

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH
Tuesday, February 19, 2013 – 5:00pm
1 Grove Street, Peterborough, New Hampshire

Present: Joe Byk, Barbara Miller, Chris Thomas
Donald Parkhurst, Paul Sullivan, Steve Jones, Bob Lambert, Gordon Kemp, Jennifer Duffy
Also Present: Pamela Brenner, Nancie Vaihinger, Rodney Bartlett, Nicole MacStay

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

Matt Leahy from Senator Shaheen's office

Mr. Leahy said that he is here to introduce himself to all of you to have a point of contact when you have issues of the federal government that come up, or if your constituents have issues with Medicare and Social Security. **Chair Miller** said that we may write some grants for the community center and asked if there is any help that he could give the Board; **Mr. Leahy** replied that Sen. Shaheen is always happy to write a letter support for those applications, and we can follow up with grants. **Mr. Bartlett** said that the Main St., Bridge project is scheduled for federal funding and fiscal year 2016. The town is in the process of design, and we anticipate to be funded 20% by the town and 80% by the federal government and retaining wall portion of the project to be funded 20% by New Hampshire DOT and 80% by the federal DOT. The bridge could cost as much as \$5 million. He added that is a very sensitive high-traffic area. **Ms. Thomas** asked if when the federal government decides to cut a program with a local impact, is the senator made aware. **Mr. Leahy** said that he does not know if they are told, and said that he needs to know where this project is in the funding stream and that he will follow up with **Mr. Bartlett**. The senator would like to be hopeful with that project.

Mr. Lambert asked if there is any way to clean bills to vote on without earmarks; **Mr. Leahy** said ideally that would be great, but he is not sure, because the suspect part of the legislative process for so long. **Mr. Lambert** said that the federal government has not even brought a budget forward five years, and there's been no penalty; here there would be. **Mr. Leahy** said it is something that has frustrated the senator; she submitted a bill last year to make the budget to year so that they could focus on something else every other year.

Open Space Request

Using a map **Mr. Henault** described an easement on properties located on Old Greenfield Road that the Open Space Committee and Conservation Commission have voted to expend funds towards. There was a brief discussion.

Motion:

Ms. Thomas made a motion to expend funds as requested by the Open Space Committee and Conservation Commission; **Mr. Byk** second.

Vote:

Ms. Thomas, Mr. Byk, and Chair Miller voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

Mr. Henault said that the Open Space Committee and Conservation Commission have also voted to us expend funds towards an easement on the property that the community garden is located on.

Motion:

Mr. Byk made a motion to expense funds as requested by the Open Space Committee and Conservation Commission; **Ms. Thomas** seconded.

Vote:

Mr. Byk, Ms. Thomas, and Chair Miller voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

Future Use of the GAR Hall

Chair Miller said this is a complex issue, so we tried to make it as simple as possible to understand. We need to talk about this today because we need to post warrant article. She situate try to give an overview of where the town is in red from handout. **Debby Kaiser** said that the Heritage Commission would like to keep the building exactly as intended when it was given to the town as an intact while, she said that the heritage commission would do the fund-raising. She explained that it would offer space to be shared by commissions and committees and nonprofits. In the past it was a school, and the heritage commission would like to see an educational element, such as afterschool tutoring. She said that none of these things would bring a lot of income, it would have to be something the town would want. **Chair Miller** said their maintenance costs, upkeep, and management costs associated. **Ms. Kaiser** said the back of it could be a rooming house for young people. **Ms. Thomas**, referring to the handout presented by Ms. Kaiser, said that many of these are ideas that we have for the community center. **Ms. Kaiser** said another idea would be to make it a part of the green cell zones in downtown Peterborough, and make it accessible by building a pedestrian bridge to Depot Park. She said the heritage commission would like to emphasize that the lack of parking should be taken as a challenge. There was a discussion about the ADA accessibility of the building.

Motion:

Mr. Byk made a motion to authorize Ms. Brenner and Mr. Bartlett to draft three warrant articles; **Ms. Thomas** seconded.

Vote:

Mr. Byk Ms. Thomas and Chair Miller voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

Budget Overview

The Board was joined by **Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Jones, Mr. Parkhurst, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Patten, and Mr. Kemp.**

Ms. Brenner said the Select Board gave me a 2.5%: we started this process; the budget before you is 5.7%. We have a number of cuts that could be made that would leave the flat. The Budget Committee and Select Board review the cuts individually.

- **Reduce merit increase from 2.5% to 1.7%**

Motion:

Mr. Patten made a motion to support the Select Board's vote; **Mr. Sullivan** seconded.

