



Select Board

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Select Board Meeting

Monday, February 6, 2023

Via Zoom

At 6:00 PM

Pursuant to Governor Baker's June 16, 2021 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the West Stockbridge Select Board will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen to the meeting may do so by following the instructions below.

*****ALL VOTES ARE ROLL CALL*****

Open Meeting

1. Approve Minutes from January 23, 2023
2. Citizen Speak Time
3. Discussion/Business/Action items:
 - Zucchini Festival Update and One Day Liquor License and One Day Entertainment License – Marjorie Powell
 - Department of Public Works Update – Curt Wilton, Director of Public Works
4. Select Board Speak

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Feb 6, 2023 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: SB Mtg

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85886225775?pwd=RFdmUlowTGFPQXVxcWVvcFF4UllzUT09>

Telephone: +1 312 626 6799

Webinar ID: 858 8622 5775

Passcode: 446773

International numbers available: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/ktVpwP31T>



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Select Board Meeting Minutes January 23, 2023

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

Others Present: Rachel Alter, Town Librarian and Donald Taggart, National Grid Representative.

Kathleen called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM and listed Select Board members present.

Andy Potter made a motion, seconded by Andy Krouss, to approve the minutes from January 9, 2023.

Roll Call Vote:

Kathleen Yes

Andy Potter Yes

Andy Krouss Yes

Motion Approved.

Citizen Speak:

None

Berkshire Velo Bike Club: Phil Gentile, Member

Phil Gentile requested permission from the Select Board to host a recreational bike ride on Saturday, April 22nd starting between 10 a.m. and noon. They have held this event which begins on Moscow Road for the past couple of years. This is a self-guided bike ride with approximately 100 riders.

Kathleen made a motion to approve permission for the bike event to be held on April 22nd beginning on Moscow Road, seconded by Andy Potter.

Roll Call Vote:

Kathleen Yes

Andy Potter Yes

Andy Krouss Yes

Motion Approved.

Library Update: Rachel Alter, Town Librarian

Rachel reported that the attendance and use of the library is almost back to pre-pandemic levels. There has been a lot of traffic through the library this past year. The Community Health Children’s Play Group Program has been meeting in the Library on Monday mornings which promotes use of the Library by new young families. Rachel also The Library has a high school intern, Francesca, who has been a tremendous help and will be earning community service credit for her work. The Friends’ of the Library have been a huge help with the book sale and supporting the use of museum passes. Overall, Rachel is happy to report that the Library is thriving.

Pole Location on Baker Street by National Grid: Donald Taggart, Representative

Don explained to the Board that there is a requirement to place 8-9 poles on Baker Street to supply electricity to the new Wiseacre Farm. They will place the poles on both sides of the road to minimize tree trimming. Kathleen asked if there was any consideration of placing the lines underground. Don stated that trying to place the wires underground would be extremely expensive, would take a lot of time and could present an issue if any portion of the lines have to go in wetlands. Don said that the best option is to place the wires overhead on the poles.

Andy Potter made a motion to approve the pole location by National Grid on Baker Street as requested, seconded by Kathleen.

Roll Call Vote:

Andy Krouss	Yes
Andy Potter	Yes
Kathleen	Yes

Motion Approved.

Select Board Speak:

Kathleen reported that it has been a busy week in the Town. There was a fire at the Amici Restaurant and she thanked the Fire Department, Police Department and the Highway crew for all their work during this event. She also mentioned that there were up to 15 other towns that responded as mutual aide and she thanked them all for their support. Kathleen thanked the Highway crew, who did a terrific job taking care of the roads during the recent storm keeping everyone safe. There was also a water main break on Swamp, Road Curt Wilton and Mark Viola got the water running within a couple of hours.

Andy Potter gave an update to the Board in regards to the 8 Town School District Planning Board. He informed the Board that the Planning Board is expecting to ask each Town to hold a Special Town Meeting in the Fall of 2023 when they feel they will have all the information needed to go forward on a vote to merge the school districts. There will be a monkey survey posted on the Town website to get input on the name for the new district.

