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Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2017
Emma Ramsey Center
6:30 PM

Members in Attendance: Peter Hayward, Brian Boyers, Ryan Thibeault Ex Officio, Bob Graham Alt. Larry Brown (8:15)

Also in attendance, Dana Crossley Land Use Clerk, Bruce Woodruff Town Planner

Excused Members: Bob Bourdeau, Joseph Michaud, Tim Long

Public Attendance: Pat Smith, Pam Smith

Chairman Boyers called the meeting to order at 6:28pm.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Annual CIP Process:

Department of Public Works: Pat Smith Public Works Director explained that his 2018 capital year project is for a \$40,000 request to replace a Ford F-250, he gave the board a work order detail report to show what maintenance has been done on the truck in that past 11 years, not containing what work will need to be done this year, the truck is full of rust. Board reviewed the DPW fleet sheet showing the projection of replacing vehicles. Pat Smith explained that unfortunately Public Works does not have access to the same amount of grants like Police and Fire. P. Hayward asked how he plans for inflation. Pat Smith explained that when pricing out dump trucks for the future they are advised to add 8% each year, as they do not know what the increase will be, the Federal Government has an effect on it as well, for things like emission control. Pat Smith explained that for the roll off truck, he is allocating \$7,400 dollars each year, but that money will be supplied by the transfer station revenues. Pat Smith explained that currently there is a yearly warrant article for money to go towards the replacement of the bridge between NH and ME on Townhouse, but he just received a letter from the State explaining that the bridge on Winding Hill Road has been put on the red list, the State wants Milton to apply for assistance from the State as soon as possible to have the bridge replaced in 2026. Adding in the Winding Hill Road Bridge would be asking \$25,000 a year to save the money. Reviewed the capital reserve funds, the truck from the 2017 capital year has been purchased and once the money has been asked for by the Selectmen that will lower one of the Public Works accounts. B. Woodruff asked Pat Smith if he feels he has met the goal of this program. Pat Smith replied that he really had a hard time doing this, because he is so cheap, but the need for plowing, grading, drainage etc. is realistic, and feels that he has spread it out evenly.

Recreation: Rec Director Karen Brown was unable to attend the meeting, Pat Smith explained to the board that he has been working with Karen Brown on gathering the quotes and information

on the boat ramp. They looked at a ramp at Pine River to see how they fix their boat ramp, Pat Smith explained the process of replacing the boat ramp. The ramp will be \$25,000-\$30,000 to purchase a 12 foot launch. What is being asked for this year in 2018 is \$15,000. Pat Smith explained that his crew will be doing some of the work, Karen Brown will apply for the permits. B. Woodruff explained that the Planning Board recommended to not fund this project last year, but the Selectmen decided to fund it, he explained that last year they did not have enough information and questioned the gates being locked. Pat Smith replied that they need to remember that the beach is not funded by tax dollars, only the rec director's salary is, maintenance, the camp, this ramp installation, etc. is all user fees, the reason he sees why it is kept closed is the fees for launching the boats and going to the beach are raised through the entry fees, if they want to have it open more often they need to come up with a plan, the State when they wanted to have a boat launch wants to have a road in to it, which would take out the ballfield and parking lot would take out part of the beach. Pat Smith continued that the boat launch is junk, it is not in good shape, they have attempted to patch it, the biggest problem is that a lot of people power load which creates a ridge and could damage other boats. The launch does need to be replaced, it is a source of revenue for the beach and should be a gem of Milton.

Board discussed their next meeting for CIP (July 11th), they are supposed to be meeting with the school, as of right now the School is still not responding, the Library Director will be attending at 7:30 to present their project, B. Woodruff will be presenting a GIS mapping project to the 2018 figure of the Town Hall Technology improvements. B. Woodruff asked if the board wanted a rep from GIS to explain to the board what the system is and how it can help the public and reduce work load for town staff by allowing the public access to more information, it is an incredible asset to the staff. B. Woodruff thinks he can provide the board with enough information to allow them to be able to rate and rank the project and then later on have Tim Fountain come and speak with the BOS and Budget Committee. B. Woodruff is going to try to have a tie in with the Master Plan for the next meeting. L. Brown did speak with the School Board about CIP.

Cont'd Workshop: Prepare specific Land Use Recommendations including Zoning District changes for Land Use Chapter of Master Plan: Review of Town Planner's Recommendations- P. Hayward commented the lake district the more he thinks it over and looks at what the town has, it seems it is beyond a group of camps, it is almost High Density Residential, to try and define that as it existed in the 60's does not seem to make sense the camps are now year round homes. B. Woodruff commented that one of the most important things to consider in that area is the quality of the lake and especially septic systems, some ordinances make an attempt to control quality more (organic fertilizers/septic systems), some can require yearly inspections, many places though in New Hampshire that strongly believe that fewer ordinances are better. Board discussed septic systems around the lake, possible recommendation in the Master Plan to require new or replacement septic systems be state of the art septic systems installed around the lake to preserve water quality.

P. Hayward commented that after looking at the conservation overlay, he can see that there are large parcels in Industrial and Commercial Residential that are in conservation easements, thinks that it may be beneficial to shift the zone to compensate for the lots lost to conservation. Board discussed offsetting the conservation lands and having a recommendation added to the Master Plan in reference to it. Board discussed the growth and population trends, the lack of proof that

there is going to be a population increase in town. P. Hayward commented that if they expect any population increase they would need to slice some high density out of the low density, it makes sense to cluster the high density areas. Along with the discussion of increasing high density the board addressed the possible updating the Town Sewer system. The board discussed the by-way and how they should use the historic points of interest to draw tourists and utilize those markers. The goal with this recommendations list is to add to the master plan land use chapter recommendations which is missing, once the recommendations have been set the board will hold a public hearing, vote on the document, certify that this is the Master Plan, and send copies to the Town Clerk and OEP. After the Land Use Recommendations are done the board will move on to drafts submitted by the Conservation Commission for the Natural Resource Chapter.

Town Planner Comments: No further comments.

Approval of Minutes: June 6, 2017 meeting minutes, P. Hayward moves to approve the minutes, R. Thibault seconds the motion (L. Brown abstained) all in favor minutes approved.

Other Business: No other business before the board.

L. Brown motions to adjourn, P. Hayward seconds the motion, all in favor meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Crossley
Land Use Clerk