Vote:

Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Jones, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Lambert, and Mr. Patten voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

- **Require building developers to pay for outside fire and safety inspection services**

Motion:

Mr. Lambert made a motion to remove the Fire Inspector position from the proposed budget; **Mr. Patten** seconded.

Vote:

Mr. Lambert, Mr. Patten, Mr. Parkhurst, Mr. Jones, Ms. Lewis and Mr. Sullivan voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

- **Affordable Care Act – Reduce appropriation to \$30,000**

Motion:

Mr. Patten made a motion to reduce the appropriation for the potential Affordable Care Act penalty to \$30,000; **Mr. Jones** seconded.

Vote:

Mr. Patten, Mr. Jones, Mr. Sullivan, and Ms. Lewis voted in favor of the motion, **Mr. Lambert** opposed the motion; the motion carried.

- **Fire Department Radios – reduce from \$25,000 to \$12,500**

Motion:

Ms. Lewis made a motion to reduce the appropriation for Fire Department radio purchases to \$12,500; **Mr. Lambert** seconded.

Vote:

Ms. Lewis, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Patten, Mr. Jones and Mr. Sullivan voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

- **Fleet Management – reduce capital reserve from \$185,000 to \$155,000**

Motion:

Mr. Jones made a motion to reduce the fleet management capital reserve appropriation to \$155,000; **Mr. Patten** seconded.

Vote:

Mr. Jones, Mr. Patten, Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Lewis and Mr. Lambert voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

- **24-hour dispatch center engineering study**

Motion:

Ms. Lewis made a motion to eliminate the appropriation from the proposed budget; **Mr. Parkhurst** seconded.

Vote:

Ms. Lewis, Mr. Parkhurst, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Lambert voted in favor of the motion, **Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Patten** voted in opposition; the motion carried.

Motion:

Mr. Lambert made a motion to accept the recommendation from Ms. Brenner and the Select Board after speaking with Mr. King; **Mr. Sullivan** seconded.

Vote:

Mr. Lambert, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Jones and **Mr. Patten** voted in favor of the motion, **Ms. Lewis** opposed the motion; the motion carried.

• **Road Maintenance**

Motion:

Ms. Lewis made a motion to cut \$5,000 from the road maintenance budget and cut \$20,000 from the general fund share of the Grove Street lighting project; **Mr. Patten** seconded.

Vote:

Ms. Lewis, Mr. Patten, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Parkhurst, Mr. Jones and **Mr. Lambert** voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicole MacStay, Assistant Town Administrator

PETERBOROUGH
SELECT BOARD:

