

TOWN OF LEE  
SELECT BOARD SPECIAL MEETING  
Tuesday March 8, 2023 @ 7:00PM  
Town Hall • 38 Main Street • Select Board Office

Minutes

**Members Present:** Sean Regnier, Bob Jones, Gordon Bailey

**Members Absent:** None.

**Chairman Regnier called the meeting to order at 4:06PM.**

1. Discussion with Seth Jenkins (BRPC) – Stockbridge Rd Property

Seth Jenkins, BRPC, began by stating he was present to talk about the parcel of 300 Stockbridge Road, which is south of the turnpike, to the east of Stockbridge Road and to the west of Fairview Street. Mr. Jenkins stated he is in the first stages of getting feedback from residents and different town groups.

Mr. Jenkins began his presentation by getting feedback of what people believe are missing elements in the Town of Lee. Most of the feedback he has received includes dog parks, playing fields, and housing.

Mr. Jenkins showed a map of the parcel that shows that the parcel has wetlands, forests, pasture/open land, and a bit of steep slopes. He stated that there are National and State Significances which means there are good characteristics for growing crops.

Mr. Jenkins stated that currently the property is leased by a nearby farmer who has used the property to pasture his cattle for about twenty-five to thirty years. There is a barn on the premise that is in rough condition with missing sections of the roof, and the interior is collapsing. Mr. Jenkins includes a slide in his presentation that asks the people if they support the sale of the barn structure and associated land to one of the abutting property owners. He added that many have thought owning the barn would be a nuisance.

A few proposed uses for the area include a housing development, community center, solar field, and golf course. There has also been talk of having a multi-use path connection between Fairview/Via Maria to Stockbridge Road, a dog park, disc golf course, or a fitness trail.

Mr. Jenkins stated that he has toured the property with a State Forester and found that the land does not have a great ecological value, but it is connected with other wildlife corridors.

The Board all agreed they do not to do too much with the property that will create a burden on the taxpayers. Admin Brittain stated there is an opportunity to do some of these proposals that are not very costly. He added this would also be a great CPC project which will have \$600-\$700 thousand available for FY25 (although that money will have to be dispersed).

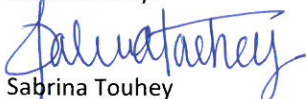
Admin Brittain stated that he has spoken with the intervening property owner and they are willing to work with the Town which may help give the property three access points.

Mr. Jones stated he thinks it's a great idea for Mr. Jenkins to continue to meet with various groups and get general feedback that can eventually lead to a roundtable discussion. He also brought up the idea of building a pavilion on the property that families and such could rent out.

Mr. Jenkins stated that he and Admin Brittain have spoken and the timeline is to keep getting proposals until the fall. From there he'll bring in case studies and they will whittle those ideas down to a preferred option to come up with a big picture site plan. Admin Brittain stated that that would be a great basis to go to the CPC with.

*Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn at 5:06pm which Mr. Bailey seconded and was unanimously approved, 3-0.*

Submitted by:



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Approved on: 03/21/2023