

Town of Stockton Springs
Select Board – Morning Meeting
July 25, 2022
Minutes

1. Roll Call: Call to Order

Mr. Shute called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

Present: Darren Shute, Betsy Bradley, Marsha Shute.

Also Present: Mac Smith – Town Manager.

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

Mr. Smith requested that an item be added to the end of the agenda regarding the approval of a utility pole for the corner of Hersey Retreat Road and Sandy Point Road.

3. Minutes: July 24, 2022 Morning Meeting and Workshop

Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2022 Morning Meeting and Workshop as presented.

4. Accounts Payable 85 & 5/Payroll Warrant 3 & 4

Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve Accounts Payable 85 and 5, and Payroll Warrants 3 and 4.

5. Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Smith presented the Treasurer’s Report.

6. Liquor License Renewal: The Hichborn

Mr. Smith reported he had checked with the Stockton Police Department and there had been no complaints with the Hichborn. Mr. Shute asked about a continuation of the matter. Mr. Smith said the Board had an option to continue the agenda item to another meeting. Mr. Shute described an incident he and his wife experienced as private citizens while dining at another restaurant owned by the same applicant a few months previously. He suggested a background check for Mr. Linder regarding substance abuse problems and anger management issues. Ms. Bradley asked about the grounds on which the Board had to make its decision regarding the liquor license renewal application. Mr. Smith said

33 he would check further into the matter. Ms. Bradley asked about the expiration date of
34 the current license. Mr. Smith said it was 8/25/22. Ms. Shute asked about a possible
35 conflict of interest with her because she is involved in the Searsport High School Alumni
36 Association and the applicants have made a contribution to that entity. Ms. Shute was
37 advised that did not appear to be a conflict of interest. Ms. Bradley asked if Mr. Shute
38 had filed a formal complaint after the incident, and he said no. He said he understood
39 other people had complaints regarding the Hichborn. Mr. Shute provided information
40 regarding the Hichborn from Instagram. Mr. Smith explained the options available to the
41 Board. He said he would notify the applicants of the public hearing. Mr. Shute said his
42 wife felt threatened by the actions of Mr. Linder. Ms. Bradley and Ms. Shute agreed to
43 hold the Public Hearing. Ms. Bradley said she felt a public hearing would be the town
44 doing its due diligence. Mr. Shute said he thought Mr. Linder was drinking at the bar
45 during the incident. He said the incident suggested a possible anger management issue or
46 substance abuse issue. He said he did not know why the incident happened. Mr. Shute
47 said his wife would be able to attend the public hearing.

48 The Select Board agreed to hold a public hearing on the liquor license renewal
49 application of the owners of The Hichborn, on August 8, 2022 at 8:00, during their
50 regular meeting.

51 7. Committee Membership

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53 A. Planning Board/Meagan Adams

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55 There was discussion regarding the fact that Ms. Adams is a landowner in Stockton but
56 not yet a resident, with plans to build a house here in the future. Mr. Smith said he would
57 look into the matter further.

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59 B. Parks Committee/Jim Nichols

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61 There was discussion of Jim Nichols' offer to serve on the Parks Committee. Mr. Smith
62 said he would have a discussion with Mr. Nichols regarding membership.

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64 Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to appoint Jim Nichols to the
65 Stockton Springs Parks Committee, with a term expiring June 30, 2024.

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67 8. Correspondence

68 There was no correspondence for discussion.

72 9. Public Comment – Any Topic

73 There was no public comment.

74 9A. Utility Pole

75 Mr. Smith presented a form for consideration and signature regarding Central Maine
76 Power’s placement of a utility pole at the corner of Sandy Point Road and Hersey Retreat
77 Road.

78 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the placement of**
79 **the utility pole at the corner of Sandy Point Road and Hersey Retreat Road.**

80 10. Adjourn to Workshop

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

82 The Select Board adjourned to workshop at 8:50 a.m.

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1. Select Board Member Concerns and Comments

Ms. Bradley and Ms. Shute discussed upcoming events of Stockton Springs Community Builders.

There was discussion of the Spirit of America Award and possible future nominees.

2. Town Manager Concerns and Comments

Mr. Smith reviewed a list of ongoing issues that are before the Select Board and gave an update for each item.

3. Adjournment

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

The workshop was adjourned at 9:22 a.m.