

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH
Tuesday, October 6, 2015 – 5:00pm
1 Grove Street, Peterborough, New Hampshire

Present: Barbara Miller, Ed Juengst, Tyler Ward

Also Present: Pamela Brenner, Rodney Bartlett, Nicole MacStay, Vanessa Amsbury-Bonilla, James Kelly

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

Ivy Vann – Routes 101 & 202 Intersection

Ms. Vann explained that Route 101 and 202 serve as highways that divide the town. The State will be reviewing these roads in the future. Route 101 at the intersection of Route 123 is 15 feet wide, the same width as a highway and she wants to consider a roundabout at the intersection of 101 and 202. She expressed that the road needs traffic slowing measures to make it more street-like, instead of highway-like in order to calm traffic. She explained that the road is set up for cars to drive too fast and causing potential harm in the form of accidents. The road is nowhere near capacity on Route 101. She feels we can affect the character of Peterborough going forward by making these changes, and that 202 S has similar problems.

Chair Miller asked how large trucks will be impacted by these changes. Ms. Vann explained that NACTO standards will not be affected and trucks will not be affected. Mr. Juengst asked what kind of roundabout, since the one we have seems smaller than the closest one in Keene. Ms. Vann said she was not sure who designed the current one, but it would be adequate for cars and trucks. Mr. Bartlett explained that in the past, DOT agreed to fund that intersection, but funding was not available because of the lack of consensus from abutters. Ms. Vann asked about Route 101, whether it is designed to be driven at 30 or 50 mph? Mr. Bartlett explained that it has limited sight distance, most of accidents are far-side accidents. Ms. Vann continued to express that the town needs to offer places where people feel safe, that they are for everyone, not just trucks. In order to stay vital towns need to preserve or recreate their walkability. Mr. Ward asked if there is enough room in that area for a roundabout. Ms. Vann said yes. From studies in 2005, it was determined that there is enough room. Mr. Ward, asked if the pitch about having a state liquor store would be an impetus to funding. Ms. Vann said she hoped so. Chair Miller asked Mr. Bartlett what would be the likelihood of this happening. Mr. Bartlett said the likelihood of this happening during his time here would be unlikely but we could start the process. Mr. Kelly asked how the roundabout would help pedestrians. Ms. Brenner said that most pedestrians at this point use the common pathway at the intersection of Routes 101 and 202.

Select Board acceptance of land gift of the Fairpoint property from the 1833 Society

Chair Miller explained that this piece of land is a critical component to the library of the future. Mr. Bartlett said that the subdivision and deed have been recorded. 1833 Society paid for acquisition of the property.

Motion:

Chair Miller made a motion to formally vote to accept this property. Mr. Ward seconded.

Vote:

Chair Miller, Mr. Ward and Mr. Juengst voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

Resignation of Mose Olenik from Master Plan Steering Committee

The Board recognized the many years of service that Ms. Olenik has given to the Town.

Appointment of Debra Caplan as a Library Trustee alternate

Motion:

Mr. Ward made a motion to vote Debra Caplan. Mr. Juengst seconded.

Vote:

Mr. Ward, Mr. Juengst and Chair Miller voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

Nicole MacStay – Carbon Challenge Update

Ms. MacStay began by explaining the size of a metric ton, and displayed how greenhouse gas emissions have been reduced by the Town's reduction efforts by an average of 139 metric tons per year. With the assistance of a grant in 2012, town was able to execute the replacement of an old oil fired boiler with a new wood pellet boiler system in the town house, insulation installed above the upper main hall and windows resealed. AP North, the Recreation area at Adam Playground and Pool, showed a reduction in energy usage mostly by not heating the Arts and Crafts building but negated some of that energy savings by using the lights to light up the ice rink in the winter, and the new pool splash pad is also adding to the energy use, however greenhouse gas emission is staying the same mostly because of switching to wind power energy. The WWTP uses a tremendous amount of energy. With the installation of the WWTP, the total amount of demand just about doubled in 2012. Mr. Bartlett explained that once the WWTP solar array is in full operation he is anticipating a drop off in greenhouse gas emissions for the future. Ms. MacStay explained that we dropped our greenhouse gas emissions with the installation of wood pellet boilers at the Townhouse, Police Station, and Community Center. Mr. Kelly asked what's going to happen to those numbers when we go solar; Ms. MacStay explained that the energy used will be the same, but the greenhouse gases will be significantly lowered.

Final acceptance of Parmelee Drive as a public road and acceptance of permanent easement deed

Mr. Bartlett explained that the original agreement of Monadnock Community Hospital was that they would provide the land and they would establish a permanent easement. The Town will maintain it and plow it.

Motion:

Mr. Juengst made a motion to accept Parmelee Drive as public road. Chair Miller seconded.

Vote:

Mr. Juengst, Chair Miller and Mr. Ward voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried

Review and Approval of the Minutes of September 17, 2015

Mr. Ward noted that the minutes included the presence of Mr. Troy Brooks, but he did not make an appearance that day. A note was made to amend the minutes, dropping Mr. Brooks' name from the list of attendees.

Motion:

Chair Miller made a motion to approve minutes as amended. Mr. Ward seconded.

Vote:

Chair Miller, Mr. Ward and Mr. Juengst voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

Chair Miller announced that an official letter to state officials to oppose pipeline had been written and signed by the Select Board. Mr. Juengst would like to send letter also to senators, Governor Hassan, and Secretary of State.

Chair Miller reminded everyone that we have an Internet Connectivity survey going on. Our goal is to bring faster higher speed internet to our town.

Chair Miller made a motion to adjourn at 6:03 pm. Mr. Ward seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vanessa Amsbury-Bonilla, Department Assistant

PETERBOROUGH
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Barbara A. Miller, Chair


Ed Juengst


Tyler Ward

ACTION ITEM PENDING LIST

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