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Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2019
6:30 PM

Members in Attendance: Ryan Thibeault Ex. Officio, Peter Hayward, Brian Boyers, Larry Brown, Matthew Morrill, Lynette McDougall, Also in attendance, Dana Crossley Land Use Clerk, Bruce Woodruff Town Planner

Excused Members: Joseph Michaud, Bob Graham Alt.

Public Attendance: Thomas McDougall,

Chairman Boyers called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Public Comment: Thomas McDougall asked the PB to consider use the recording equipment, there has been a number of interested people in seeing the recordings, feels making what the Town does readily available, would be willing to arrange the operation of the equipment.

Chairman Boyers closed public comment.

Review & Approval of 2019 Planning Board Work Schedule: B. Woodruff noted that the only thing the board did not discuss was red highlighted meeting dates, those dates fall around holidays. If board desires for meetings to be re-scheduled can address that, otherwise is looking for a motion from the board to approve or make changes.

Board discussed the different holiday week meetings. P. Hayward questioned if the Selectmen would bump the PB from the room after Monday holidays. R. Thibeault expressed that since he has been on the board, they have just moved Monday's rather than go to a Tuesday meeting. R. Thibeault motions to approve the 2019 PB work schedule. P. Hayward seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion on Metropolitan Transportation Plan- Milton projects in Long-Range/Vision Section:

B. Woodruff brought to the board the long range projections of the Regional Planning's Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Noted that there is not much that will affect Milton in the plan, addressed that the State has changed its priorities for transportation projects. Concern with that is that small communities will not see funding from State/Federal levels. Because of the new performance goals, believes one of the things Milton needs to tell the people who write the plan is that they are leaving out small communities for funding, there is a need from a lower tier safety standard to do things. The out year reports showing the following projects:

-Exit 17 on Route 16: construct a 30-50 space park and ride (with space for future expansion) with utilities for future transit and other user amenities (restrooms) if possible locate adjacent to Rte. 16 and the NHN Rail line (future seasonal passenger rail to Conway) Issues noted project from Milton Project Solicitation. Future Park and Ride with a possible Transit connection.

B. Woodruff noted that the land this was originally proposed for is now being developed as the Gas Station. Discussion with L. Brown on the history of this project and potential for other locations of a park and ride (L. Brown noted Exit 18 or old fire station).

-Southern access point to Dawson St. on Rte. 125: identify the community preferred intersections and limit access on unnecessary intersections to reduce collision potential. Issue: multiple access points to Rte. 125 over a short distance from Dawson St. create the additional potential for collisions. This is not a major congestion issue because low speeds are encouraged through downtown.

B. Woodruff noted that speed was an actual concern over congestion, as there is already an issue with increased speeds on side roads.

- Dawson St. and Silver St: Sidewalk improvements to enhance pedestrian infrastructure connectivity in neighborhood areas to the school. Issues: Closed Bridge. A Bi-state priority for emergency response, walkability, access to services and economic sustainability. Locally funded fix or waitlist (7-9 years) for SAB.

B. Woodruff noted it is unclear what a closed bridge has to do with sidewalks on Dawson St., also that the closest Bi-State Bridge is not closed, unclear which bridge they actually mean.

B. Woodruff is looking for guidance or ability to make the comments to the Strafford Metropolitan Program writers to advocate for projects that are Milton centric and vital to improving Milton transportation.

L. Brown stated that the SRPC is tied to federal funding, the meetings he has attended for the TA committee (not specified what it stood for) Milton without a vote at a higher level, is not a priority, noted that he does not go to the meetings as a representative at this point.

B. Woodruff noted that last year this project was sprung on the staff without time to decide if the projects were relevant still, the Board of Selectmen did not name a new representative to the TAC after L. Brown resigned, he was hoping he would be appointed and did approach the Town Administrator is still willing to hold that position, has past experience, need to make sure that the plan knows Milton's stand.

R. Thibeault questioned if it ever made it in front of the Selectmen, regardless if B. Woodruff could submit a request to go before the board he will make sure it is addressed.

