

Town of Stockton Springs
Select Board – Morning Meeting
July 11, 2022
Minutes

1. Roll Call: Call to Order

Present: Darren Shute, Betsy Bradley, Marsha Shute

Also Present: Mac Smith – Town Manager.

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

3. Wastewater Discussion – Request of Searsport Town Manager for Stockton to join with Searsport’s Wastewater Facility

Searsport Town Manager James Gilway was in attendance. He said he would like for the Town of Stockton Springs to join with Searsport’s wastewater program. He said Searsport had just rebuilt their treatment facility. He said he wanted to explore options for the two towns to collaborate on wastewater.

Mr. Gilway said that Searsport’s wastewater treatment capacity is currently at 60%. He said Searsport is using a different method of treatment which uses less chemicals and is less expensive. He said the current rate of sewer users in Searsport is \$73/quarter. He said there is money for grants available.

Mr. Smith reminded the Board that they were already facing the possibility of two bonds for other projects and that grants come with many strings and hoops through which to jump. He suggested gauging the level of interest of the citizens of Stockton before the Board made any decisions.

It was agreed to have the Town Manager seek opinions from Stockton citizens on the matter and to report back to the Select Board.

4. Minutes: June 16, 2022 Morning Meeting and Workshop

Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2022 morning meeting and workshop.

33 5. Accounts Payable/Payroll

34 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve Accounts Payable**
35 **Warrants 81, 83, 84 and 2, and Payroll Warrants 80 and 81.**

36 6. Correspondence

37 There was no correspondence to discuss.

38 7. Public Comment – Any Topic

39 There was no public comment.

40 8. Adjourn to Workshop

41 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn to workshop.**

42 The Select Board adjourned to workshop at 9:05 p.m.

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1. Select Board Member Concerns and Comments

There was discussion of the possibility of seeing rent from businesses who continually use the municipal parking lot for parking. Mr. Smith said he would look into the matter.

There was discussion of doing another round of placing town-owned properties out to bid. Mr. Smith said he would prepare a list of town-owned properties for the Board.

There was discussion of a possible ordinance concerning the storage of electric batteries. The fire at a local garage that services electric cars was discussed in this context.

2. Town Manager Concerns and Comments

There was discussion of the closure of the Town Office for the end-of-year computer book-balancing and closing for elections.

Mr. Smith updated the Board on the Fire Pond dredging project on Harris Road, which was proceeding.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.