

Meeting Date: 11/08/2022

Attendees:

- Joe Roy
- Stephen Graham (Clerk)
- Thom Lipiczky
- Frank Landsberger
- Bill Barth
- Karen Carmean
- Doane Perry

Previous Action Items:

- Get historical meeting minutes up on the website. @Joe, @Steve 11/8/2022
- Put together services invoice for website work. @Steve 11/8/2022
- Send around active livability efforts so group can review ahead of meetings. @Steve 11/8/2022
- Let the select board know that we are interested in getting in front of the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority (BRTA) and solicit their feedback. @Bill 11/8/2022
- Check with Eddie Sporn to see if there is a brochure rack at the multi-modal train station in Stockbridge and that our town brochure is on display there. Invite Eddie to a meeting @Joe 11/8/2022
- Attempt to contact the train station to talk about how to advertise at both Pittsfield and in NYC. @Steve 11/8/2022
- Approach Curt Wilton from the Highway Department to see if there would be interest in pursuing Turnpike barriers. @All 11/8/2022
- Circulate a list of topics that we have discussed in past meetings. @Joe 11/8/2022
- Send a 3 sentence summary of what we have done for the noise ordinance to the select board. Also re-submit our report and find out why town council advised us not to use decibel levels in our bylaw. @Joe 11/8/2022
- Work on an electric vehicle charging station proposal to circulate to the committee in preparation of proposing to the select board. @Thom, @Joe, @Frank 11/8/2022
- Solidify a date and invite Dana Bixby to our meeting with Alex Glover. @Joe 11/8/2022
- Ensure our meeting with Alex Glover can be done in a hybrid format. @Steve 11/8/2022

Notes:

- Meeting called to order at 8:04 AM
- Motion: Adopt the previous meeting minutes as written
 - Made by: Frank
 - Seconded by: Thom
 - Discussion: None
 - Vote: Unanimous to adopt

- Discussed the noise ordinance
 - In limbo at the moment with the select board
 - Truc Orient Express is appealing the building inspector's enforcement of the current ordinance
 - The ZBA is dealing with the lack of action in terms of an appeal
 - There is a select board hearing to determine whether or not to renew the Foundry's special permit
 - It is apparent that the town needs a way to measure sound to enforce the bylaw
 - There is a major focus on decibel levels and not enough on frequency which has been brought up at the meeting – lower frequency sounds can be considered more annoying than higher frequency sounds
 - We have offered our sound measuring meter to the planning board
 - Joe and Frank will make a determination whether or not the meter can record frequencies
- Ron Kujawolski (sp?) is interested in joining our committee
 - Karen will broker an introduction and Joe will introduce him to the group and the meetings
- Discussed the charging station
 - No new information
- Discussed when to meet next
 - Special meeting with Alex Glover on 11/16 at 7:00 PM
 - Will keep the next regularly scheduled meeting on 11/22 at 8:00 AM
- Discussed an article from the Economist that Frank sent around regarding COVID's impact on schooling
 - Summary is that grade school kids will take 3-5 years to catch up, High School kids will take even longer and may never catch up
 - Frank made a suggestion that we meet with a school representative to discuss this
 - If there are issues like this in W. Stockbridge, we may need to approach the finance committee – education is half of our town's budget
- Discussed family livability
 - Our survey went out in the Local Yokel and we are collecting results. Steve plans on aggregating these results for our next meeting
 - Steve will redo his analysis of MCAS testing to see if there is a measurable impact that COVID had on testing results
 - There is a Complete Streets meeting regarding housing affordability today at 1 PM behind the bank parking lot
 - Suggestion to include internet connectivity as a subject of livability concerns
- Discussed the Nov 16 meeting with Alex Glover
 - Location: town hall gym
 - Time: 7PM
 - Length: 1-2 hours (2 hour cap)
 - Format: In-person & hybrid
 - Steve & Joe will meet with Marie to review the Zoom setup. Joe has a good camera with a good microphone that we can leverage

- Who do we reach out to? The other committees in town, the town Facebook page, the community Facebook page, the local Yokel e-mailing list, flyers to hand out
- Who should moderate? Joe
- Do we prepare questions? Yes and also ask Alex what topics she would like to discuss
- No additional topics
 - Motion: Adjourn meeting at 9:08 AM
 - Made by: Frank
 - Seconded by: Karen
 - Discussion: None
 - Vote: Unanimous to adopt

On-Going Action Items:

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- Determine if our noise meter can record frequencies along with decibel levels. @Joe, @Frank 11/22/2022
- Broker an introduction with Ron Kujawolski (sp?). @Joe, @Karen 11/22/2022
- Aggregate survey responses for our next meeting @Steve 11/22/2022
- Analyze MCAS testing results to see if there was, in fact, a dip in results during COVID @Steve 11/22/2022