

**MINUTES  
SELECT BOARD  
TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH**

Tuesday, July 18, 2017– 5:00pm  
1 Grove Street, Peterborough, New Hampshire

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

**Also Present:** Rodney Bartlett, Nicole MacStay, Vanessa Amsbury-Bonilla, Corinne Chronopolous, and a large representation of Peterborough residents

---

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

**Library of the Future Campaign**

Ms. Chronopolous, Library Director began by explaining the need for a new library due to the deficiencies of the building and showing a visual presentation of the architectural design for the proposal of a new library building. It showed the changes including a street level entrance, public computers, young adult section, the updates to the original building, centralized ADA compliant help desk, large 120-person meeting room with catering space, a 30-person multi-use room, 15-person board room, children's room, maker's space, and green space outside.

Mr. Bartlett explained the CIP process, and that the project is \$8.5M, with fundraising of \$5.5M, and a request for \$3M from the town. Ms. Chronopolous is looking for the Select Board to support them through the budget process, with voting process at May 2018 Town meeting. The Select Board members expressed their support for the project as well as their awareness of the challenge of raising the money needed for this project.

Jonathan Erickson asked if construction cost estimate was available for townspeople to see. Ms. Chronopolous said it's not on the website yet but will be added. He also asked about a Space Analysis Survey and Existing Structure Survey, with comparative analysis done to an alternative site. Ms. Patten explained that there was a conceptual study done for different sites, and four sites were considered but none were suitable. Mr. McIntyre explained that looking at alternatives, they wanted to keep the library near the center of town, as well as recognizing the building on the historical record, and concluded that the current library site was the best site in town. The preference included melding the best of the past with the best of current library practice and attracting people to the core of the community. Mr. Erickson asked if they had data on the number of people who walk to the library as opposed to driving. Mr. McIntyre responded that there was not. Ms. Miller expressed her support in keeping the library in the core of the town. Mr. Erickson expressed his concern with major cost overruns. Mr. Bartlett said Harvey Construction has been hired to help with construction estimating before plans are finalized explaining that the construction manager represents the owner, through a qualification selection process, will get multiple bids for each trade and subcontractors and brings back the information to the owner, which in this case is the town. Mr. Erickson expressed his concern with a 12 month schedule and that it is very aggressive and asked how an additional \$3M would affect taxes, considering a recent 9.3% increase in property taxes this year. Mr. Bartlett explained the two-third vote needed in 2018 at the May Town meeting. Mr. Bartlett spoke to overruns, and explained the requirement for maximum construction costs. Carol Nelson asked how the timing would affect the Main street bridge construction. Mr. Bartlett explained the schedule for the Main Street bridge, with final design next month, final reviews, bid in September 2018, and demolition in January following. There may be minor overlap with office trailers for the bridge. The library would be in the construction stage during the demolition stage of the bridge.

Carl Mabbs Zeno expressed his support and that this is an economic driver and would bring in taxpayers and businesses that would benefit the community.

**Setting of Municipal Transportation Improvement Fund Fee**

Mr. Bartlett explained the history of the Transportation Improvement Fund, and that it needed to be determined what the amount would be, with an effective date of September 1, 2017. This money would be earmarked for pedestrian and bicycle improvements. The Select board agreed that in order to make the biggest impact to set the fee at the maximum five dollars.

*Motion:* Mr. Juengst moved to set the fee at \$5 on each registered vehicle to be used toward the Municipal Transportation Improvement Fund.

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

**South Peterborough TIF District**

Mr. Bartlett said this is specific to a timeline and the board could specify a special meeting and public hearings in preparation for the town meeting date. October 17 has been requested for special meeting. First step is to have a draft sent out to the county and school district. Out of the new tax dollars in the district, the county and the school district does not receive those funds, but rather are put into the specific TIF fund to be used for improvements in that district. There are limits on acreage (16% max) and assessed value. Mr. Juengst confirmed that this doesn't have a negative impact on the schools. Mr. Bartlett said a video would be presented at Rivermead explaining the TIF concept as it is a mechanism that will help address infrastructure needs for this area.

October 26th was set as the date for the special meeting.

**Cranberry Meadow Pond Trail License**

Mr. Bartlett explained that a section off Cheney Avenue, a particular parcel sold July 2015, as part of the sale, there was a discussion of keeping the trail in place. The trail permission agreement regarding the parcel is a four-party agreement: Monadnock Conservancy, Town of Peterborough, the Conservation Commission and the owner. The owner has concerns on effect on property value, proximity to back yard, and timing of use. Select board was prepared to sign the agreement and Ms. Miller offered to take them to the owner, as the owner has not yet signed the agreement.

**Review and Approval of Minutes from June 19 and 27, 2017**

*Motion:* Ms. Miller made a motion to accept the Select Board minutes of June 19 and June 27, 2017.

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

**Discussion Regarding the Provision of Voter Information by the NH Secretary of State to the Federal Commission on Election Integrity**

Mr. Bartlett explained that the Board can send a letter to the Governor expressing their stance on this issue. He further expressed that protecting privacy of voters is important. The information requested was: name, address, party affiliation and number of times voted during a specific time frame. It does not include any other information. The understanding is that the NH Secretary of State wasn't planning on releasing any information. Mr. Ward stated that he doesn't believe there was voter fraud and that this is an intimidation effort. Nancy Salmon spoke up, saying that she believes there are 40 states so far that have withheld the information, but also believes it includes the last 4 digits of peoples' social security number. She further explained that it was her understanding that for example, there are those in Colorado that have been asked to be taken off the voter rolls if this information was going to be released, ultimately affecting voter turnout. Ms. Carol Nelson explained that there are two instances where they can share our information. This is not one of them. One of the instances includes those running for office, as they can purchase this information.

Mr. Erickson spoke that this is a states right issue. New Hampshire should not share any information that it is not required to especially in light of the fact that the State has already certified that election results are correct.

Mr. Cote spoke toward first steps, by writing a letter. He also mentioned that this request failed to specify to the public how this information would be used. He felt this is a tool of voter suppression.

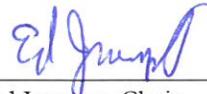
Mr. Juengst expressed his concern with withholding information to the state and federal government as financial projects could be at stake. Mr. Bartlett added that in his opinion, sending information beyond what is required is wrong.

*Motion:* Ms. Miller made a motion to write a letter and send to the NH Secretary of State expressing their views regarding the request of this information.

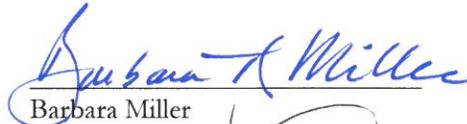
*Vote:* Mr. Juengst seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Vanessa Amsbury-Bonilla, Department Assistant

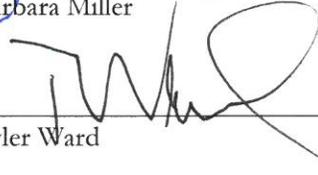
PETERBOROUGH  
SELECT BOARD:



Ed Juengst, Chair



Barbara Miller



Tyler Ward

**ACTION ITEM PENDING LIST**

1. Letter to NH Secretary of State Regarding the Provision of Voter Information by the NH Secretary of State to the Federal Commission on Election Integrity.

