

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH
 Thursday June 4, 2015 – 7:30am
 35 Elm Street, Peterborough, New Hampshire

Present: Barbara Miller, Ed Juengst, Tyler Ward

Also Present: Pamela Brenner, Rodney Bartlett, Ed Walker, Pete Throop, Nicole MacStay

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 7:30am.

Board and Committee Liaisons

The Select Board chose liaison assignments for the upcoming year:

Capital Plan Steering Committee	Ed Juengst
Conservation Commission	Tyler Ward
Downtown TIF Advisory Board	Barbara Miller
Economic Development Authority	Ed Juengst
Heritage Commission	Tyler Ward
Library Board of Trustees	Barbara Miller
Master Plan Steering Committee	Tyler Ward
Planning Board	Ed Juengst
Recreation Committee	Ed Juengst
Selectmen's Advisory Committee	Barbara Miller
Agriculture Commission	Tyler Ward
Recycling Advisory Committee	Tyler Ward

Overview of Current Projects

Fire Station. Chief Walker said that the first step are life/safety upgrades to the Fire Station. The Fire and Rescue Department has outgrown the current space. The Department is now staffed around the clock, making it necessary to install a fire alarm system, as well as access controls and CCTV, which will be moveable to a new building. The living space needs to be sealed from the operations space with self-closing doors. With regards to planning a new station, work has been done in the past, but nothing was finalized. \$40,000 has been requested to have a consultant consolidate and review the work that has been done, and develop plans. The questions are do we have an adequate site, and can the community absorb the cost. We must also consider the Police Department, and ask if a Public Safety Complex makes sense, with shared dispatching.

Chair Miller said that some are concerned about moving the Police Department out of the downtown. Chief Walker said that if the Police and Fire stations are relocated those properties could be used for other purposes, and potentially be returned to the tax rolls. He said that he loves having the Fire Station on Summer Street, but the Maintenance Garage is also a good spot. He said that he and Chief Guinard have talked, and there is also a lot to be said for being in a location were people who may not know the town well can easily find you.

Union Street Bridge. Mr. Bartlett said that the bridge is on the DOT's Red List. Only the deck needs to be replaced, so it was designed and put out to bid this winter, however the bids all came back high, and it has become clear that the work cannot be done with the money set aside in the capital reserve fund. The bid designs will be reviewed with DOT, and the project will be rebid if some savings can be found. Otherwise, we will be looking for a greater appropriation in the future.

Reconstruction of Union Street. Mr. Bartlett said that this project is on track to be completed at the end of July. Currently the delay has been in relocating the utility poles at the playground, particularly in waiting for Fairpoint to move their lines to the new poles.

Robbe Farm Road/Legacy Lane. Mr. Bartlett said that HTA has provided plans for a reasonably inexpensive approach which will entail grinding the paving, adjusting the structures and repaving. Town Counsel has spoken with Craig Hicks and is now working with Attorney Callahan with regards to releasing interest in the land to a newly established neighborhood association.

Main Street Bridge/Retaining Wall. There will be an information session in the Select Board Meeting Room on June 16th which will update the public on where we are in the process.

Dams. The Transcript Dam is such a low hazard that the State doesn't inspect it. we will be looking at the cost of rehabilitating it and get cost estimates for any options for discussion at a future meeting. The North Village Dam is in reasonably good shape; there are some old pipes under Wilder Park that will need to be stabilized.

Riverwalk Parking Lot. The site assessment is underway, the results of which will be reported to the Board in the future.

Town House/Upper Hall Renovations. We were able to get a grant from the Moose Plate program to complete an historic assessment of the Town House. Scully Associates is completing that assessment. Technology has outrun what the Upper Hall was designed for, so technology will be among the issues that will be focused on. In the process of preparing a LCHIP grant application designs and cost estimates will be developed.

Sound. There was a general impression that that the Memorial Day events were Town events, and so thought that complaints about the sound should be directed to the Town. Mr. Bartlett said that the town needs to take control and responsibility for sound at all events. Both Buildings and Grounds and the Recreation Department have equipment, but it is important to have someone available to take control. There was some discussion of the options available, sound in the Upper Hall, and potentially bringing in outside assistance to operate sound systems in the future.

Office of Community Development Updates

Mr. Throop said that the Planning Board is looking at potential zoning amendments. The Master Plan Steering Committee is working through the process of updating the Vision chapter, and then will be working with the Economic Development Authority to update the Economic Development Chapter. The EDA has three subcommittees: Broadband, Marketing and Outreach. The Board noted that there is a great deal of activity in these boards that they would continue to be a part of through their roles as liaisons.

Proposed Pipeline

After some discussion, the Select Board agreed to continue following the issue.

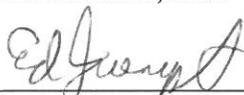
Ms. Brenner said that property values are rising, and that the Assessors will be doing an update this year. There was a brief discussion of the Town's efforts to reduce its fossil fuel demands; Ms. MacStay will present an update on the Carbon Challenge to the Select Board later this summer.

As there was no further business, the retreat adjourned at 11:30am.

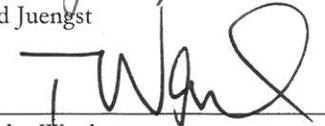
Respectfully Submitted,
Nicole MacStay, Assistant Town Administrator

PETERBOROUGH
SELECT BOARD:

Barbara A. Miller, Chair



Ed Juengst



Tyler Ward

ACTION ITEM PENDING LIST

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