Barbara A. Miller, Chair

Joe Byk

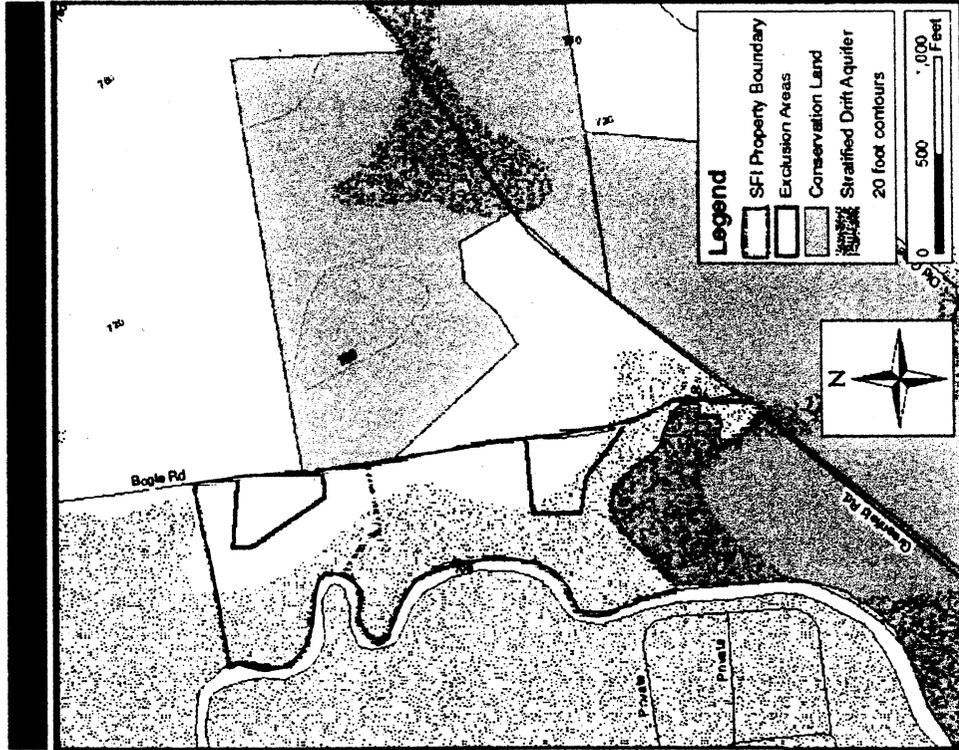
Elizabeth M. Thomas

ACTION ITEM PENDING LIST

1. State Aid Grants – P. Brenner has followed up with legislation in Concord; waiting for Governor’s Budget
2. GAR Hall – Public hearing scheduled for 3/12/13; article to appear on warrant
3. Affordable Care Act – N. Vaihinger will follow up with needed personnel policy changes
4. Dispatch Center Grant – N. MacStay to follow up on possible grant for dispatch center – NH Dept. of Safety Homeland Security Grants are not yet available for 2013 - <http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/homeland/homelandgrants.html>

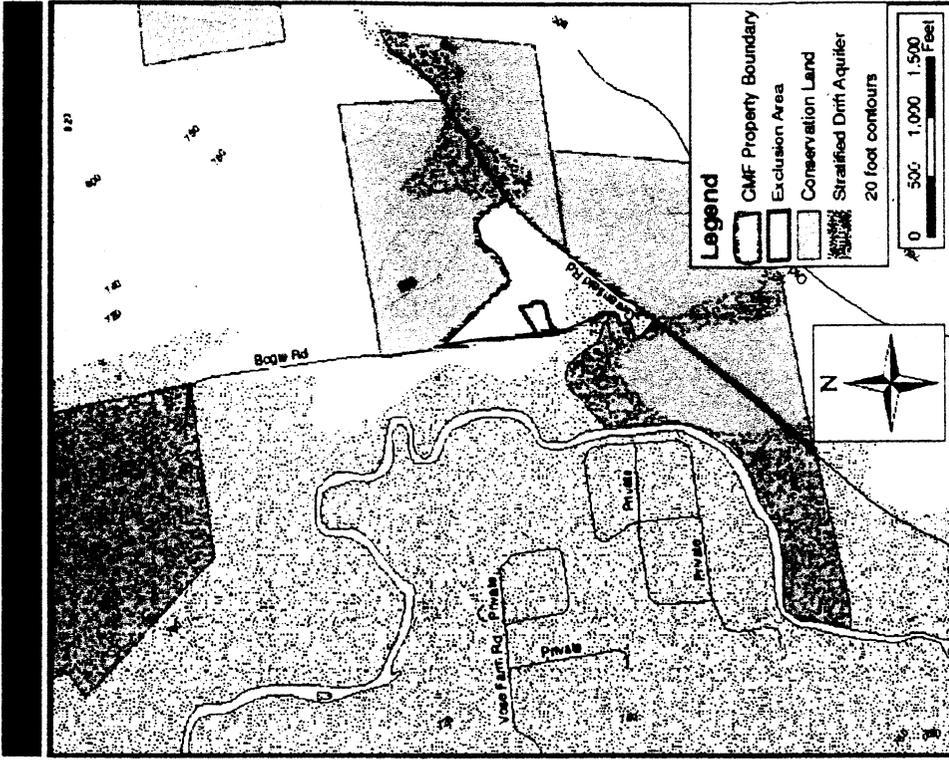


Community Garden 6-acre parcel Route 202 and Scott Mitchell Road



Sunnyfield Farm Inc. 40 acres on Bogle Road with shoreland on the Contoocook River;

The parcels link with existing conservation land; conserve important agricultural and forest resources; Contoocook River shoreland and wetlands.



Crotched Mountain Foundation 17 acres fronting Route 136 across from Sunnyfield Farm. Exclusion area has residence for Farm managers.

Minutes of 2.19.13

Proposed Cut	Explanation	Amount
Merit Pay	Reduce from 2.5% to 1.7%	37,561
Police Dept. - Health Insurance	Family to Single Coverage due to hire	12,210
Fire Dept.	Inspections - External Process	10,000
Affordable Care Act	\$15,00 reduction	15,000
Affordable Care Act - Revenue	Transfer from Ambulance Revenue	8,100
Operating Budget		<u>82,871</u>
Fire Dept.	Radios - Reduce from \$25,000 to \$12,500	12,500
Fleet Management	Reduce Capital Reserve from \$185,000 to \$155,000	30,000
GIS Mapping	Eliminate Capital Reserve Payment	15,000
24/7 Dispatch	Eliminate Study for this Year	16,666
Recreation Bus	Lease Purchase For Three Years	9,000
Road Maintenance	Reduce Road Maintenance from \$450,000 to \$425,000	25,000
Capital Budget		<u>108,166</u>
Grand Total		191,037