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MILLBURY PLANNING BOARD
JUNE 22, 2015

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The regularly scheduled meeting of the Millbury Planning Board was held on Monday, June 22, 2015, at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Office Building, 127 Elm Street, Millbury, MA . Chairman Richard Gosselin presided.

Present: Edd Cote, Richard Gosselin, Michael Georges, Paul Piktelis

8:00 p.m. Mail

Clerk Edd Cote read letter of resignation from member, Jeffrey Markarian. The Board thanked Mr. Markarian for his service.

Minutes

Motion by Edd Cote, seconded by Paul Piktelis, to accept the minutes of May 11, 2015 as amended, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Edd Cote, seconded by Paul Piktelis, to accept the minutes of June 8, 2015 as written, motion carried unanimously.

8:05 p.m. ANR: Edward Santon, Providence Street

Andrews Survey and Engineering presented the ANR plan. Mr. Santon is purchasing a portion of his abutter's property. Mr. Gosselin asked if this land will be used for snow storage. He would also like monuments on the plan. It was explained that a site plan will be presented in the future and that information would then be provided.

Motion by Edd Cote, seconded by Paul Piktelis to endorse the ANR plan prepared for Edward Santon, 45 River Street, Millbury, MA, property located on Providence Street, Millbury, MA, prepared by Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc., PO Box 312, 104 Mendon Street, Uxbridge, MA, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Edd Cote to rescind the motion to endorse the plan, seconded by Paul Piktelis, motion carried unanimously.

One change was made to the plan which was previously submitted to the Board. Some additional notes were added.

Motion by Edd Cote, seconded by Paul Piktelis, to accept the modified plan for an ANR submitted on behalf of Edward Santon, prepared by Andrews Survey, dated June 22, 2015, motion carried unanimously.

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8:15 p.m. Discussion: Fay, Spoffard, Thorndike Contract Extension

This contract for the Board's consulting engineer will expire at the end of August. The contract was for a period of one year, with the option to extend for two additional years.

Ms. Connors advised that the distance of this firm has a negative impact, applicants are being charged with travel time, making the invoices much higher.

She also advised that it is a time consuming process to select a new engineering firm, and it takes time to adjust to the new firm.

Her recommendation is to stay with Fay, Spoffard & Thorndike at this time, the office is extremely busy. There are five large projects going at this time.

Mr. Cote asked if inspections could take place for more than one project on a day. Ms. Connors advised that it is unlikely that simultaneous inspections would take place, unless two projects are further into the process. She also added that she coordinates the first inspection, after that the developer and consultant engineer schedule necessary inspections.

Motion by Edd Cote, seconded by Paul Piktelis, to extend the contract with Fay, Spoffard & Thorndike for the period of one year, motion carried unanimously.

8:30 p.m. Public Meeting: Re-Design of the Beach Street/Elmwood Street Intersection.

Clerk Edd Cote read the public meeting notice. He also read letter dated June 22, 2015 from DPW Director Rob McNeil in support of the re-design.

Mr. Gosselin conducted a site visit and in particular, looked at the drainage situation. He suggested speed limit signs, and a warning sign at the bend. Money for the signs could come from an escrow account that could be established if this intersection is not improved in this way.

Mr. Cote referred to the accident reports, over 10 years, two accidents have been reported at this intersection. He does not view that as a particularly dangerous intersection. Mr. Piktelis agrees with this, and is concerned that the proposal may actually make it worse. Mr. Georges agreed, the data supports this.

Chairman Gosselin asked for public comments.

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Terry Burke Dotson, 35 Beach Street, who stated that this is also a blind spot on Beach Street. Several pets have been hit there.

Christina Bengtson, advised that this is her brother's veteran's square, and she has been planting there for over 40 years. It is sacred to her. The family does not want it moved.

Lt. Desorcy advised that 10 years of accident information was provided for this intersection, also for Elmwood Street and for Beach Street. The majority of crashes were on Elmwood Street and were a result of speed and inclement weather. Some were attributed to the drainage swale. The current design almost encourages vehicles to go faster only because it does not require vehicles to slow down. If there were to be an alteration, maybe a change to incline in the roadway at the curve, and added signage. Site distance from Beach Street to Elmwood Street is not the best, if the documentation does not indicate that it is a dangerous intersection, this is still a tough spot.

Terry Dotson agreed with Mrs. Bengtson, she is also a veteran, and she would like to see the monument remain where it is. She asked if the flooding on Beach Street could be addressed. She stated that the Board has money, and the town has an engineering firm it uses, let them solve this.

David Cofske, 56 Beach Street, stated that the biggest concern he had was that there was a lot of money spent for drainage on Elmwood Street, which did not help Beach Street at all.

Mr. Cote advised that even if the Board decides not to re-design this intersection, it does not mean that the DPW will not alter this intersection with other money.

Ms. Connors advised that there was \$49,200 held in escrow. This includes a 20 % contingency.

Mr. Gosselin asked if the money could remain in escrow and be used solely for Beach Street and Elmwood Street, and return the 20% contingency to Mr. Burns.

Ms. Connors advised that there were five issues within Brierly Pond that were still outstanding, such as a crack in the roadway, and she read the vote of the Planning Board to release the remaining escrow funds that were contingent on completing these items. Ms. Connors also referred to emails to the developer and from the consulting engineer. Mr. Burns stated that of the five items, four were completed, he asked for a waiver from the fifth – location of the drainage structure, because there has been no issue with the drainage for eight years.

The Board is not concerned with the location of the drainage structure, and will release the \$8,200 contingency fund.

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Mr. Burns stated that there is no mortgage on this property, there is cash surety now being held until release of the tri-party agreement.

Ms. Connors suggested that she could check out the four items that Mr. Burns said have been completed, and she can prepare the necessary paperwork for release, this will also give Mr. Burns the opportunity to submit the check for \$41,000.

Mr. Cote suggested that the Board hold a public hearing to modify the condition to re-design the intersection so that anyone in the future will understand what has happened.

Mr. Burns agreed that this was a good idea, and his lender may also want to see this release.

Ms. Dotson asked if the \$41,000 would fix the drainage problems on Beach Street, Mr. Gosselin replied no.

9:30 p.m. McGrath Road Mylar Signing

Motion by Edd Cote to sign the mylar for the McGrath Road solar farm, seconded by Paul Piktelis, motion carried unanimously.


Adjournment

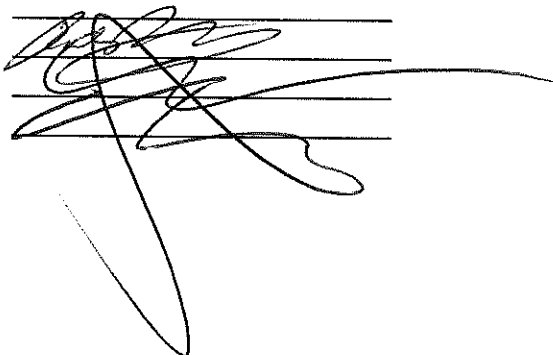
Motion to adjourn by Paul Piktelis, seconded by Michael Georges, motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Dean

ATTEST:





PLANNING BOARD AGENDA
June 22, 2015

8:00 p.m. Mail, Minutes, Vouchers

8:10 p.m. ANR: Edward Santon, Providence Street

8:30 p.m. Public Meeting: Re-Design of the Beach Street/Elmwood Street Intersection

Other Business:

- Discussion: Fay, Spoffard & Thorndike Contract Extension
- McGrath Road Mylar Signing
- All business not reasonably anticipated to be discussed

Subject to Change