

**MINUTES**  
**SELECT BOARD**  
**TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH**  
Tuesday, March 30, 2010 – 5:00pm  
1 Grove Street, Peterborough, New Hampshire

**Present:** Joe Byk, Barbara Miller, Elizabeth Thomas

**Also Present:** Pamela Brenner, Nancie Vaihinger, Rodney Bartlett, Scott Guinard, Nicole MacStay

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**Chair Miller** called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.

### **Prepayment of Taxes and Utility Policy**

**Ms. Vaihinger** explained that RSA 80:52-a allows the Town to accept payments on future tax and utility bills in advance of billing. She explained that residents sometimes want to pay their taxes before going away for the winter, and others would like to pay their taxes on a monthly basis. In order to accept these prepayments, the Board must adopt the provisions of RSA 80:52-a. The tax collector would then apply those monies to the account and then send a net bill when the taxes come out. This provision will also allow the town to apply overpayments to the next tax bill if a request from the owner is received in writing.

#### **Motion:**

**Mr. Byk** made a motion to adopt the provisions of RSA 50:52-a as presented; **Ms. Thomas** seconded.

#### **Vote:**

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

### **Jack Dugan – MEDC Project Update**

**Mr. Dugan** reported that more businesses seem to be struggling now than they were six months or a year ago. Sales are down, there is widespread uncertainty about jobs, and properties for sale are not moving. It is also reflected as a tough year in that MEDC made three loans to local businesses to help them grow, and all three are now behind. New England Products did buy the building on Route 202, and they have now decided to close on the loan. MEDC continues to consult with developers interested in doing something with the Granite Block building, and MEDC is expecting to have a role in financing when that project comes together. There is also a local business person interested in purchasing two properties on the corner of Routes 101 and 202, which will involve some job creation.

**Mr. Byk** asked if **Mr. Dugan** could explain the Fast Roads project. **Mr. Dugan** said that MEDC has partnered with UNH, DRED and CDFA to put together an application for an ARRA grant to create a fiber optics pipeline that will go from Lebanon through Keene to Rindge and to Peterborough. The backbone will be built with B-Top grant funding. The project will include Middle-mile and Off-ramp and last mile break-offs. In some places the project will build out to the last mile, in other cases vendors will pick it up. There have been some interesting discussions with a number of vendors, including Fairpoint. This will create a lot of opportunities for small business growth. There was further discussion about the value of this project for Peterborough and the region. The Board thanked **Mr. Dugan** for the work that he and MEDC have done on Peterborough's behalf.

### **Water Resource Advisory Committee Groundwater Survey Project Presentation**

**Mr. Freeman** led the WRAC presentation. He gave the Board an overview of the project, which would provide the Town with the information needed to identify and recommend protection strategies for our water supplies. This project would include sampling private water supplies and testing them for levels of arsenic, bacteria, chloride, copper, fluoride, hardness, iron, lead and other characteristics and contaminants. The total project is estimated at \$69,595, with Peterborough's share estimated at \$29,571. The remainder would be provided by the NH Geological Survey in match, time and materials. The project has been included in the capital improvements plan. The Board thanked Mr. Freeman and the other members of WRAC for their work on this project.

### **Request for support to remove Route 101 passing lane at Elm Street**

**Chief Guinard** explained that DOT has notified both himself and Mr. Bartlett that they would be repaving Route 101 between May and August. Beginning about three years ago that had been discussion that the DOT would like to eliminate the passing zone easterly on Route 101 between the lighted intersection and Elm Street, and create two left turning lanes, one at Mercer Ave, and the other at the lower end of Dublin Road. Routinely, vehicles are going 50 to 60mph from the intersection, then merge into one lane, and then try to slow for the roundabout. There was some discussion and general support for the proposal from those in attendance.

#### **Motion:**

**Chair Miller** made a motion to support the recommendation from the Department of Transportation to remove the passing opportunity for vehicles traveling westerly from the Route 101/202 intersection and create two left-turning lanes to Mercer Avenue and Old Dublin Road; **Mr. Byk** seconded.

#### **Vote:**

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

### **Hoyle Tanner and Associates – Main Street Bridge Update**

Representatives from HTA gave the Board and all in attendance an update on the preliminary designs for the Main Street Bridge and Concord Street/Pine Street intersection project. They showed through a PowerPoint presentation a number of possible build options and designs. They emphasized that they have just begun meetings with the various State departments that are involved in planning and executing this project, and therefore no decision has been made as to the ultimate engineering and design of the project. There was a lengthily discussion between members of the Heritage Commission and the engineers particulars of the design. The Board thanked HTA bringing the presentation to their meeting.

As there was no further business, **Ms. Thomas** made a motion to adjourn; **Mr. Byk** seconded; all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nicole MacStay, Assistant to the Town Administrator

PETERBOROUGH  
SELECT BOARD:

  
Barbara A. Miler, Chair

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Joe Byk

  
Elizabeth M. Thomas

**ACTION ITEM PENDING LIST**

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