Andy reported that the Complete Streets working group will be meeting on Thursday at 10 AM to discuss the 15 ranked projects. He will update the Board at the next meeting. He also stated that there will be a meeting on Tuesday, January 24th at Town Hall at 6 PM for anyone interested in working on the Zucchini Festival which he plans to. Marie, do you want to mention that he told us the budget is still being worked on, etc.

Andy Krouss told the Board that he and Joe Roy are working on collecting more information about broadband in West Stockbridge. The Town currently does not have adequate

broadband coverage for our residents. Their next step will be to reach out to Smitty Pigantelli to assist them in a process that will increase coverage. He will keep the Board updated.

Andy Potter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Andy Krouss at 6:44 PM.

Roll Call Vote:

Kathleen Yes

Andy Potter Yes

Andy Krouss Yes

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie y. Ryan

Marie Y. Ryan
Town Administrator

Ryan, Marie

From: Marjorie Powell <ladyeasland@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 8:13 AM
To: Ryan, Marie
Subject: ZUCCHINI FESTIVAL ONE DAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE APPLICATION
Attachments: entertainment license.pdf

Good morning Marie

Please find attached the request for an entertainment license for the WS Community Zucchini Festival

There are so many different events that are part of the Zucchini Festival that there is not a category for. We did not want to put the cart before the horse in our planning until we received the license. Joe Roy has volunteered to make sure that there is not any other permitting required for some of these other items.

Zuck Races - Use of River from Center Street to Harris St. (listed on application)

We have contests run by the cultural council such as the Zucchini Weigh off, Decorating Contest, etc.

Fire Dept has always done the dunking booth.

Light show or fireworks - (listed on application)

Games

craft vendors

food vendors (board of Health)

Petting Zoo

Pet parade down Depot street to open festival

Police and fire coverage budget item for town ?

Once we receive the license we will contact the police, fire and highway departments to go over safety and logistics regarding traffic and parking as well. All municipal town departments will be contacted.

As we move ahead we will present all the items we would like to do for the selectboards approval as we plan and budget for this event.

Let me know if you would like any additional information.

Best
Marjorie



TOWN OF WEST STOCKBRIDGE
One Day Entertainment License Application
\$25.00

The undersigned hereby applies for a license in accordance with the provisions of MA General Laws, Ch.140 Sec.183A amended, Ch.351, Sec.85 of Acts of 1981 and Ch.140 Sec.181.

Name: Marjorie Powell WSCC

Business/Organization: WEST STOCKBRIDGE CULTURAL COUNCIL

D/B/A (if applicable): _____

Address: 21 Stateline Road, West Stockbridge, MA 01266

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: 413-429-7053

Email: wszucchinifestival2023@gmail.com

TYPE: (Check all that apply) Concert Dance Exhibition Cabaret DJ
 Live band with up to 8 pieces, including singers Public Show

INCLUDES: Live music Recorded music Dancing by entertainers/ performers
 Dancing by patrons Amplification system Theatrical exhibition
 Floorshow Play Moving picture show Light show Jukebox

As part of the entertainment, will any person be permitted to appear on the premises in any manner or attire as to expose to public view any portion of the pubic area, anus, or genitals, or any simulation thereof, or whether any person will be permitted to appear on the premises in any manner or attire as to expose to public view a portion of the breast below the top of the areola, or any simulation thereof? (M.G.L. Chp.140 Sec.183A)

___ YES

NO

Exact Location of Entertainment (include sketch): _____

↓ *DOWNTOWN DEPOT ST. CENTER ST
Day of Entertainment*: AUGUST 12, 2023
*Does not include SUNDAY

Start & End Times of Entertainment: 10:00AM TO 10:00PM

Does your event involve any of the following? (Check all that apply)

- Food
- Temporary Bathrooms
- Tents
- Stages
- Temporary Signs
- ? Electrical Permits
- Building Permits
- Police Traffic Details
- Street Closures
- Alcoholic Beverages

In the event of a change in type of entertainment or hours/day different than indicated above, a new application will be required and a new license will be issued.

Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 62C, Sec. 49A, I certify under the penalties of perjury that I, to my best knowledge and belief, have filed all state tax returns and paid all state taxes required under law.

