

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH
Tuesday, April 1, 2014 – 5:00pm
1 Grove Street, Peterborough, New Hampshire

Present: Joe Byk, Barbara Miller, Liz Thomas

Also Present: Pamela Brenner, Nicole MacStay

Chair Byk called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

Ed Henault – Land Acquisition Request

Ed Henault of the Open Space Committee presented the Select Board with a request for the expenditure of \$50,000 from the land acquisition capital reserve fund for the preservation a piece of property commonly known as the Hiroshi property. This 106 acre parcel is one of the highest ranked piece of undeveloped property in Peterborough. It abuts the Army Corps of Engineer's property around the MacDowell Dam. Mr. Henault said that the Open Space Committee envisions hiking trails connecting with the trails around the MacDowell reservoir. Mr. Henault explained that Mr. Hiroshi had dreamed of conserving this land, and the Open Space Committee is proud to have that opportunity to fulfill his wishes.

Jeremy Wilson, Director of the Harris Center, said that over two-thirds of the property is the highest-ranked in the state, and the remainder is supporting landscape. Chair Byk asked how property is ranked; Mr. Wilson explained that it based on the surrounding conservation land, access to water and so forth. This ranking largely reflects the property's proximity to the Army Corp's conservation land, as well as the two-thirds of a mile of land adjacent to the Nubanusit brook. This will build on a cluster of conserved land, and continue a corridor of 7,000 acres of protected land through Harrisville and Hancock. This property is close to Sargent Camp, and the Harris Center is considering building a small parking area and access to the river via a hiking trail over an old farm road through the area, and commemorate Hiroshi's dream and name the land.

Motion:

Chair Byk made a motion to allow the expenditure of \$50,000 from the Land Acquisition Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing this land with the Harris Center and conserving it; Ms. Thomas seconded.

Vote:

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

Review of Deliberative Session Presentation

Ms. Brenner reviewed the draft of the PowerPoint presentation prepared for the Deliberative Session with the Select Board.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Motion:

Ms. Miller made a motion to accept the minutes of March 14th as presented; Ms. Thomas seconded.

Vote:

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

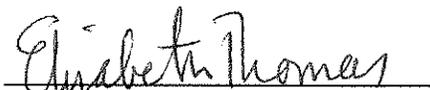
As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicole MacStay, Assistant Town Administrator

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Joe Byk, Chair


Barbara A. Miller


Elizabeth M. Thomas

ACTION ITEM PENDING LIST

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