

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH
Tuesday, August 21, 2018 – 5:00pm
1 Grove Street, Peterborough, New Hampshire

Present: Barbara Miller, Tyler Ward, Karen Hatcher

Also Present: Rodney Bartlett, Nicole MacStay, Vanessa Amsbury-Bonilla

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

Valerie Jenkins – Nominee for Appointment to Master Plan Steering Committee

Ms. Jenkins introduced herself, moving here from Groton, Massachusetts six months ago. She recognizes the difficulty in getting volunteers and has experience in municipal finances. She said joining the MPSC is a way to learn more about Peterborough and is looking forward to learning and helping in this capacity. She is also looking forward to serving on the CIP committee, as her experience ties in directly with that committee.

Motion: Ms. Hatcher made a motion to appoint Valerie Jenkins to the Master Plan Steering Committee.

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

Board and Committee Appointments

Mr. Ward made a motion to appoint Jack Nieskens alternate to Trustees of the Trust Funds and Melissa Stephenson to the Heritage Commission

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

Review and Approval of Minutes of July 17, 2018

Motion: Ms. Hatcher made motion to accept minutes of July 17, 2018.

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

Review of Education Funding Letter

As the liaison between the Select Board and the school district, Ms. Hatcher said that the State has cut education funding by about fifty percent in the last five years, which the town then has to absorb. She said the State is not living up to its obligation to fund mandated public education. A letter was written to the state government with this concern as the main focus, requesting to hold elected officials accountable and request fairness in this equation. The school board will sign the letter, and all towns in the ConVal district will sign as well. Their focus is to create a grassroots campaign to spread this letter throughout the state. Ms. Miller agreed that banding together will hold more clout than just the ConVal school district alone. Ms. Miller asked if there was state money available to increase funding. Mr. Ward asked how many school districts are in the state. Mr. Bartlett said it's at least two hundred.

Motion: Mr. Ward made a motion authorize Ms. Hatcher to sign the education funding letter directed to the State.

Vote: Ms. Hatcher seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Town Projects Update

Riverwalk Parking Lot

Mr. Bartlett said the parking lot is currently under construction. Infiltration drainage system is presently be installed. The pedestrian bridge construction begins shortly, with anticipated installation in October. The anticipated opening is the beginning of November with final landscaping in the spring. The landscape plan may change between now and the spring, due to mitigation of shoreland rules.

Main Street Bridge

Process with utilities is underway. The bidding will take place February 2019 with bid openings April 2019. Beginning work will start May 2019, with bridge closed until December 2019 and final completion scheduled

for December 2020. Mr. Bartlett said there will be a crosswalk at the library, on Concord Street at All Saints church and Pine Street intersection with Granite St.

Roadwork

Ms. Hatcher asked for updates on the roadwork happening currently in town. Mr. Bartlett said some roads have been reclaimed, graded and compacted and will be paved tomorrow. The next piece is Hunt Road scheduled for September, reclaiming and injecting asphalt at the same time, which will build the base up stronger. The chip seal on Old Greenfield Rd and Carley Rd., if not done in the fall, will be done in spring. He added that the operating budget is for pavement preservation. Mr. Ward asked how the Middle Hancock Road washout plays into the repairs. Mr. Bartlett the estimate is \$17,000 to repair this section.

State Roads Route 202 and 101

The paving of Concord Street from Sandhill to the intersection of Route 101/202 is scheduled for the first two weeks in September, the overlay will continue on Route 202 South toward Mr. Mikes.

The project at Route 123 and 101 is still scheduled for this fall with new signage anticipated to be installed.

NHMA Legislative Policy Conference – Selection of Delegate

Ms. MacStay said that part of the mission of the NH Municipal Association is to advocate on behalf of the town and lobby the legislature. The Policy Conference is September 14th at 9 am in Concord, to vote in person and to bring forth proposals of legislative amendments. She suggested to ask Ed Juengst to be sent as a delegate, or in lieu of, Ms. Miller will attend.

Motion: Mr. Ward made a motion to send Ed Juengst as a delegate to the NHMA Legislative Policy Conference.

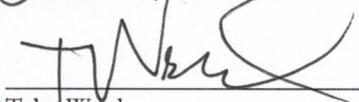
Vote: Ms. Hatcher seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

As there was no more business to discuss, Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 6:00 pm.
Ms. Hatcher seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vanessa Amsbury-Bonilla, Department Assistant

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Tyler Ward


Katen Hatcher