

Town of Stockton Springs
Select Board – Morning Meeting
August 8, 2022
Minutes

1. Roll Call: Call to Order

Present: Betsy Bradley, Marsha Shute, Darren Shute.

Also Present: Mac Smith – Town Manager.

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

Mr. Smith recommended that the agenda be adjusted as follows:

- A. Cancel the Public Hearing
- B. Move directly to a vote on The Hichborn liquor license renewal application.
- C. Move Public Comment up as the next agenda item after the vote.

Mr. Smith said he made this recommendation after having reviewed both the criteria for the denial of the liquor license and the Town’s officials records. He said that review revealed no official cause to deny the liquor license.

Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to adjust the agenda as listed above.

3. Public Hearing: The Hichborn Liquor License Renewal Application

Per the adjustments to the agenda, the Public Hearing was not held. Instead, the Board moved directly to consideration of the liquor license renewal application.

Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the liquor license renewal application for The Hichborn.

The liquor license renewal form was signed by the three members of the Select Board, copied, and given to The Hichborn.

Apologizes were issued to Mr. Zorich and Mr. Linder for the events of the July 25th meeting by Mr. Smith, Ms. Shute, Ms. Bradley and Mr. Shute.

32 4. Public Comment

33 Charlie Zorich and Kirk Linder were given the first opportunity to speak, to allow them
34 to respond to the events of the July 25th meeting. They refuted parts of the story told by
35 Mr. Shute at the July 25th meeting. They discussed the fallout from the July 25th meeting
36 and the effect on them. Mr. Linder called for Mr. Shute's resignation.

37 Others made comments. Among them, Lorna Russell spoke on the need for healing and
38 forgiveness. Ruth Shute spoke of the positive spirit of the Town of Stockton Springs.
39 One member of the public asked about Mr. Shute being able to defend himself. Mr.
40 Smith said that anything that happened at the restaurant had nothing to do with the Town.
41 He said Mr. Shute was able to defend himself.

42 5. Minutes: July 25, 2022 Morning Meeting and Workshop

43 Stockton resident Jessie Francis suggested the text in the current draft of the 7/25 minutes
44 be stricken and put in terms less damaging to all parties involved. After discussion, it
45 was decided to come up with a few different versions, including no change at all, and to
46 check with The Hichborn to see their opinion on the subject.

47 6. Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

48 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve Accounts Payable**
49 **Warrants 8 & 86 and Payroll Warrant 6 & 7.**

50 7. Correspondence

51 Mr. Smith said there was no correspondence to report.

52 8. Adjourn to Workshop

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

54 The Select Board adjourned to workshop at 8:35 a.m.

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Ms. Bradley called the workshop to order at 8:35 a.m.

Present: Betsy Bradley, Marsha Shute, Darren Shute.

Also Present – Mac Smith – Town Manager.

1. Select Board Member Concerns and Comments

Ms. Bradley and Ms. Shute updated the Board regarding activities with Stockton Springs Community Builders.

2. Town Manager Concerns and Comments

Mr. Smith reported that he had scheduled a vacation day for August 18.

Mr. Huntoon was in attendance at the workshop. He had a comment but had not had a chance to make the comment during the regular meeting. He asked about when there would be cutting of growth along the sides of the road along Cape Jellison. He said he was not sure what parts were handled by the Town and what parts were handled by the State. Mr. Shute said that the parts of the road with the yellow lines are state road, with the rest being town roads. Mr. Smith said he would speak to the Public Works crew regarding the situation.

3. Adjournment

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

The workshop was adjourned at 8:40 a.m.