

**MINUTES**  
**SELECT BOARD**  
**TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH**  
Tuesday, January 10, 2017 – 5:00pm  
1 Grove Street, Peterborough, New Hampshire

**Present:** Barbara Miller, Ed Juengst, Tyler Ward

**Also Present:** Rodney Bartlett, Brenda Fox-Howard, Nicole MacStay, Vanessa Amsbury-Bonilla, Corinne Chronopolous, Roland Patten

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

**Main Street Bridge Update**

Mr. Bartlett began by explaining there have been subsequent meetings regarding the bridge with State DOT, Senator Sanborn, and others. The discussions specifically dealt with the status of the pedestrian bridge as it relates to the Main Street bridge project and the options available with regard to the pedestrian bridge. The town has received commitment from DOT personnel to help make that decision. After meeting with technical staff and a highway representative, alternatives were discussed as well as the process of reopening the NEPA process and the timeframe involved. If no changes were made, bid date would likely be March 2018. If changes to the project were to be made, then likely a bid date of September 2018, adding that the delay does not hurt the project overall, and the costs would not be dramatically different. The downside of the meeting was that the NEPA process was completed last year, so now the cost to reopen would be on the town, a difference of around \$30K. Mr. Bartlett said the cost could be worked into a contingency cost of the bridge project. Different options were considered, including a one sidewalk approach, a two sidewalk approach, and a widening of the bridge including two sidewalks. The impact of these options will be evaluated by Hoyle Tanner and reviewed by all agencies involved in the project. After meeting with the Library Trustees and the 1833 Society, they both voted to support and request re-evaluation of the pedestrian bridge.

Ms. Miller expressed that based on the discussions with Hoyle Tanner and previous meetings, a pedestrian bridge would deter from the overall project and was the least attractive option. She asked is it possible to eliminate these options that involve the pedestrian bridge. Mr. Bartlett responded that authorization from DOT would be required to reopen the process, and as we negotiate the cost and scope of the work we can emphasize to DOT that we want to minimize the number of options available for evaluation.

Mr. Ward asked about the reasoning behind the original bridge concept. Mr. Bartlett explained that originally the thought was that the new library would be built at the small commercial center (Centertown) on Main Street with a pedestrian bridge connecting to the parking lot crossing the river where the current library is located, therefore removing one sidewalk from the bridge and thus able to widen the traffic lanes on the bridge.

Ms. Miller asked Mr. Bartlett to comment about reopening the NEPA process with respect to the timing of the Route 101 bridge. Mr. Bartlett said even with the delay in reopening the NEPA process, it would still be scheduled to bid before the Route 101 bridge, which is scheduled for the fall of 2019.

Chair Juengst commented that he prefers the widening of the bridge and including two sidewalks. He mentioned that if our estimate of our time delay was wrong, it could potentially be a problem. He asked how confident Mr. Bartlett is working with State DOT and their expectation regarding the timing of the project. Mr. Bartlett spoke to the importance of the timing of the Main Street and Route 101 bridge, as having the Route 101 bridge under construction would add more traffic to the Main Street bridge, which has already been down-posted to 15 tons, and this would put more traffic and stress on the bridge and would delay the process.

Chair Juengst asked if this process would begin quickly, after making the decision tonight. Mr. Bartlett responded that it would start tomorrow. He also asked about the importance of the pedestrian bridge with regard to the utilities that were expected to be running beneath it. Mr. Bartlett explained a temporary pedestrian bridge would have conduits for utilities and this project includes a 12" water main installation. Chair Juengst also commented that he agreed with Ms. Miller that eliminating the options that involve the separate pedestrian bridge would streamline the process. Mr. Bartlett explained the NEPA process requires that we go through all the reasonable options.

*Motion:* Ms. Miller made a motion to move to request permission and concurrence from NHDOT to evaluate alternatives to the permanent pedestrian bridge on the Main Street bridge reconstruction project/ NHDOT Bridge # 092/089.

*Vote:* Mr. Ward seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Proposed Establishment of a Municipal and Transportation Improvement Fund per RSA 261:153 VI(a)**

Mr. Bartlett explained that this request began last year from Ivy Vann of the Planning Committee, instituting a \$5 fee during auto registration to be used for pedestrian and transportation needs that are not covered by the budget. This requires a public hearing 15 days prior to the date of the warrant per ballot vote, and last year that public hearing did not take place, therefore the warrant did not move forward. Mr. Ward spoke to the Select Board's agreement of the proposal last year. Mr. Bartlett agreed this would be accomplished through the normal budget process, with a corresponding capital reserve account for the funds and the Select Board would have the authorization to expend the funds.

### **Appointment of John Sandri to Agriculture Commission**

Mr. Ward explained Mr. Sandri was the founder of Farmer John's Plot and is eager to work with the Agriculture Commission. The Select Board agreed he sounded like an appropriate person to be appointed to this committee.

*Motion:* Mr. Ward made a motion to appoint John Sandri to the Agriculture Commission.

*Vote:* Ms. Miller seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Other business**

Mr. Bartlett gave additional information regarding the GAR Hall. Information from Erica Rosenthal, owner of Post and Beam Brewery is that they are ready to close on the property. There is a plan in place with regard to the underground storage tank that was found on the property. The tank will be removed when reconstruction begins. They are trying to finalize language that works with the Preservation Alliance with regard to the Preservation Easement at a cost of \$20K.

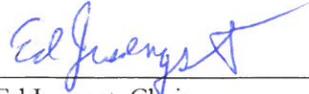
He continued regarding Nashua Community College. The approval for site selection and formal cost estimate for renovation for the building at Vose Farm Rd has been sent to chancellor for review and will be seeking a loan application from USDA.

Chair Juengst commented about the school voting that will occur here at the town house, not at the community center. The public notice was already sent to the newspaper. Chair Juengst expressed that he did not want people confused about where to vote since the Presidential voting venue was held at the Community Center.

As there was no more business to discuss, Ms. Miller made a motion to adjourn at 5:48. Mr. Ward seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Vanessa Amsbury-Bonilla, Department Assistant

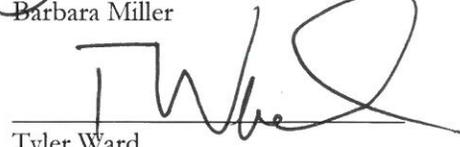
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**ACTION ITEM PENDING LIST**

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