

WASHINGTON PLANNING BOARD

Minutes

November 19, 2010

Planning Board met for a working session to open the proposals for Telecommunications consultant and conduct other business as needed.

PB Members present: Lynn Cook, Jim Crandall, Tom Marshall, and Nan Schwartz

3:10 PM - The meeting was called to order by Lynn Cook.

1.0 Ed Thayer came in to talk about his CIP requests as he was going to be away when we planned to meet with the other town departments about their CIP requests on November 29th at 10AM. He spoke about several projects some new and some previously requested, some that were unfunded from previous years. Schwartz asked about the Freezeland Pond project because he wasn't requesting more money for it this year. He said that it is fully funded and will be done next year.

1.01 Roll Off Container - He has asked for a roll off container for the recycling center for \$6,000 but the cost will be covered by funds in the recycling fund.

1.02 Highway Equipment Fund - He would like to put money (\$10,000) in the highway equipment fund this year, it hasn't been funded in the last few years and the balance is now at \$0. He feels that there should be funds in the reserve fund in case of emergency or if a federal surplus deal comes up.

1.03 Asphalt Road Maintenance Fund - Ed talked about the Asphalt Road Maintenance fund, this money is over and above the block grant money from the state. He is requesting \$65000 to overlay the first mile of Lempster Mountain Road with an inch of hot top. He plans to do the

second mile the next year. This is planned maintenance and will keep the town from having to start from scratch again on that piece of road.

1.04 East Washington Road Maintenance - He is requesting \$25,000 to shim and do minimum maintenance on the East Washington Road. Faxon Hill Road and Washington Drive have been done and it is E. Washington Road's turn.

1.05 Mill Street Bridge – The Mill Street Bridge is on the state DOT red list and needs to be replaced. It will cost around \$750,000 with the state reimbursing up 80% of the cost. They would replace the failing 12' culvert with a 22' wide bridge. He said there are options for the town to consider. The state will only allow the town to replace the culvert with a bridge. On advice from LGC the town is sending a letter to all the abutters and those that use the bridge to see what opinion they have about the options. There are 6 bridges in town on the red list and these will need replacement within 5 to 10 years. Mill Street and Dole School House Road are Ed's priority projects.

We discussed establishing a CIP Bridge Reserve Fund to be funded at \$100,000 or \$125,000 a year over 6 or more years. The other way to go would be for the town to bond \$750,000 over 10 years. We all felt this was a better option because interest rates are very low right now and the money would be available when needed for the work. We will support Ed in approaching the Selectmen about issuing a bond for this purpose.

2.0 We opened the proposals for a telecommunications consultant. The board put out an RFP in anticipation of receiving an application for a cell tower soon. We received proposals from CityScape of Boca Raton, FL and Fieldstone Land Consultants, PLLC from Milford, NH. We had previously received a package from Matt Serge at Upton and Hatfield offering his services for legal consulting.

We read through the proposals. They will be available in the Town Hall for members that weren't able to be at the working meeting.

We will be meeting to make a decision on November 29th at 10AM at

the Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nan Schwartz
Planning Board Secretary