

SELECT BOARD MEETING AGENDA
TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH
Tuesday, October 12, 2010 – 7:00 PM
1 Grove Street, Peterborough, New Hampshire



APPOINTMENTS

7:00 – Christine Lavery – Human Services Update
7:15 – Open Space Committee – Open Space Calendars

OLD BUSINESS

1. Rodney Bartlett – Main Street Bridge and North Crossing
2. Review and Approval of Minutes – July 20, August 17, September 21 October 12 and Non-Public Minutes of October 12, 2010

CONSENT AGENDA

Correspondence:

1. Joint Select Board/Budget Committee Meeting Schedule, FY 2012 Budgets
2. Capital Improvements Plan Committee Meeting Schedule
3. Finance Department to Department Directors – instructions for completing 2012 operating budget
4. Lynn Robbins to Barbara Miller re: north crossing, 9/2/10
5. Gordon Hale to Barbara Miller re: north crossing, 9/2/10
6. Dennis Allen to Barbara Miller re: north crossing, 9/3/10
7. John Kaufhold to Barbara Miller re: north crossing, 9/4/10
8. Heritage Commission to Planning Commission re: Main Street Bridge and north crossing, 9/13/10
9. Robert Boyd to Select Board re: Main Street Bridge and north crossing, 9/21/10

Minutes:

1. Budget Committee, 9/16/10

Building Permits:

1. 1&2 Rivermead Road – Peterborough Retirement Community at Upland Farms – addition/alteration – generator
2. 3&4 Rivermead Road - Peterborough Retirement Community at Upland Farms – addition/alteration – generator
3. 5&7 Rivermead Road - Peterborough Retirement Community at Upland Farms – addition/alteration – generator
4. 6&18 Rivermead Road - Peterborough Retirement Community at Upland Farms – addition/alteration – generator
5. 9&11 Rivermead Road - Peterborough Retirement Community at Upland Farms – addition/alteration – generator
6. 8&10 Rivermead Road - Peterborough Retirement Community at Upland Farms – addition/alteration – generator
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13. 25 & 26 Rivermead Road - Peterborough Retirement Community at Upland Farms – addition/alteration – generator
14. 4 Winter Street – Miriam Dunn – residential alteration – bath, laundry, kitchen
15. 14 Union Street – Matthew Waitkinds – replace side entry roof and 10 x 14 foot deck addition on rear (permit renewal)
16. 9 Vose Farm Road – Juniper Advisory Services, LLC – commercial alteration – re-align main corridor
17. 21 East Hill Road – Tim O’Connor – Residential gas heaters
18. 19 Lookout Hill Road – Stan and Cheri Fry – residential addition and alteration
19. 1 Sand Hill Road Unit 19 – Morton and Carol Bader – residential alteration – bath and laundry
20. 36 Elm Street – William Perry – install self contained paint booth and replace garage door with entry door
21. 68 Concord Street – Lyda Clark – deck (after the fact)
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Present: Joe Byk, Barbara Miller, Elizabeth Thomas

Also Present: Pamela Brenner, Christine Lavery, Rodney Bartlett, Nicole MacStay

Chair Byk called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Christine Lavery – Human Services Update

Ms. Lavery, Human Services Director explained that Ms. Brenner asked that she give the Board an update for this fiscal year; from last year to this there has been 15.9% increase in direct relief. **Chair Byk** asked for the gross number; **Ms. Lavery** said that so far \$26,040 has been spent, 99% of which has gone to rental and electricity assistance. She said that 30% of those she has helped are new clients who have lost their jobs and are mostly looking for help with their rent. She said that she is seeing an average of fourteen clients a month. She has also noticed a large number of people who do not have either a GED or High School diploma, and because most companies require these, she has been directing them to places where they can get those which will help them to move on. In October they opened the Keep Peterborough Warm program which was established by Ms. Brenner and Sue Chollet. She said that she has applied to the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation for a grant to augment the funds that the fund already has. She also noted that the Operation Santa program will begin soon as well.

Ms. Miller asked where Ms. Lavery is with her budget, and will she be able to stay within budget this year. **Ms. Lavery** said that she has expended a little more than 25% of the direct relief budget so far this year, and said that she hopes to stay within budget. However, under state law if someone comes in who qualifies for assistance the Town is required to help them, but she also tries to help clients make a plan to get on their feet. **Ms. Miller** asked if someone not from Peterborough came in, would she help them. Ms. Lavery said that it depends on the situation. **Ms. Thomas** said that at one time there was a system to check with other towns to make sure that a person was not double-dipping. **Ms. Lavery** said that she does have a system to validate where a client lives; she gets a copy of their driver's license, pay stubs, their lease and bank accounts – they cannot just come in and tell a story. **Chair Byk** thanked Ms. Lavery for doing a difficult job. **Ms. Brenner** said that Ms. Lavery does a great job, and added that she is also heading up the United Way campaign this year; much of that money stays in this region. **Ms. Lavery** added that the money collected goes to programs that we all know, and goes to fuel and electric assistance, and probably every charity that one can think of in town gets funding from the United Way. The Board thanked Ms. Lavery for her report.

