

Selectboard Minutes 1/06/2020

Members Present: Bard Hill, Christy Witters, David Sander, Katie Mather, Roger Brown

Absent:

Others Present: Josh Arneson, Town Manager; Kathy Daub-Stearns, Admin. Assist.; Larry Muldoon, Police Chief; Linda Parent, Town Clerk; Cathleen Gent, co-chair Transportation Committee; Chris Cole, co-Chair Transportation Committee and Chair Planning Commission; Bob Lowe, Conservation Commission; Judy Rosovsky, Chair Conservation Commission; Mary Houle, Greg Elias, Alan Hyzinga, Jon Kart, Brad Elliot, and Ruth Miller was present to videotape the meeting for MMCTV Channel 15

Called to Order: 7:10 PM

1. Welcome by David.

Public Comments:

Mary Houle asked if the tree meeting was taking place during the Selectboard meeting. The answer is yes. She also stated that she is disappointed that appropriations are on a ballot to be voted on and wondered about the executive session. Josh responded that the issue involves the police collective bargaining agreement. The meeting continued.

2. Items for Presentation or Discussion with those present

I. Additions or Deletions to Agenda- none

II. Items for Presentation or Discussion with those present

a. Vote on approval of Step III Agreement for Bridge St. Infrastructure Project

Josh reported that the Town's attorney made a few recommendations that would require changes. Alan H. came to discuss the contract. Josh recommended that the contract be approved with the changes. Dave motioned to approve the contract as revised, Katie seconded. All agreed.

b. Discussion of goals and priorities for the Richmond Transportation Committee

Cathleen & Chris came to discuss goals and priorities. The committee has developed a priority list based on the town plan and discussion within the committee. The committee is looking for input from the Selectboard, then stakeholders in the community.

c. Vote on approval to submit a Unified Planning Work Program grant application

After discussion that included information about projects that could be applied for including: Bridge St. by upgrading the 2010 plans, development of a master plan for pedestrian and bicycle paths, and EV charging stations in public places. The Selectboard decided to approve the submission of the grant application. Christy moved to have \$16,000 in matching funds for the grant approved, Roger seconded. All were in favor. Roger moved to have Ravi Venkataraman the Town Planner, be grant program manager, Katie seconded. All were in favor.

III. Other Business

a. Review of FY21 Budget

Josh reported the budget was basically unchanged except for the technology line. There is a need to replace some older computers so that number was updated.

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