

**Town of Milton
Planning Board
Tuesday, May 05, 2015
Milton Town Hall
Meeting Minutes**

In attendance: Chairman Brian Boyers, Bob Bordeau, Joe Michaud, Peter Hayward, Tom Gray, Larry Brown, Tim Long and alternate Bob Graham. Also in attendance Gerald Coogan, Town Planner and Kimberly Ladisheff, Land Use Clerk.

Public in attendance: Janice Long, Kari Lygren, Eric Knapp, Gerald Coogan, Michelle Beauchamp, Pam Smith, Ronnie Strong, Pat Smith, Kathy Wallingford, Cynthia Wyatt.

Chairman Boyers called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

T. Gray motioned to approve the April 7, 2015 minutes. Motion seconded by T. Long. B. Bourdeau and J. Michaud abstained. Motion carried.

Ron Strong/Land Bank Realty Trust

Mr. Strong was present to discuss Map 14 Lot 25. He has 49% ownership with partner Brandt Atkins and has recently found out back taxes were owed and the bond had expired. Mr. Strong has secured financing to eliminate Brandt and paid the back taxes. The permit has expired but he would like to get the bond and permit reinstated. He has submitted a bonding letter to B. Boyers. B. Boyers stated the next step is to fill out an excavation application and isn't sure if the board can just renew it or if Mr. Strong has to go through the entire process again. Brian will check with the Town Attorney.

Discussion on CIP with Town Planner and Department Heads

G. Coogan stated Town meeting passed the authorization saying the PB has the authority to prepare the Capital Improvements Plan. The PB has to send out a request to the department heads on a form and ask them to submit their projects back to the PB. After that happens the PB has to review and rank these projects. G. Coogan showed the board the request form he came up with and if this meets with the PB approval they will pass out to department heads. A separate form will need to be filled out for each project. K. Wallingford stated the dept. heads have come up with a form themselves that is similar to Jerry's. T. Long asked if the school was involved. P. Smith stated they are almost ready to bring in the school superintendent. B. Boyers stated the presentations the dept. heads gave before elections were good and this would be a continuation of that. P. Smith stated they were looking to show a picture of each item and a write up on each. There was more discussion and B. Boyers mentioned the dept. heads were having a meeting tomorrow and he will see if it's feasible for them to be ready to present a draft at the June meeting.

Discussion on Master Plan update

G. Coogan mentioned there is interest in getting more public input on the Master Plan. He has been in communication with Eric Knapp and Eric has prepared a draft survey through Survey Monkey that can be put on the Town's website. Survey monkey automatically calculates the responses. B. Bourdeau stated he thinks this is a good idea but feels the board should review it first. T. Gray stated once the survey is available it should also be available to those that do not have a computer.

B. Bourdeau stated he thinks there's a little misconception that the PB is trying to circumvent the public comment with the MP and that is really not the case. If you look at the definition of the MP it should be precise. The board felt it was too wordy. I don't think the board disagrees that the intent of the MP is not correct or needs to be changed, just the wordiness and constant repetition of some things. The board agreed to take a different approach and put it in a more presentable document and once the board accomplished that we were going to do the public input. As a board we have the right to do the MP as we see fit and we've talked about it and taken a plan of action that is duly appropriate.

L. Brown stated in the vision statement it does say it shall reflect the desires and interests of the public. P. Hayward agreed but said there should be some reasonable expectations, that it's not just a document that describes someplace we are never going to get to. So the questions going out and the responses we get is what will drive some of that.

G. Coogan stated planning is ongoing and the town should continually revisit the plan. He then stated he is working with the MCC on the Natural Resources portion. He will forward the survey to Kim and she will send out to the PB members to review the questions.

Other Business

Chairman Boyers mentioned he has received the NH DES AOT Permit #0877 for the proposed application for Jones Brook. Another condition was for the board to do a site walk for the property. The board decided to schedule the site walk for Thursday, June 11 at 6:00pm. L. Brown asked if there was an intent to cut for the property. The answer was yes.

P. Hayward mentioned TIF's (tax increment financing) being brought up at the previous meeting. P. Hayward stated without guarantees you have the potential for a liability to the Town. There was a brief discussion and the consensus was most were not for it.

B. Bourdeau motioned to adjourn at 7:12pm. Motion seconded by L. Brown. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Ladisheff
Land Use Clerk