

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

Present: Barbara Miller, Ed Juengst, Tyler Ward

Also Present: Rodney Bartlett, Nancie Vaihinger, Chief Walker, Nicole MacStay, Vanessa Amsbury-Bonilla
Ron McIntyre, Bob Hanson, Donny Parkhurst, Ed Henault, Roland Patten

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

Treasurer Jane Bowman – Banking Services

Ms. Bowman explained that the current bank being used is not adequate for our banking needs. After discussing and reviewing with Ms. Vaihinger, Finance Director, the recommendation is to move to People's United Bank, offering a better package, higher interest, and more security.

Motion:

Chair Miller made a motion to move the town's accounts to People's United Bank.

Vote:

Mr. Ward seconded and Mr. Juengst voted in favor; the motion carried.

Announcement of Winner of MacDowell Colony Riverwalk Park Design Contest

Mr. Macy was excited to introduce the concept of the Riverwalk Park conceptual design process, involving an architectural competition in the design process. Silvia Benedito was the winner of the design competition, architect of the famous High Line in NYC, with the architectural firm Ofcinaa. Alexander Hausler and Ellen Driscoll were also involved in the process. She showcased their work in Europe, incorporating nature, civic activity, and river landscapes. Three tactics in the design for Riverwalk Park were re-enhancing the river, inhabiting the terrace, and traversing the Nubanusit skyline promenade. Noise levels were high, so adding trees will create protection from sound as well as a windbreak. Heated benches, wind breaks, and landforms to help create a more comfortable area during the winter were proposed as well as taking into account the skyline and using the natural landscape to access the views present.

Mr. Bartlett explained that if the Select Board wishes to accept this design, we will use this concept as a starting point, depending on the input and feedback from the public. We will start with the initial public process, regulations, and concerns and interests must be considered and respected.

Motion:

Chair Miller made a motion to move forward in scope and fee.

Vote:

Mr. Ward and Mr. Juengst voted in favor; motion carried.

Chief Walker – Regional Fire Fighter I and EMT Training Program at ConVal High School

Chief Walker explained that there are six firefighter I programs in the state, the program in the past was run by Masenic high school. The Masenic school board no longer funds the fire fighter I program. This is a regional program, and would pull from the entire school district area, giving them an opportunity to keep our younger generation in the community. There is a cost to this program but by investing in this program, they come to the fire fighter service knowing what to expect, thus ensuring a greater competency and retainage rate.

Review and Approval of Minutes from January 25, February 13, February 16, 2016

Motion:

Chair Miller moved to approve the minutes.

Vote:

Mr. Juengst seconded. Mr. Ward voted in favor; the motion carried.

Joint Budget Committee Meeting

Mr. Patten opened the meeting at 6:13 pm.

Public Hearing – Proposed FY 2017 Budget

Mr. Bartlett explained that after taking initial proposals there would have been a 10% increase. Mr. Bartlett reviewed the budget and lowered it to a 4.5% increase. In one final review process, Mr. Bartlett and the Select Board cut an additional 1.7% and lowered it to a 2.8% increase. Debt service was a large increase, health insurance increased \$132,000 as employees switched from individual plans to family plans.

Mr. Patten asked for questions from those present. Hermine Delaney commented that the 14% property tax increase is not sustainable especially in the light of declining enrollment in the public schools. Mr. Patten agreed that supporting the school system is a large part of the budget. Chair Miller also recognized the difficulty in sustaining the school budget but assured Ms. Delaney that everything had been done to keep costs to a minimum. Chair Miller also urged people to vote in the upcoming school budget.

Public Hearing – Proposed Main Street Bridge Reconstruction and Improvements to Route 202/Pine Street Bond

Mr. Bartlett explained the bond article. The purpose of the project is to address the structural deficiencies of the bridge. This project has been moving along since 2009, \$5,000,000 only for the bridge itself, while the retaining wall and surrounding walls is funded by DOT. The project is scheduled for bids in late 2017, with most of the construction in 2018. Key elements of the project are to replace the bridge, construct a permanent pedestrian bridge, remove one sidewalk, and expand the width of the road, realign the intersection, build a new retaining wall, stabilize existing boulder wall, and repair the Main street canal. The goal is to remove granite blocks and replace with more traditional piping, and we will be working with Heritage commission. For the bridge, stones will be mapped, catalogued and replaced, planters will be permanent, and light activated signals for emergency management will be installed. The permit process will be finalized spring 2017, with final plans early 2017, bidding summer 2017, and awarding the project August or September 2017. Construction begins fall/winter 2017, to be complete fall 2019. The bridge will be closed all of 2018.

Anticipated costs \$5.5 million (80% federal/20% town).

Intersection/retaining wall project \$3.8 million (100% federal/state).

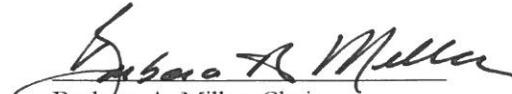
Mr. Patten asked about the coordination with the Union Street Bridge, and the Route 101/202 Bridge. Mr. Bartlett explained that both of those projects were scheduled for different time periods and should not overlap. Mr. Ward asked when the current bridge was constructed and its life expectancy. Mr. Bartlett said 1939 when it was replaced with a single arch bridge with a life expectancy of 40 years. Today's estimates are 50 years.

As there was no more business to discuss, Mr. Patten motioned to adjourn. All in favor; motion carried.

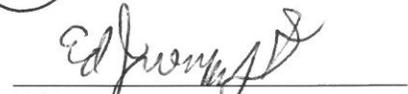
Respectfully Submitted,

Vanessa Amsbury-Bonilla, Department Assistant

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Barbara A. Miller, Chair



Ed Juengst



Tyler Ward