

Selectmen's Meeting

Monday, November 27, 2017

Town Office Building

Attending: D. Pierce, S. Bergeron, T. Fydenkevez, S. Patch

Others in Attendance: Rich Brynda, B. Gabry, D. Oulette, D. Murphy, T. Zimnowski

Behind the Camera: FCAT

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM.

The Board reviewed the Blue Heron's Extension of Hours of their Liquor License request for New Year's Eve, December 31, 2017 until 1:00AM January 1, 2018. Motion Mr. Bergeron to grant additional one-hour extension until 1:00AM January 1, 2018, as requested. Second Mr. Fydenkevez, Vote 3-0.

MINUTES

Minutes of November 13, 2017 accepted by Motion Mr. Fydenkevez to accept, Second Mr. Bergeron, Vote 3-0.

COOPERATIVE DIGESTER PROPOSAL

Donald Oulette, Greenfield DPW Director, spoke regarding the Anaerobic Digester. The problem is getting rid of sludge in the valley as we are currently hauling to Cranston, RI which means we are all paying double the cost because of hauling. Everyone is trying to develop a plan to help the region solve this problem. Costs to build would be \$9 million. There may be an SRF loan available. Turners Falls, Deerfield are interested. Mr. Oulette met with a professor at UMASS who is working on the project, looking at building 2-3 digesters (smaller) because of a problem with flooding in Greenfield location. The question becomes, where do we locate it, possibly at FRTA or landfill (leachable line) looking at digesters in Clinton, MA, Dartmouth, NY and CT. A proposal for regional solution is possible with a USDA grant/loan. Sludge disposal is a problem all over New England. The meeting in January is to look for support and seek funding options and they are welcoming interested towns to send representatives. They are also reaching out to the FRCOG for assistance and support.

Liz Sillin and Lorin Starr met with the Board to discuss the North Main Street/Complete Streets Reconstruction Project. Ms. Sillin stated that she has concerns regarding the width of the sidewalks on S. Main Street and N. Main Street has bigger issues. How do we deal with accommodating all modes of transportation and traffic calming and have we focused on the historical aspect of the project? There are unique concerns regarding the shared use path and the historical integrity of the project. Ms. Starr feel the plan can be improved and is asking if we are locked in to the current plan or just the scale? There was discussion regarding the proposed bike paths continuity of North and South Main Streets and safety concerns if changes narrow the roadways too much. Ms. Starr noted we don't get back with changes such as 47 Scenic Byway/MA/National levels of existence. The Board noted some things may be a challenge such as going around trees, etc. and some compromises are going to have to be made. Concerns were voiced related to the proposed bike lanes and their safety, residential use impact, etc. The Board will schedule a meeting with engineers for further discussion and consideration of an independent review. It was also noted there were time constraints for the grants and further information will be reviewed for budgeting and timelines.

UPDATES

- Mr. Fydenkevez noted Rich Brynda's father passed away and recognized Mr. Brynda went above and beyond to be at the meeting tonight.
- It was also noted Judy Richards passed away recently. Judy was a long time resident who served the community in many ways and she will be very missed.
- Capital Planning met to review design engineers and proposed recommendation of accept proposal of Sara Campbell. Motion Mr. Bergeron to extend award to Sara Campbell, Second Mr. Fydenkevez, Vote 3-0.
- Health Insurance options were also explored.
- Meeting with FRCOG to discuss conversation.

- Lynne Carey, Superintendent, requested designee which will be appointed at next meeting.
- Mr. Bergeron noted FY 19 Contract Renewals were coming up and asked for designations which were offered as follows:
 - Mr. Bergeron noted there were two (2) town official contracts up for negotiation
 - Mr. Fydenkevez will work on Police Chief Contract
 - Mr. Bergeron will work on Town Administrator contract
 - Mr. Pierce will work on Accounting Program.

Motion Mr. Bergeron to adjourn, Second Mr. Fydenkevez, Vote 3-0 at 8:12PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherry Patch
Town Administrator