Francie Von Mertens – Open Space Calendars

Ms. Von Mertens gave each member of the Board a copy of the third Open Space calendar. She said that all the photos in the Selectmen's Meeting Room are from the prior two calendars. She explained that this calendar is a little different, and instead of going to specific properties, this calendar is a Nature 101 kind of course, and shows plants and animals month to month. She said that this calendar covers the Monadnock Region, and so it has a broader market. She added that it is not a fund raiser, and the Committee would be happy just to break even, rather this is an educational

project. She said that the calendar will be available at the Toadstool Bookstores and at Steele's for \$12, and can be purchased in bulk for a discount from the Open Space Committee directly. She also added that any non-profit can sell them as a fundraiser and keep \$4. **Ms. Thomas** said that it is a fantastic calendar. **Ms. Von Mertens** said that the Open Space Committee and the Conservation Commission see their mission as education. The Board and Ms. Von Mertens discussed individual photographs.

Ms. Brenner asked Ms. Von Mertens to speak to the work being done at the corner of Elm Street and Route 101. **Ms. Von Mertens** said that the lot which was given to the town by the Harris Center has been invaded by Buckthorn. A team of five inmates from the Concord Corrections facility have been cutting and hauling the buckthorn and the Town will chip it. The goal is to get rid of the invasive species, and to release the native species from competition. **Ms. Miller** asked if there were other projects where the Town could use the help of the inmates. **Mr. Bartlett** said that they are looking at a couple of other locations.

Rodney Bartlett – Main Street Bridge and Proposed North Crossing

Mr. Bartlett said that he and the design team from HTA met with the DOT last week and discussed if they would participate in funding a potential north crossing. He explained that since the DOT and the Town are partners in this project, all contracts and changes have to be approved by the DOT. After a forty-five minute discussion, the DOT did agree to entertain a scope and fee proposal, which HTA is putting together. In the meantime, the design team is undertaking some work ahead of the Public Hearing on the 26th and three possible locations have been identified. The DOT made it clear that they will only participate in the construction of a temporary bridge, and if the Town wanted to make it permanent they made it clear that the Town would be on its own to pay for any alternatives. **Chair Byk** asked if it would have to be taken down; **Mr. Bartlett** said that yes, it would have to be taken down, and the area would have to be restored after the Main Street Bridge project was completed. **Chair Byk** asked what would happen if the Town decided to keep it as a pedestrian bridge. **Mr. Bartlett** said the DOT said that it would be at the Town's expense. If it were made permanent, the Town would have to get State and Federal approval for a permanent curb cut. He added that to make a pedestrian bridge, the Town would want to change it out since a temporary bridge would not be pedestrian-friendly.

Chair Byk asked what Mr. Bartlett sees regarding traffic control. **Mr. Bartlett** said that on the Summer Street side there would be a stop sign, and the DOT would make the call on Route 202. **Ms. Miller** said that she thought turning lanes would be sufficient. **Mr. Bartlett** said that we need to be cautious about jumping to any conclusions; he explained that there are many questions that need to be answered, and it will depend on the DOT. Some of the questions include is it possible to construct a crossing, to get permits to do it, are there willing landowners, and what is the best location. A lot of work needs to be done to determine if this is a valid option. There was an extended discussion of possible locations, the difficulty of constructing a bridge over wetlands and bends in the river, as well as property ownership.

Mr. Bartlett said that the design team also had a follow-up meeting with Cultural Resources where the discussion centered around what they would expect from the Town for the north crossing, since those things need to be built into the scope and fee as well. He said that they were able to get a preliminary assessment of what that committee would want. **Ms. Miller** asked about the status of the modified roundabout. **Mr. Bartlett** said that all the work on Route 202 would be decided by the DOT. He said that traffic was shown to be reduced on the computer modeling with a roundabout, and it would reduce air pollution, however that is limited by whether a roundabout technically

works, the impact on cultural and natural resources and so forth. If the impact is so great that it doesn't make sense, then the design team will go back to look at a 'T' intersection.

John Texieria of Summer Street, said that his concern is that segment after the Jack Daniels inn, which he said floods annually, and a bridge would create a barrier which would increase flooding upstream. He asked if that has been investigated. **Mr. Bartlett** said that flooding will be part of the design team's analysis, and said that any work done on rivers must consider flood impacts. The span of the bridge will need to accommodate a flood. Because the bridge span would have to be sufficient, that may be one of the limiting factors to choosing a location. **Lisa Texieria** said that they have many photos which show flooding, if that would help. **Mr. Bartlett** thanked Ms. Texieria, and said that those would be part of what the design team will look at.

