for the Town to take over ownership and maintenance of that
85 cemetery.

86 16. Adjournment

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

88 The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

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