

Town of Stockton Springs
Select Board – Morning Meeting
September 12, 2022
Minutes

1. Roll Call: Call to Order: Ms. Shute called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Present: Marsha Shute, Betsy Bradley, Darren Shute.

Also Present: Mac Smith – Town Manager.

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

3. Discussion with Parks Committee Regarding Americans with Disabilities Trail Maintenance and other Sandy Point Beach Park-related Issues

Lorna Russell, Pat Snyder and Jim Nichols of the Stockton Springs Parks Committee were in attendance. Regarding the Americans with Disabilities Trail, Mr. Smith reported that Public Works had been doing some work on the trail, and that Public Works thought they could do the work. It was agreed to take another look at the trail when Public Works is done to see if there is other work that needs to be done. There was discussion of further ditching along the down-hill part of the trail, as it had washed out. It was agreed to think about laying out the parking lot end of trail so that it did not go through the parking lot.

There was discussion of possibly removing the trash cans at the beach and instituting a “carry-in, carry-out” policy. It was agreed to keep the trash cans but to use signage to encourage the carry-in, carry-out policy.

The committee asked if Public Works could mow the area between the beach grass and the parking lot twice a year. Mr. Smith said he would talk to Public Works about the issue.

There was discussion of a revolving account, into which people could make donations. There was discussion of signage involving donations. Mr. Smith said he would research the issue of how the money would be held in the Town’s bookkeeping.

33 There was discussion about putting another boulder on a spot along the road to the
34 parking lot which people are using to access the shore with ATVs. There was no
35 objection. Mr. Smith said that Public Works was aware of the situation.

36 There was the discussion of the future of the bog boards, which are used for people to
37 walk on in the larger, non-ADA trail section. There was discussion of using any money
38 raised through contributions to replace the bog boards.

39 There was discussion of the issue of unleashed dogs on the beach, and the complaints that
40 have been received regarding the subject. There was discussion regarding the problems
41 with enforcement. After discussion, it was agreed to continue the policy but monitor the
42 situation.

43 4. Stockton Emergency Management Radio Equipment

44 Stockton EMA Director Tom Moore was in attendance, with price estimates for the
45 equipment needed for Stockton EMA. After discussion, it was decided to authorize the
46 purchase of the planned computer, and to discuss further the purchase of the other
47 equipment. Mr. Smith said he would check to see if the Town had a wireless mouse and
48 an extra Microsoft licensing agreement.

49 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to authorize the Stockton**
50 **Springs EMA director to purchase the computer as described by him at the meeting,**
51 **with the funding to come out of ARPA funding.**

52 5. Review/Possible Action on Town-Owned Real Estate to Bid

53 Mr. Smith presented an updated list of properties based on discussion from the last
54 meeting. He said that the right-of-way to the property on Stowers Lane (R3-077) was in
55 questions. He also said that correspondence had been found that indicated the property
56 was donated with possible stipulations regarding conservation and recreation restrictions.
57 He advised that the property be taken off the list for this round. He said he would
58 investigate the right-of-way of the road on the property and the possible restrictions.
59 There was a discussion of minimum bids.

60 It was agreed that Mr. Smith would bring the amount of three years-worth of back taxes
61 for each property to the next Select Board meeting, and the issue would be pursued
62 further then.

69 6. Possible Charge for Business parking in Town-Owned Lots

70 Mr. Smith said an idea had come from a workshop to possibly charge any business
71 owners for parking in the municipal parking lot at the Town Office. He said he was
72 concerned that the Select Board would be heading into the same trouble they had seen
73 before with use of public space at Stockton Harbor. He said if the Board did want to
74 pursue the idea, the Planning Board would have to be involved because there would have
75 to be changes to the Town's Parking Ordinance, and that there should be vote from the
76 Select Board to pursue the idea if they wished. No motion was forthcoming.

77 7. Surplus Equipment for Bid

78 Mr. Smith provided the Select Board with a list of equipment that Public Works deemed
79 surplus and wished to have put out to bid. Mr. Smith said he had checked with the other
80 departments, and none of them had any surplus equipment to put out to bid. There was
81 discussion of listing the unused trench box with a minimum bid, set at 70% of the price of
82 a new one.

83 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to authorize the placement out**
84 **to bid surplus Public Works equipment, as listed at the meeting.**

85 8. Authorization of Payment from Capital Reserve Account/Fire Boat

86 Mr. Smith presented the Select Board with the invoice from Stockton Springs Marine for
87 replacement of the motor for the Fire Boat.

88 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve payment of the**
89 **invoice for the Fire Boat motor for \$4,764.38, to be paid from the Fire Department**
90 **Vehicle Replacement Account.**

91 9. Minutes: August 22, 2022 Morning Meeting and Workshop

92 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the**
93 **August 22, 2022 Morning Meeting and Workshop as corrected.**

94 10: Accounts Payable/Payroll Warrants

95 **Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve Accounts Payable**
96 **Warrants 88 and 15, and Payroll Warrants 12, 13 and 14.**

97 11. Correspondence

98 Mr. Smith reported that there was no correspondence.

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103 12. Public Comment – Any Topic

104 Kenda Jo Grindle from the State of Maine was in attendance. She said she was from the
105 Maine Connectivity Authority, which she said was the state’s new broadband agency.

106 She discussed a proposal, which she had run by Mr. Smith a few weeks earlier, regarding
107 a partnership the state has with a private company, and a deal the state was offering,
108 where the private company, Outer Reach Broadband of Hallowell, would place the
109 wireless for free, and then they would be the contractor who would build out the Town’s
110 fiber network. She said Outer Reach would help the Town find grants that might help
111 pay for the project.

112 Mr. Smith said that the Select Board had already obligated itself, through the signing of a
113 Memorandum of Understanding, to work with Winterport and Frankfort. He said that it
114 would seem that the state, advocating for one private company, was going to undo the
115 work of the Winterport Broadband Committee, which is expected to receive bids from
116 several private companies. Mr. Smith said he would forward information to the Select
117 Board, and that the issue would be put on the following meeting’s agenda.

118 13. Adjourn to Workshop

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

120 The Select Board adjourned to workshop at 9:48 a.m.

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