

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH
Tuesday, November 1, 2016 – 5:00pm
1 Grove Street, Peterborough, New Hampshire

Present: Barbara Miller, Ed Juengst, Tyler Ward

Also Present: Rodney Bartlett, Nicole MacStay, Vanessa Amsbury-Bonilla, Roland Patten, Ed Henault, Donald Parkhurst, Steve Jones, Robert Hanson.

Chair Juengst called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Complete Streets Discussion – Ivy Vann

Ms. Vann asked the Select Board to adopt a complete streets policy. She expressed her opinion that the problem is that any roadway controlled by DOT can be difficult to get necessary action. She explained that the road expresses a design problem. She was most concerned with 202S, toward Noone Falls and would like to take complete streets into account with any design relating to the growth in that area.

She explained the difference between streets and roads, streets being the avenues with which people create commerce and roads being the avenues of transportation and discouraged the concept of a ‘stroad’ which results in a combination of both. This creates a scenario of no walking, no bicycling, only auto traffic. She further explained that “cars don’t buy things” and the best approach is cars driving slow enough so that people can see what’s there, encouraging walking and biking along these roads as this is a great economic driver, good for physicality, and social network. Traffic speeds down to 25 miles per hour would be a benefit and in the case of accidents, survival rates decline as speed increase, so keeping speeds low has a double benefit.

She further explained that Route 202S will need a corridor study and a rebuild and accept that it is a street and not a thoroughfare for that one mile from 101/202 intersection to Noone Falls. Ms. Miller stated that we have some large projects coming up and we want to keep a good relationship with the DOT. Ms. Vann explained that her view is that the bottom line for the DOT is to move transportation as quickly as possible, which is not necessarily the best solution for towns.

She believes that if we adopt this philosophy, the DOT will be more likely to honor it when making decisions with regard to growth and reconstruction. Chair Juengst requested that the Select Board comment on whether or not we are open to the adoption of this policy. Mr. Ward agreed and Ms. Miller also agreed to support, as long as it doesn’t jeopardize the relationship with the DOT. Mr. Bartlett added that he’s comfortable with the philosophy and agreed that now is the time to address these action items.

State Senator Andy Sanborn

Mr. Sanborn briefly mentioned his experience with the complete streets policy, as a multi property owner on Main street in Concord and his involvement with the rebuilding of 114/101 intersection through the center of town in Bedford. He has been involved in road planning and considerations in adopting a complete streets policy should include when considering rebuilding streets that are not your own, DOT may support it, but will not assist in the funding portion of it. He expressed his belief that the DOT engineers try to take a town’s needs into consideration, their main concern is not speed, but instead safety. Also to be cautious with regard to expansion, as eminent domain being

the protocol used to expand the roadway to include bike lanes and sidewalks. Mr. Sanborn expressed his willingness to facilitate a meeting with DOT.

Mr. Sanborn continued to speak briefly about the disrepair of the house at Shieling Forest, that it is not as much about not having the resources, but not having the priority. He admitted that the state has some money for projects like this. He also mentioned briefly about extensiveness and impact of the drought, the farther east being the worst. He gave a farming example of needing to generate two cuts of hay; the first cut was good, the second cut was essentially non-existent. The price of milk is regulated by the federal government and there are about 130 milking farms in NH. The high prices in feed and low prices for dairy creates a problem and will require financial support from the state.

Overall revenues have come in a little higher than anticipated, but also unforeseen expenditures as well. Chair Juengst mentioned one of the problems is the increase in property tax, with 67% going to schools. People with fixed incomes will feel it the most. Mr. Sanborn explained that globally we have continued to bring in more money on state taxation for schools. The formula has been re-written, a number of towns have received less money, with 41 communities getting shorted. In the case of Dover, Dover sued. Ultimately it was settled with the governor however they will get money only for the previous 18 months. He foresees that towns with declining enrollment like ours are getting more money per pupil and that will change in the future.

Voting Day Schedule

Chair Juengst volunteered to take the early shift, 7am-11am, 11am-3pm for Ms. Miller and 3pm-7pm for Mr. Ward.

Ms. Miller asked about parking. Mr. Bartlett explained that there are 30 painted spots, in addition to other parking in the area.

Review and approval of Select Board minutes from October 4 & 18, 2016.

Motion: Ms. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes from October 4th and 18th, 2016.

Vote: Mr. Ward seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Joint Budget and Select Board

Mr. Bartlett explained that they will provide a completed draft budget for the first meeting in January. Budget committee will start meeting the second week in January in order to go through the budget, review, and take suggestions. They will be presented a full budget, instead of just one or two budgets at a time, which will allow Administration to respond to Budget Committee suggestions more easily, more effectively and concisely. The presentation process will be similar to what it was before but with the entire budget represented. Mr. Bartlett explained that they've already gone through several iterations of the budget, keeping it at the most cost effective.

As there was no more business to discuss, Ms. Miller made a motion to adjourn at 6:28 pm. Mr. Ward seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vanessa Amsbury-Bonilla, Department Assistant

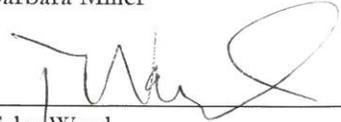
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ACTION ITEM PENDING LIST

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