

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH
Tuesday, September 6, 2016 – 5:00pm
1 Grove Street, Peterborough, New Hampshire

Present: Barbara Miller, Ed Juengst, Tyler Ward

Also Present: Rodney Bartlett, Leo Smith, Nicole MacStay, Vanessa Amsbury-Bonilla, Peggy Shaughnessy, Carol Nelson, Ron McIntyre, Sandy Bibace, Mose Olenik, Erika Rosenfeld, Jeffrey Odland, Dick Estes, Debbie Kaiser

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

Erika Rosenfeld and Jeffrey Odland, Post and Beam Brewing, LLC – Purchase of GAR Hall

Mr. Bartlett reviewed the history of the sale of the GAR Hall, including the overview of the restrictions of the original gifters in 1899 limiting it to a public building and park, the value of removing the restrictions as \$172,000, the sale to Cy Gregg and Stan Fry three years ago, discussion with the Heritage Commission, and continued discussion around the restrictions for the building. Post and Beam Brewing has approached the current owners for purchasing the property and operating as a brewery. They are working with Bill Harper's construction company, aiming for Memorial Day opening 2017. Mr. Bartlett explained the preservation easement, working through who will hold the easement, has applied to Southwest Regional Planning Commission for a hazardous building materials survey, with a possible November closing. Carol Nelson asked about parking. Mr. Bartlett explained that the Riverwalk parking lot would most likely cover the parking needs for the business.

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Mr. Smith explained that we provide the assessment data to the State Department of Revenue to determine the yearly tax rate, which they use, along with financial information from the school district. A statistical update reflected a 7% overall increase in residential values and 2% in commercial values, which consequently drives the tax rate. He further explained that the 2016 taxable assessments decreased, primarily because of 2015 abatements. There are no updates happening for the remainder of 2016 therefore, taxes should remain stable for this year. Exemptions and Veterans Tax credits were similar to last year, with only a slight increase for both.

Update on Riverwalk Parking Lot

Mr. Bartlett gave an update on the Riverwalk parking lot, finalizing the next steps, addressing cost and responsibility, in addition to permitting will take until November. The final design plans will be available end of January, with awarding the contract by March 1st. Construction should be complete by mid-summer 2017. Consequently, the process will be back to the board by the end of October with definitive next steps. Ms. Miller asked about the TAP Grant. Mr. Bartlett explained we would know by the end of October whether or not we would receive an \$800K grant aimed at promoting pedestrian and non-motorized access and accessibility.

Southwest Region Planning Commission Conference

Mr. Bartlett announced that the Brownfields Conference will be at the Community Center on October 11 from 5 – 7 PM this year, the Community Center being a historically appropriate location with regard to the influence of SWRPC in facilitating the adoption of the Community Center in using the old armory building. He also announced their film on climate change which will debut at the Community Theater on October 25th.

Appointments of Martha Shaeffer, Jason Garland and Gary Carpenter to the Economic Development Authority

Mr. Juengst recognized the three volunteers.

Motion: Ms. Miller made a motion to appoint Martha Shaeffer, and Jason Garland to the Economic Development Authority with Gary Carpenter as an alternate.

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

Review and approve Select Board Minutes of August 2, and August 16, 2016.

Motion: Mr. Ward made a motion to approve.

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

As there was no more business to discuss, Ms. Miller made a motion to adjourn at 5:50 pm. Mr. Ward seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vanessa Amsbury-Bonilla, Department Assistant

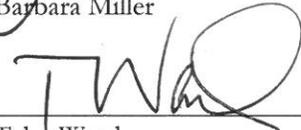
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