



Select Board

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Select Board Meeting Minutes November 12, 2020 Via Zoom Meeting

Open Meeting

Quorum present: Roger Kavanagh, Select Board Chair, Eric Shimelonis, Select Board Member, and Kathleen Keresey, Select Board Member

Others Present: DPW Director Curt Wilton, Finance Committee Chair Bob Salerno, Parks & Rec Committee members, Caitlin Graham and Joe Roy.

Roger called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

He stated that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss whether the Town should resubmit, under the new Winter Shared Streets Grant program, the round 2 Shared Streets Grant application that was previously rejected, or if it should create a new application with the possibility of including the sidewalks proposed in the round 2 Shared Streets Grant. The Town needs to respond to the State on how we want to proceed by Friday, November 13, 2020. If the Town decides to resubmit the rejected application, we will not be eligible to submit any further applications but if we complete a new application we are able to submit more than one application.

Kathleen stated that if we submit a new application we have the opportunity to apply up to 4 times, with a potential of up to \$300,000 and that the sidewalks could be part of a new application. Her suggestion is that the Town not submit in the first round which is due December 4th, but to take the time to gather ideas and think it through with a possible committee to submit for the 2nd round which is due on January 5th. This Winter grant has a different approach and includes more outdoor activities such as playground equipment and trails and the completion date is not until May 31st.

Eric said he believes there is a benefit to repackaging the sidewalks into a new application. He agrees with whatever Kathleen proposes at this point. Kathleen recommended not to resubmit and she will get clarification as to whether or not they can include the sidewalks from the rejected application but on a larger scale. Roger and Curt both agreed. Bob Salerno also agreed that it makes the most sense to submit a new application.

Caitlin Graham said the Parks & Rec Committee has many ideas they have been wanting to move forward so they are ready to work on this new grant with everyone.

Roger summarized that the Board is leaning towards not resubmitting, that it would create a new application to submit in round 2, due on January 5th. This will give more time for the community to be involved and give feedback.

Roger made a motion to give Kathleen the go ahead from the Board to notify Mass DOT that West Stockbridge does not want to resubmit the rejected 2nd round application from the Shared Street Grant and that we will submit a new application for the Winter Shared Streets Grant. Eric seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Kathleen, Yes Eric, Yes Roger, Yes
Motion passed.

Roger stated that the Board will need to meet again to kick-start this process.

Roger made a motion to adjourn at 6:39 PM, Eric seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Kathleen, Yes Eric, Yes Roger, Yes
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie V. Ryan
Town Administrator