

Stockbridge Selectboard - Draft

May 5, 2022

7:00 PM

Zoom Meeting Info: +1 929 205 6099 Meeting ID: 832 6401 6077 Passcode: 295308

Present: Lee Ann Isaacson, Mike Ketchum, Zach Cavacas, Lori Scott, Kevin Bagley, Forrest Newton, Sherry Ackerman, Joanne Mills, On-Line, Susan Pelletier, Beth Dawley, Charlie Rudewick

- 1) Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.
- 2) Additions and Deletions to the meeting.
 - a) Zach – Tree Warden Update on discussion with Don Larock
 - b) Lori – Updated Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP) document
- 3) **Previous Meeting Minutes:** Zach read the 4/21 Minutes. Lee Ann motioned to approve as read, Mike seconded, and the minutes were approved.
- 4) **Road Update**
 - a) The board reviewed the current grant and project cost report. This includes known projects for 2022 and 2023.
 - i) Fletcher Brook Project 1 – Grant BR0891. The board approved moving forward with this project and the additional costs identified. **Action Items:** Kevin will start the work on Monday 5/9 and contact the property owner. Lori will add a notice to the town website.
 - ii) Mount Hunger – The road relocation grant application is still in the approval process. The estimate is \$107,000 with a potential grant amount of \$60,000 and the town match would be part of the 2023 budget.
 - iii) Gaysville Bridge Replacement – Grant BO1444. This is still in the design phase and costs and match information are not yet available. JB McCarthy and Tom Knight will be on the agenda 5/19 to further discussion on the weight requirements of the design. **Action Item:** Kevin to order signage with current weight restriction of max GUV of 24,000 for both ends of the bridge
 - iv) The board discussed that with inflation causing price hikes, they should expect cost overruns as the project work progresses. **Action Item:** Lori to add a project report review to the Selectboard meetings each month.
 - v) Fletcher Brook Project 2 and retaining wall project will need some additional legal expense and notices as will the Mount Hunger project.
 - b) Kevin reported that he has had no responses on the advertisement for the open road crew position. **Action Item:** Lori to re-run all the ads.
 - c) There are new slide locations – one on Blackmer by the town garage and one at the intersection of Stony Brook and 107. Kevin is meeting with Chris Bump next week.
- 5) **Delinquent Tax Collector Report – Susan Pelletier**
 - a) Susan reported that the delinquent balance in January 2022 was \$110,568.25. Collections since January were \$67,389.37 leaving a current balance of \$43,178.88. She reviewed the taxpayers that have been sent to small claims court and those with liens on their properties. There are a small number of Hawk property owners who have just walked away, and she is working with the VLCT to determine next steps in this case. There are no tax sales scheduled at this time.
- 6) **Lamb Trust – Blackmer Fountain Binder**

a) A trust was set up in the 1940's to create and maintain the fountain on Blackmer Blvd. The bank was originally the trustee and they appointed Carroll Ketchum who managed it as trustee until his recent passing. Carroll's wife didn't know what to do with the binder he had maintained for the fountain, so she dropped it off at the town office. The fountain is currently on Jeff and Joanne Mill's land, but it is maintained by a private fund. Carroll had not appointed a new trustee before his passing. The board agreed that this is not town issue, but that the town should support getting this to the right party to resolve. Forrest reported that the trustee document states that in the absence of a trustee, the issue must be brought to probate court in Washington County. (The County of origin of the document.) Mike Ketchum took the binder and will reach out to an attorney.

7) Noise Ordinance

a) Zach asked to move this to next meeting

8) Speed issue on 107: Sherry Ackerman attended to re-visit the decision made by VTRANS that nothing needs to be done on this issue based on the speed survey that had performed. The board advised Sherry, that a response from the residents stating they are still concerned about the safety of the area can be sent back to VTRANS. This is important, especially because they trying to attract more visitors to the Gaysville area (White River Park at Stockbridge, The Historical Society Building). **Action Item:** Sherry will draft a response and send to Lee Ann for Selectboard Review.

9) Town land request to Tree Warden: Don Larock requested that he be able to remove an older tree and replace it with new trees on town property abutting his home. Zach met with him and said there is no issue with the update that Mr. Larock would like to make. Zach granted his approval.

10) Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP) Update: The LEMP needs to be reviewed and updated annually. Zach is the appointed Emergency Management Director (EMD) and asked to confirm the duties of the role. Lori updated the LEMP for 2022 for the contact information of the new board member, EMD, and equipment available (Generator at the SCS). Zach motioned to adopt the updated LEMP. Mike seconded and the motion was approved.

11) Conflict of Interest question: Zach and his compost company have been approached by the town's Fast Trash provider to take away the compost and scraps as part of the Fast Trash program. **Action Item:** Lori to contact the town attorney with the question of conflict of interest.

12) The Board reviewed and signed the orders and the TAN documents

13) Training – Zach and Mike need to come to the office to set up their new .gov email accounts. Zach will be in on Thurs 5/19 at 2:00pm. Mike will be in on Wed 5/11 at 8:00am.

14) Prior Business:

a) Topics for upcoming Selectboard meetings

i) May 19

- (1) Gaysville Bridge Weight
- (2) Road Reclassification
- (3) April Financials
- (4) Noise Ordinance
- (5) Fixed Assets and Capital Planning
- (6) Project Report Review

ii) June 2

- (1) Project Report Review

iii) June 16

- (1) May Financials
- (2) Project Report Review

iv) Topics TBD

- (1) Calendar to Fiscal Year Transition
- (2) Broadband – EC Fiber (Communications Union District)
- (3) Dog Ordinance
- (4) ATV Ordinance
- (5) Noise Ordinance

Zach moved to adjourn. Mike seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Lori Scott- Town Clerk
