

SELECT BOARD RETREAT AGENDA
TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH
Thursday, October 24, 2013 – 8:30 AM
35 Elm Street, Peterborough, New Hampshire



OLD BUSINESS

1. Review of Retreat Goals:
 - a. State Aid Grants – completed
 - b. Dispatch Center Grant – in CIP process
 - c. Solar Array at Wastewater Treatment Facility
 - d. Guernsey Building
 - e. Plazas

NEW BUSINESS

1. Budget for Affordable Care Act
2. Merit/Cost of Living Increase Discussion
3. Overall Budget Goal
4. Trolley Feasibility
5. Tele-meetings for Public Hearings

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Unless a Public Hearing is scheduled, all times should be considered approximate

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25 Elm Street, Peterborough, New Hampshire

Present: Joe Byk, Barbara Miller, Liz Thomas

Also Present: Pamela Brenner, Nancie Vaihinger, Nicole MacStay

Chair Byk called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

Old Business – Review of Prior Retreat Goals and Action Items Pending

1. **State Aid Grant for wastewater treatment facility** – **Ms. Brenner** said that the Town did get the grant, and she does not see a need to increase sewer rates.
2. **Public Utility Commission grant for solar array at closed lagoons** – **Ms. Brenner** said that we are still waiting to hear about the status of the application.
3. **Dispatch Center** – **Ms. Brenner** said that the joint dispatch center is in the CIP, and will go through that process. Staff is looking into all avenues for grant funding.
4. **Guernsey Building** – **Ms. Brenner** said that she recently met with Jamie Pennington, who said they had a lead on a nursing school, but those plans have been postponed for a year.
5. **Downtown parking** – staff and other interested parties are working on a number of ideas which will be brought to the Board over winter.
6. **Trolley** – **Ms. Miller** suggested that an electric trolley could be used as event transportation, rented to other communities for their events, or could be used for a park-and-ride application. The Board supported her in further investigating the trolley concept.
7. **Plazas** – Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Throop, Chair Byk and Andy Peterson met with the principles of the company which will be purchasing the Monadnock Plaza. **Chair Byk** reported that they seemed like solid developers, and are locally based in Nashua. **Ms. Brenner** reported that the Peterborough Plaza had recently been sold to Ocean State Job Lots.

Affordable Care Act Budget

The Board and Ms. Vaihinger reviewed the memo that had been included in the packet.

Motion:

Ms. Miller made a motion that the Town retain the current policy regarding health insurance, but include coverage for the ACA eligible employees, effective July 1, 2014, and that department directors be instructed to keep temporary, seasonal and part-time employees below thirty hours per week over a twelve-month period, effective immediately; **Chair Byk** seconded.

Vote:

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

Monadnock Film Festival

Chair Byk reported that the Monadnock Film Festival is sponsoring a screenwriting course at ConVal.

Monahon Memorial

The Board discussed potential memorials commemorating the work of Rick and Duffy Monahon. **Chair Byk** said that he would talk to Francie Von Mertens and approach the family.

Fiscal Year 2015 Overall Budget Goal

After discussing with Ms. Brenner, the Board agreed to a overall goal of a 0% increase on the operating budget, not including wages and benefits.

There was some discussion of how to recognize employees for their work. The Board supported an idea to recognize employees who have stood-out at the end of June.

Merit Increase

Motion:

Chair Byk made a motion to budget a 2% merit increase in the Fiscal Year 2015 budget; **Ms. Miller** seconded.

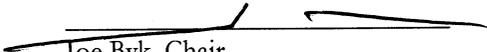
Vote:

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

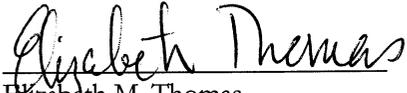
As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicole MacStay, Assistant Town Administrator

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Joe Byk, Chair


Barbara A. Miller


Elizabeth M. Thomas

ACTION ITEM PENDING LIST

1. Employee recognition at the end of June
2. Invite Peterborough School Board representatives to a Select Board Meeting