

**MINUTES**  
**SELECT BOARD**  
**TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH**

Tuesday, June 12, 2012 – 8:30am  
Community Center, 35 Elm Street, Peterborough, New Hampshire

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

**Also Present:** Pamela Brenner, Carol Ogilvie, Nicole MacStay

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**Chair Miller** called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

**Water Resource Advisory Committee Request**

The Board considered providing a \$50 credit towards private well testing. **Ms. Brenner** and **Mr. Bartlett** will work out the details.

**Board and Committee Liaisons**

The Board agreed to keep the same liaison assignments

**Review of 2011 Retreat Goals**

- a. 10-12 month greenhouse at Community Center – **Mr. Byk** reported that the community garden is on track.
- b. Seek funding opportunities for the greenhouse – **Mr. Byk** reported that these efforts are also on track.
- c. Conceptual plan for Evans Road property – at the previous retreat the Board asked **Ms. Ogilvie** to look at the possibility of building affordable homes on the property. **Ms. Ogilvie** reported that there are now a number of homes for sale within the \$100,000-\$125,000 price range. The Board agreed that the town should not create competition to the real estate market.
- d. Regionalization – this is now a lower priority
- e. Downtown TIF District re-adoption – done

**Communication between Select Board and Planning Board**

The Board and **Ms. Ogilvie** discussed the requirements for notice of petition zoning articles. **Mr. Byk** expressed his feeling that the public was unprepared to decide on the petitioned articles; **Ms. Ogilvie** explained that according to state statute, petitioned warrant articles can only be given one public hearing. She added that she is reluctant to give as much background in the Final Posting to petitioned articles as to those proposed by the Planning Board, however maps of the potentially effected properties are included in the Final Posting, which is made public via handouts and on the website two months before voting. **Ms. Brenner** said that the staff makes the information easily available by having printed copies available at the Town House and on the website, and said that she doesn't know what else she can do to inform the voters. After some discussion, the Board agreed that a note could be printed on the ballot describing the location of the properties and directing voters to the Final Posting for more information. There was then a discussion regarding how the ballots are formatted.

**Community Planning/Visioning**

**Ms. Ogilvie** reported on the recent Planning Board hearing regarding the Route 101/202 property. **Ms. Brenner** reported that a new professional building is being constructed in West Peterborough, thanks to the West Peterborough TIF improvements. **Ms. Ogilvie** said that MEDC is currently in discussions with a small office looking to expand in Peterborough. They have also discussed plans

to implement elements of the 2005 Plan NH charette to revitalize the Village Commercial District, and planned construction in the downtown.

### **Communication with the Public and Taxpayers**

**Chair Miller** said that she thinks the TV could be used more to address frequently asked questions, such as how the tax rate is set, what the equalized value is and what it means, and why wetlands protection is important and what buffers do. **Ms. MacStay** then gave an overview of Granicus, a software platform that publishes meeting video to the internet with links to the agenda and documents. She demonstrated how the City of Keene uses the platform. She said that when she investigated this package four years ago the monthly maintenance cost of \$600.00 made it prohibitively expensive, but she said that it would be addressed in an upcoming conference. The Board was supportive of the idea.

### **2012-2013 Goals**

1. Community Planning and Visioning
  - a. Continue to look for opportunities with MEDC and other organizations
2. Reorganize the Zoning Ballot
3. Communicating with the public
  - a. Explore options with Granicus or a similar product
  - b. Expand PEG programing
4. WRAC private well testing program

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nicole MacStay, Assistant to the Town Administrator

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Barbara A. Miller, Chair

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Joe Byk

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Elizabeth M. Thomas