P. Hayward questioned if L. Brown thought Exit 18 was a better choice for a park and ride than 17. L. Brown replied that he felt the old fire station would be a good spot for a park and ride, 18 is problematic but would be useful.

Chairman Boyers felt that getting answers about the closed bridge is important. Board was in consensus to have B. Woodruff represent the board's interest.

Town Planner Comments: B. Woodruff informed the board of the following:

-January 30th went to a meeting in Durham with NHDOT District 6 in regards to access on Rte. 75, specifically access to the land that is being proposed to be re-zoned, out of that meeting the State agrees the 2013 letter sent to the Selectmen and TA, holds sway today, not willing to move the access from where they have set it, which is onto Mary Perkins land, they need to see a commitment from the Town that we will meet the requirements of the 2013 letter, \$500 fee, official request to break the access and curb cut in their preferred location, and a letter of intent

from Mary Perkins that she would grant the easement. DOT will contact the Bureau of Right of Way, answer from them is that the Town needs to go one step back from the 2013 letter, to fill out the application for driveway/curb cut, pay the fee and DOT will back the access. Chris Berry (engineer of record for Index Packaging) attended as well, told DOT that they may be willing to pay the fee, (Side Note: M. Perkins would need to be remunerated the money value for the land, may be Town's responsibility or developer responsibility) pay the \$500, C. Berry thought the developer may be willing to pay, and as part of the Site Plan most likely be willing to pay for the construction of the road. The right of way would need to be laid out so that all parcels have access. Next step is to fill out the forms and have discussion with Board of Selectmen.

Discussion: L. Brown questioned how the Mary Perkins access effects the 'triangular Town piece' B. Woodruff replied that DOT would want a four way intersection and would not support an access at that point, topography is challenging there.

-B. Woodruff noted that the board received a letter, and there are certain folks associated with Conservation or TPPA that have expressed desire to change a zoning article, but the State Statue is clear that after the Planning Board public hearing the language is final and cannot be changed (RSA 40:13 IV-a). He expressed to those who inquired that it cannot be changed at this time. They have also brought up concern in regards to Recreational Facilities specifically that the definition includes 'amusement park' and being changed from SE to Permitted and adding a definition, as the board knows he provided definitions from the standardized book, need a definition for things in the list, important to add the definitions for the benefit of the Boards, staff and public. They have expressed that they believe it should remain under the watchful eye of the Zoning Board, B. Woodruff explained that just because something is changed from SE to permitted it would still need to come before the Planning Board for Site Plan Review to ensure that the use meets the regulations. Expressed that the Board did review the Master Plan that spoke to supporting businesses that fit into the rural character of Milton, Recreational Facilities fit. Feels it is important the voters look at all the facts when making their decision.

Need to get away from the idea that Boards are at odds with each other, the PB is not in a dark closet doing things that are wrong for the Town, if there are other boards that feel that it is wrong, did get that feeling from the letter, in regards to boards Selectmen, Conservation and PB need to work together. Cannot compartmentalize the Master Plan, the Planning Board valued all the aspects of the Master Plan when reviewing the zoning articles.

L. Brown if the particular changes in zoning had been in place, would be have been easier to see that board members are not prejudice to use, but to density. Noted having clarity of definition is good.

Approval of Minutes: D. Crossley noted to the board that the date of the minutes listed on the agenda is incorrect since the board did not meet on that day meeting was canceled due to snow, but the actual most recent set of minutes was January 15, 2019.

R. Thibeault motions to approve, L. McDougall seconds the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Other Business: Board received notice from the Middleton Zoning Board of Adjustment that they will be holding a public hearing on February 12, 2019 to hear a request for a variance from general requirements for height-setbacks and separation.

Board received a copy of a wetlands permit application for 19 Utah Way- applicant plans to build a retaining wall along the beach to reduce erosion.

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L. Brown motions to adjourn, R. Thibeault seconds the motion. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Crossley
Land Use Clerk