



Select Board

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Select Board Meeting Minutes September 5, 2023

Quorum present: Select Board Members; Kathleen Keresey, Chair, Andrew Krouss, Andrew Potter, and Town Administrator Marie Ryan.

Approval of Minutes:

Kathleen Keresey requested to approve the minutes from August 21st at the next meeting.

Citizen Speak:

Bob Salerno believes that the Board should extend the application period for interested parties to submit their letters of interest to serve on the Affordable Housing Trust as Trustees. This committee is responsible for very complex issues and the trustees should include talent in Town that can deal appropriately with these issues.

Dana Bixby has worked on several Affordable Housing Trust projects as an architect and believes the West Stockbridge Affordable Housing Trust could benefit from the guidance of people who have worked in related fields. She encouraged the Town to move toward more professionalism in town management. and urged the Board to extend the application period.

Wayne Cooper showed the Board a thick section of wires that he said is an example of what would need to be in place for electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. He has concerns with possible power failures. He feels the electrical grid will not be able to handle the electrical usage.

Affordable Housing Trust

Kathleen said the applications for the Affordable Housing Trust should have been more inclusive and she would like the Board to extend the time for accepting applications. She also would like the Board to have a discussion on developing a better process to get information out to the residents for agenda items such as this.

Kathleen suggested that one way to increase communications could be to send out to the

information to Committee/Board Chairs and then have them disseminate the information to everyone as well as using the website and Local Yokel.

Andy Potter made a motion, seconded by Kathleen, to have this as a discussion item on the next agenda at the end of September.

All were in favor, motion passed.

Andy Potter made a motion, seconded by Andy Krouss, to appoint Kathleen as the Select Board representative on the Affordable Housing Trust and Frank Landsberger, Christopher Powell, Mark Webber, and Andy Potter and that the Trustees form an Advisory Committee to include professionals with whom the Trustees can consult and gain advice from.

All were in favor, motion passed.

The final Trustee would be the Town Administrator or her designee. Marie stated that she would appoint a designee by the next Select Board meeting.

Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations - Joe Roy, Vision Committee

Joe Roy, Vision Committee member, explained to the Board that they have been gathering information on EV Stations for the Town. He would like to know if the Board wants the Vision Committee to continue with their research and if they can have the Select Board permission to state they are doing this as representatives of the Town as they gather the information.

The Vision Committee feels that benefits will be a great for the Town to install these charging stations. The Committee has received assistance and information from National Grid and Peter Rothstein, a resident and consultant on clean energy. Joe appreciates that Andy Krouss comes to all their meetings and Andy Potter for offering to assist on this issue as well.

Andy Potter made a motion, seconded by Andy Krouss, to endorse the research phase by the Vision Committee on EV Charging Stations and allow for gathering information with the authority of the Select Board.

All were in favor, motion passed.

Moscow Road Landscape Design – Kathleen

Kathleen explained to the Board that the landscape design for parcel that the Town purchased on Moscow Road has stalled and she would like to get that work completed. She said the Town has yet to spend the \$10,000 set aside as seed money for this project.

Kathleen made a motion, seconded by Andy Potter, to put out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the initial work on a landscape design for the Moscow Road Town owned property.

All were in favor, motion passed.

Select Board Speak:

Kathleen has had very preliminary discussions with the Towns of Stockbridge and Lee about their progress in creating joint Fire and EMT departments. She said that the two towns are looking and feasibility and that it would be prudent to have a discussion about the future of

Regionalized Services for our Towns. Kathleen would like to set up a meeting with them and our Board. Andy and Andy agreed.

Andy Potter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Andy Krouss at 7:15 PM.
All were in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie y. Ryan

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Town Administrator