

**MINUTES**  
**SELECT BOARD**  
**TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH**  
Tuesday, May 6, 2014 – 5:00pm  
1 Grove Street, Peterborough, New Hampshire

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

**Also Present:** Rodney Bartlett, Nancie Vaihinger, Captain Ernie Belletete, Nicole MacStay

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

**Nancie Vaihinger - Union Street Improvement Project Bond**

Ms. Vaihinger explained that this will be a general obligation bond. Because of all the uncertainty regarding municipal bonds due to new federal regulations which go into effect July first and the increase in municipal bond rates nationally, as well as the downgrading of bond ratings due largely to unfunded pension liabilities and New Hampshire's loss of the Hospital Case, we felt that it would make sense to get a bond now when we know that the rates are 3.75% through the New Hampshire Municipal Bond Bank, rather than take a BAN now and then take a bond out later when rates could potentially be much higher. The proposed 3.75% is actually less than was budgeted.

**Motion:**

Chair Byk made a motion to proceed with the bond as proposed by Ms. Vaihinger; Ms. Miller seconded.

**Vote:**

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

**Francie Von Mertens - Invasive Plants**

Ms. Von Mertens gave the Select Board a presentation on a number of invasive species that are crowding out native species in Peterborough. There was an extensive discussion regarding the different plants, and the measures that the Conservation Commission and other groups of concerned citizens are taking to remove them. Ms. Von Mertens then distributed a brochure that the Conservation Commission has put together on the most common invasive species found in town, and said that the brochure will be available at the Town Hall. She said that she planned to talk to as many civic groups as possible to get the word out. The Board thanked Ms. Von Mertens for her very interesting and important presentation.

**Speed Limits on Morrison & Powersbridge Road**

Captain Belletete explained that the Police Department did an investigation of the traffic on both roads. Based on the average speeds of 25 miles per hour on both roads and the increased number of pedestrians on both roads, Chief Guinard has recommended that the speed limit should be reduced to 25 miles per hour, and that there should be signs warning drivers of the entrance to RiverMead.

**Motion:**

Ms. Miller made a motion that based on the traffic data that the speed limits of Morrison and Powersbridge roads be reduced to 25 mph and that signs be posed to warn drivers of the entrances to RiverMead; Chair Byk seconded.

**Vote:**

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

**Review and Approval of Minutes of January 15, January 21, February 3 and 4, 2014**

**Motion:**

Ms. Miller made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Ms. Thomas seconded.

**Vote:**

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

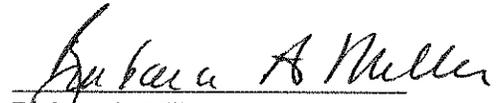
Ms. Brenner pointed out that this is Mr. Byk's last meeting; Mr. Byk said that he has enjoyed working with both Ms. Miller and Ms. Thomas, and particularly thanked Ms. Thomas for voting him in as an interim member of the Board.

As there was no further business, Chair Byk made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Thomas seconded. All in favor, the meeting adjourned at 6:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nicole MacStay, Assistant Town Administrator

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Joe Byk, Chair

  
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Barbara A. Miller

  
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Elizabeth M. Thomas

**ACTION ITEM PENDING LIST**

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