Gil Duval asked if the construction of the retaining wall will be done at the same time as the bridge. **Mr. Bartlett** said that he didn't know for sure, but the projects will be dovetailed together, he just doesn't know when it will be done. He said that there will be a lot of soil work and off-road work, and all of those answers will come out during the engineering and construction phases and will be part of the final design. **Mr. Duval** said that common sense tells him that when work is done on the retaining wall and sidewalk there will only be one lane of traffic on Route 202, and if there is a north crossing, the traffic will take that route and there will be bumper to bumper traffic on Summer Street; traffic will be diverted down into that area. He then asked if the construction has to be done in two phases, or could it be done all at once. **Mr. Bartlett** said that it may make sense to do them at the same time if there is a north crossing, or it may not. He said that when there is construction on the side of the road it is a distraction, no matter what. However, they have not reached the point where those decisions will be made. **Mr. Duval** then asked if the bridge can be built in one year. **Mr. Bartlett** said that right now, he is not sure; when the design team had their discussion with DOT, keeping in mind that there hasn't been any technical assessment of a north crossing yet, their feeling was that the majority of the work, without phased construction, could be done in one season. It may not be completed in one season, but it could be opened to traffic in that timeframe.

Jenny Dilly, of Summer Street, said that the letters she read from people who are in favor of the north crossing seem to be unaware that this will take someone's house to put the crossing in, and that with the way the economy is, she thought that it would be unconscionable to remove someone from their house. **Ms. Thomas** said that eminent domain has never come up, and it would never happen. She said that if a deal cannot be made with the property owners, the bridge would not happen. **Ms. Dilly** then asked regarding the roundabout, if anyone has studied the emissions, and if it was worth destroying that historic intersection. **Ms. Miller** said that photos show that the intersection did have a roundabout originally. **Chair Byk** said that a group of town officials went out with the previous DOT commissioner and her staff. He said that if you walk up towards Granite Street traffic regularly drives over the sidewalk or the centerline; something needs to be done to make the intersection safer. He said that he wouldn't walk his kids up that street. He added that there is historic impact, but there is also traffic impact, and if a 'T' intersection is put back there, in five years it will have a stop light. But the safety must be improved.

Mr. Texieria asked if there has been a decision about the Transcript Dam yet. **Mr. Bartlett** said that it is still on the table. The Water Resources Advisory Committee which meets monthly has agreed to host a public process to determine the value of the dam historically, aesthetically, etc. All the same questions that are being asked regarding the bridge will be asked regarding the dam. He added that there are grant funds available to breach the dam and restore the river. The dam does not provide much in the way of flood mitigation or storage, and something needs to be done no matter what. **Ms. Texieria** said that there was great work done on Depot Park, and that it seems

silly to her to drop the dam ten years later and ruin it. She said that it seems that the whole planning process has failed again. **Ms. Thomas** said that the water behind the dam is very shallow. **Ms. Texieria** said that she thought a study of removing the dam was done, and that ten feet of shore would be created. Mr. Bartlett said that there has been no research done so far as he is aware. **Ms. Brenner** said that there would be impact on the river and the work that will be done there, and the river would be reconstructed if the dam is breached, but that would bring new opportunities, such as possibilities for new walkways. There followed a discussion of wildlife impacts.

Ms. Texieria then said that the road on Summer Street was rebuilt and sidewalks were installed, and now the town is talking about putting more traffic there. She said that the Common Pathway was built, and now the Board is talking about ripping it out and putting a bridge over it. She said that this was a failure of planning. **Ms. Thomas** said that there is no plan yet, and even if a north crossing is built, the Town would repair the Common Pathway after it is removed. **Chair Byk** said that when Mr. Robinson came to the Board with the north crossing suggestion, he told him that the neighbors would be the biggest obstacle. **Chair Byk** said that he and the staff are respectful of the possible impacts, but as of this time there is no plan. He encouraged everyone to come out to the public hearing and asked their neighbors to get involved. The Board thanked Mr. Bartlett and all present for their input.

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Motion:

Ms. Miller made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; **Ms. Thomas** seconded.

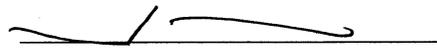
Vote:

Ms. Miller, Ms. Thomas and Chair Byk voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

As there was no further business, **Ms. Miller** made a motion to adjourn; **Ms. Thomas** seconded. All in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicole MacStay, Assistant to the Town Administrator

PETERBOROUGH
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Joe Byk, Chair


Barbara A. Miller

Elizabeth M. Thomas

ACTION ITEM PENDING LIST

1.