Margie Powell
Signature of Individual or
Corporate Officer

2/2/23
Date

TOWN USE ONLY:

Review with Conditions: _____

APPROVAL DATE: _____ LICENSE # _____

* CLOSURE OF DEPOT STREET 7:00AM - 4:30PM
CLOSURE OF CENTER STREET 5:00PM - 10:00PM
HARRIS ST EXTENSION + MOSCOW ROAD
STAYS OPEN.

* USE OF RIVER FROM CENTER ST TO BRIDGE
BY HARRIS STREET FOR ZUCK RACES.

Form Revised 5/12/15

* USE OF CARD POND, TOWN HALL + MUNICIPAL LOTS

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2/6/2023

Dear Selectboard members Kathleen, Andy and Andy,
Un like other reports and updates I wanted to share a few brief summaries of what has been the focus during the last few winter months.

HIGHWAY

On December 8, 2022 the “Speed Feedback Signs” were installed by the DPW on Great Barrington Road down in the Williamsville section of Town. There was a slight adjustment to the north bound original installation. It was discovered the constant flashing from the warning signal was problematic for some residents who lived along the area. The DPW along with the PD found a more suitable location where it would not be so bothersome for these residents. This new placement was completed on January 12, 2023. The signs sole purpose is to make driving motorists aware of the speeds they are going and warn them of an approaching speed limit zone change ahead. Falling under the jurisdiction of the Police Department, the information these signs gather can help them in their quest to enforce motor vehicle speed violations. The units can provide accurate traffic counts and vehicle speeds in real time. When used as a tool they can pinpoint the time of day when most violations occur and possibly adjust their patrols in hopes of catching these habitual offenders. The total cost for these signs were \$\$6,519.00. The units were split between the Highway and Police operating budgets.

The Town has received a Grant from Mass.DOT. for 2 more “Speed Feedback Signs”. Back in late fall Marie and myself applied for a F.O.R.R.R.D. (**Focusing On Reducing Rural Roadway Departure) Grant. This Grant is 100% funded by the State along with installation to place 2 more of these signs on a section of Swamp Road near the intersection of Cone-Hill. The anticipated installation is early summer 2023.**

Although this winter seems relatively mild as far as snow accumulations the frequent warm temperatures bringing mostly rain are more costly than a good old fashion snow storm event. The rapid freeze/thaw of our streets and gravel roadways force us to apply more chemicals/salts and stone aggregates to prevent premature failure of these assets. Black ice/freezing temperatures and muddy quagmire conditions are keeping the crews busy.

The Snow/Ice Operations Budget (\$80,000) has a current balance of \$4,232.66.

The Gasoline and Diesel Fuels operating Budget (\$22,000) will be over extended by the next delivery.

The Over-Time operating Budget (\$14,600) remaining balance is \$2,367.97.

M.V.P (Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness)

M.V.P is another federally funded funding source for cities and Towns. The funding criteria they look for needs to focus on Town wide flooding issues and storm water resiliency. I feel seeking this type of funding is vital for West Stockbridge as we experience these events more frequent than not. To be eligible for this type of funding

you must first be M.V.P. Status. Marie and I are working with Weston & Sampson Engineering who will aid the Town in becoming a M.V.P status Town. We are currently in a partnership as a guest with Town of Richmond who are MVP status. Both Town's have targeted a culvert replacement in hopes of being awarded M.V.P. Funds. A culvert on Baker Street has been chosen for replacement in West Stockbridge.

Complete Streets Program

The Complete Street Program offers Massachusetts municipalities funding incentives to adopt policies and practices that provide safe and accessible options for all travel modes. West Stockbridge has adopted our Complete Streets Policy back in 2016 and we are a few months away from completing our Tier II task. With the aid of BRPC we have outlined at least 15 eligible projects programed over a 5-year period. As we begin Tier III the Town will be submitting these projects to Mass.Dot for potential funding. Up to \$500,000 is available in construction yearly through this program. This document along with the 15 projects will soon be available on the Town's Website.

This concludes my brief report,
Thank You,
Curt