

Board of Selectmen/ Sewer Commissioners Minutes
Wednesday October 11, 2023

Members Present: Mr. Hanson-Chair, Mr. Pilson, Mr. Manzolini

Others Present: Danielle Fillio (Town Administrator), Mr. Stover, Ms. Stover , Richard and Pam Pfeiffer, Tom Ruffing, Jami Grossman, Phil Morine and Alex Haidar

West Stockbridge Marijuana Farm Odor Issues – Neal let the residents know that he had attended the recent West Stockbridge selectboard meeting regarding residents concerns about the odor. He urged residents to attend the next meeting scheduled for October 12th which will discuss the next steps. The Board listened to concerns from residents on Dean Hill Road, Cross Road, and Pilgrim Street. While they sympathized with their concerns it was made clear that while the Board can support their efforts, they have no legal authority on any of the conditions they may or may not be put on the farm owner. Neal told the residents that the Board will support their efforts but again explained that they have no legal authority and urged them to attend the West Stockbridge Board meeting and to contact the state and/or attorney if they do not feel like they are getting enough response from the West Stockbridge.

Town Center Discussion – Roger gave an update on the status of the building, stating the obvious that we were holding our meeting in the new location. He gave a brief explanation on change order 8 which included items for the Generator, Fire Pump Conduit, and Sprinkler System totaling \$8,443.00 Roger made a motion to approve the change order, Al seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Roger made a motion to approve the payment of \$308,588.98 to David Tierney the general Contractor. Al seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. At this time Roger made a public thank you to Pat Callahan for all of her efforts during this project.

Approval of Special Town Meeting Warrant – Al read the special Town Meeting Warrant Articles. (Warrant attached for reference) Roger explained that Article 1 give the town the ability to sell the old town hall and article 2 gives the Board the Power to sell the old town hall. Article 3 is to request Stabilization funds to help cover the cost of the new solar project for the building. Danielle explained that at this time we are unsure the amount of funds or if it will be needed as the bids have not yet been confirmed. Roger made a motion to approve the warrant as presented. Al seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Public Comment - Holly Stover – asked about the balance of the landscaping fund and her donation that was submitted. Danielle said she did not have that balance on hand and that she was still holding Hollys check for clarification that it could be used for general landscaping fund as the town cannot legally accept it with the condition of naming a tree after someone. Holly confirmed that they money could be used towards general landscaping.

Holly brought up concerns about the camp Russell property and the detention basins. She asked the Board of Selectmen to have Danielle file an RDA with the Conservation Commission to restore the basin which she feels is in bad condition. Neal asked Holly if she went to the conservation commission on this and she responded that she had but that the con com had no jurisdiction until an RDA was filed. Al stated that he had spoken with the conservation commission who stated that the members had done a site visit and said that although there could be some maintenance done it was working and not an immediate problem to be fixed. Holly disagreed and stated that she felt the conservation commission was too inexperienced to make those determinations. The Board told Holly that if she disagreed she

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needed to have that conversation with the Commission and that they would not give that directive to Danielle at this time.

Dick Stover – Dick asked if they should keep the water on at the old town hall still. Danielle stated that for now they would like to keep it on.

Town Admin Updates – The only updates was to switch the selectmen meeting dates for the month of November so that they would be the 15th and 29th it was requested to have the 29th at 7:00 p.m.

Selectmen Matters – Neal stated that he has a meeting planned with Danielle and Pete to discuss new signs at the Boys Club Road to alert Truck Drivers that it is not an interprint access.

Roger questioned the status of Perry’s Peak Road and the settlement agreement. Neal stated that there has not been progress that he is aware of and noted that there has been very few cars in the parking lot and he makes sure to check frequently on weekends. Jami Grossman stated that the residents have done their part and they are all waiting on BNRC.

Mr. Hanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 PM, it was seconded by Mr. Pilson and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Hanson-Chair

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