

NOTICE OF MEETING
PETERBOROUGH SELECT BOARD
Monday, May 10, 2010 – 4:00pm
1 Grove Street, Peterborough, New Hampshire



On Monday, May 10, 2010 at 4:00pm the Select Board will meet to discuss Warrant Article 11 as it relates to reconfiguration of the sidewalks on Pine and Granite Street and new information regarding the bond issue. No other business will be conducted at that time.

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TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH
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Present: Joe Byk, Barbara Miller, Elizabeth Thomas

Also Present: Pamela Brenner, Rodney Bartlett, Nicole MacStay

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 4:15pm. **Mr. Bartlett** began by explaining that Article 11 is a request to bond three projects; roadwork, sidewalks on the Route 202 retaining wall and the Transcript Dam. When the process for this article began, it was thought that by now there would be more developed plans for the Main Street Bridge and sidewalks project. At the same time the engineers were instructed to also look at the dam since there would already be construction going on at that location, and so money for rehabilitation of the dam was included in the article. However, the timeline has gotten longer. He and the HTA engineers are responding to requests from Cultural Resources, who are charged with reviewing any project that comes forward with federal money which in this case is the Route 202 piece. A report will be done for them in late July, and at that time talks will begin regarding to their recommendations as to how to mitigate the historic impact to the bridge if it can't be put back in the same way. As things currently stand, bid documents will be completed late summer 2011, with a bid package ready for fall 2011.

Mr. Bartlett continued, explaining that the original cost estimates generated by the DOT were for the rehabilitation of the bridge. Present estimates for the bridge range from \$2 million to slightly over \$5 million. The biggest pieces are a temporary bridge and other measures required to keep Main Street open during construction, and how we incorporate the historic aspects of the bridge into the new bridge. The style of bridge out there today is the most expensive option and would take the longest. The apparent direction we are looking at is to mimic the bridge that is out there, and address the access to Main Street, which would approach \$5 million in cost. That triggers the Municipal Bridge Aid program, and to get additional funding, we get involved in the Federal Bridge Aid program, which provides 75%/25% funding. What that means dollar-wise for the Town is uncertain; that will depend on the outcome of the Cultural Resources hearings, which we should know by September or October of this year.

Mr. Byk asked if the oval design is included. **Mr. Bartlett** said that the intersection configuration, sidewalk on the retaining wall and so forth is included in this process. Regardless of what comes out of the process, we will not have enough money without coming back to the May 2011 Town Meeting. **Mr. Patten** asked if it is **Mr. Bartlett's** opinion that Article 11 is premature. **Mr. Bartlett** replied that it is. When the article was first drafted, no one had talked about breaching the dam, and now that is being considered. There is no grant money to rehabilitate the dam, but to consider breaching the dam and reconstructing the river, there is grant money. **Ms. Thomas** said, going back to the bridge, it seems to her that no one can see the bridge, so why make it look like what it looks like today. **Mr. Bartlett** explained that it is a required step in the process. **Ms. Thomas** asked what would happen if it was decided not to restore the bridge. **Mr. Bartlett** said that there is a process to negotiate mitigation, which could be doing other historically significant work. There followed an extended discussion of the cultural resources process.

Ms. Brenner said that she and **Mr. Bartlett** have talked at length, and as a result she recommends that Warrant Article 11 be amended to \$250,000, which is the amount estimated for the roadwork in the Cheney Avenue neighborhood. She said that they have a strong estimate for the cost of that

work, and they have confidence in that figure. As for the other items included in the article, the Main Street Bridge and the sidewalks, there is too much in flux at this time, and **Mr. Bartlett** has no confidence in those very early estimates. She said that they believe that amending those items out of the warrant article is the right thing to do.

Motion:

Mr. Byk made a motion to amend Warrant Article 11 to \$250,000 on the floor of the Open Session of Town Meeting; **Ms. Thomas** seconded.

Vote:

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

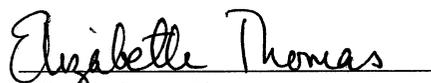
As there was no further business, **Mr. Byk** made a motion to adjourn; **Ms. Thomas** seconded. All in favor, the meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicole MacStay, Assistant to the Town Administrator

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Barbara A. Miler, Chair


Joe Byk


Elizabeth M. Thomas

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