

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD RETREAT
TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH

Tuesday, June 8, 2010 – 9:00am

374 Union Street, Unit 103, Peterborough, New Hampshire

Present: Joe Byk, Barbara Miller, Elizabeth Thomas

Also Present: Pamela Brenner, Rodney Bartlett, Nicole MacStay

Chair Byk called the meeting to order at 9:30am. The Board began by reviewing the goals of 2009, noting particularly that the previous year's projects were well managed and the department directors did an excellent job staying within their budgets.

Public Works Projects Update

Mr. Bartlett then reviewed the current state of the Armory, saying that GZA has completed their repairs to the oil line they damaged during test drilling. There is 2,000 gallons of oil left in the tank. Buildings and Grounds staff is reconnecting the plumbing and preparing for the Food Pantry's move. He and Jeff King will be meeting with HTA engineer and architect on Friday to review the building and anticipated uses and begin preparing an RFP. **Ms. Thomas** said that she has recently heard that there may be Killdeer nesting on the Armory grounds, and asked **Mr. Bartlett** to keep a lookout for them.

Chair Byk asked about maintaining the mini-islands at the Route 101/202 intersection. **Mr. Bartlett** said that the Building and Grounds crew will from time to time mow those islands, however we are creating more and more areas in town which require maintenance, and there needs to be a discussion of how to keep those areas attractive.

In regards to the Main Street Bridge, **Mr. Bartlett** reported that the Department of Transportation likes the oval intersection, saying that it would create fewer air emissions than a stop or signaled intersection. Cultural Resources will be evaluating the dam and doing a historic significance assessment of the Samuel Smith House and the library; after that is completed, then they will decide how best to mitigate the impacts, however we won't know what the impact will be until we go to the next level of design. Final plans will be ready in Spring of 2011.

The contracts for the wastewater treatment plant are in place, and a pre-construction meeting is scheduled for Thursday. Macmillan was the lowest responsible bidder. The groundwork will begin in late June or early July. The construction should be completed before 2012.

Regarding the Transcript Dam, **Mr. Bartlett** said that he met with DES River Restoration Division, who said that most of the grant money is focused on migratory fish. Because the Transcript Dam is the 11th dam from the Merrimack River the town is not likely to get any grant money for its removal and restoration. The Board thanked **Mr. Bartlett** for his update.

Alternative Energy

Chair Byk asked the Board if they would like to reinstate the legislation that had been proposed last year. There was a discussion about recently passed legislation that followed the Berkley model. Chair Byk said that he would call the Office of Energy and Planning and ask what exactly there were opposed to in the legislation they proposed.

Green Building Ordinance

There was a discussion about the failed Green Building Ordinance. The Board decided to send the ordinance back to the Sustainable Peterborough Committee.

Equalized Valuation Calculation

Ms. Brenner explained how the Department of Revenue Administration calculates the Equalized Value and how that affects the school portion of the tax rate. The Board asked **Ms. Brenner** to work with John Kiley and make the same presentation to the Selectmen's Advisory Committee and the School Board. There was a discussion about small schools and the effect of commercial growth on the school portion of the tax rate.

Warrant Articles

Ms. Miller asked if the Board should continue the practice of bundling the Capital Reserve articles into one article on the warrant. **Ms. Brenner** said that the idea behind bundling is to shorten the warrant.

Goals for Fiscal Year 2011

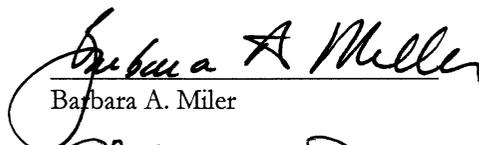
1. Manage Capital Project
2. Manage Town Budget
3. Town Gateways
 - a. Route 101/202 property
 - b. Mini islands
4. Armory
5. Alternative Energy
 - a. Legislation
 - b. Green Building Ordinance

Ms. Brenner announced the resignation of Judy Blake. She then described the Assessing Clerk position. **Ms. Miller** asked if it is possible to hire an assessor and save money by no longer contracting for the service. **Ms. Brenner** said that she would make that analysis.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicole MacStay, Assistant to the Town Administrator

PETERBOROUGH
SELECT BOARD:


Joe Byk, Chair


Barbara A. Miler


Elizabeth M. Thomas

ACTION ITEM PENDING LIST

SELECT BOARD RETREAT AGENDA
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OLD BUSINESS

1. Review of 2009 Retreat Goals
 - a. Manage Capital Projects
 - b. Manage Town Budget within anticipated State revenue loss
 - c. Route 101/202 gas station
 - d. Armory
2. Armory
 - a. Current status
 - b. Going forward
3. Town Gateways
 - a. Route 101/202 property
 - b. Mini islands
4. Alternative Energy
 - a. Legislation
 - b. Green building ordinance

NEW BUSINESS

1. Boards and Committees
 - a. Liaison Appointments
2. Equalized Valuation
3. Public Works Project Updates
 - a. NHBB/South Well cleanup
 - b. Downtown projects management
 - c. Wastewater Treatment Plant status

OTHER BUSINESS

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