

Minutes, Public Hearing, Forest Avenue Project

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

I. The Forest Avenue Project public hearing was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chairman George Jellison. In attendance: Tom Benson, Dan Norwood, Lydia Goetze, Town Manager Don Lagrange and Town Clerk Marilyn Lowell. David Minctons was excused.

II. Public Discussion

Town Manager Lagrange stated this is a public hearing required by the Community Development Block Grant program and to inform the residents of Forest Avenue the project would continue with the replacement of the storm water and sewer infrastructure, new gravel base and new asphalt if monies available. He suggested a sidewalk also be considered which drew some discussion from some residents. They did not feel there was ample width to add a sidewalk. Lagrange stated if the grant was approved, the Highway foreman would stake out the proposal before bringing in any engineers which would give the residents a chance for further comments.

Last year, there was \$90,000 in funds remaining from the Main Street project with a \$40,000 loan forgiveness that could be applied to the water infrastructure on Forest Avenue. The total cost of the water line replacement project was in excess of \$240,000 and resulted in the width of the road with a temporary asphalt coating.

Ben Rowell questioned street lights and would like one added at the end of the road. The Selectmen agreed to review placing LED lighting rather than traditional lights installed by Emera. Janice Kenyon, who lives where the light is proposed, was concerned too much lighting may be uncomfortable since she owns the house at that location. Manager Lagrange suggested if a light was placed at that location, it would be shielded to only reflect on the road and not her property.

Mr. Chalfoun, owner of the property at the end of the road, was concerned the final paving would be up to the property line. The reconstruction would include the entire length of the town owned way. He was also concerned with the time of year the construction would begin since he has seasonal rental cottages. It was explained since there would not involve any water infrastructure changes due to it being completed earlier, the construction schedule was very flexible with perhaps beginning at the end of the tourist season and through most of the mild times during winter.

Mrs. Carroll also commented that the sidewalk would be great but if not, just getting this rough road re-constructed for the long term would be great.

Mr. Carroll was concerned if the sidewalk was constructed, two very old maple trees would be cut down. The Town Manager assured Mr. Carroll the trees would stay.

The members of the audience all wished the Town well in its efforts to obtain a grant for this road. The Manager reiterated if the grant is approved, another meeting will be scheduled to review the road layout with the residents and possible sidewalk. .

III. There being no further comments, Tom Benson moved to adjourn the Public Hearing at 5:47 PM, seconded by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 4/0/0.

Selectmen Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

I. The regular Selectmen meeting was called to order at 6:00 after a short break from the public hearing at 6:00 PM by Chairman George Jellison. In attendance: Tom Benson, Dan Norwood, Lydia Goetze, Town Manager Don Lagrange and Town Clerk Marilyn Lowell. David Minctons was excused.

II. Visitors to be heard not on the agenda

Nancy Weingarten, chairwoman of the Warrant Committee, suggested there be ADA access to the Town's piers. Also by consent of the Warrant Committee, she suggested the entire harbor area and the municipal piers be taken into consideration for the long term, not short term. Also the Warrant Committee will suggest a lower budget

for Pemetic School than requested. Ms. Weingarten will present the Warrant Committee recommendations at the next Selectmen meeting.

III. Tom Benson moved to approve the minutes of February 11, 2016, seconded by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 4/0/0.

IV. Manager's Report

~ Bobcat repair expense between \$2-3,000 plus the towing costs. A claim has been sent to MMA Insurance and there was communication with them.

~ A summary of water and sewer improvements and future plans were laid out at the Trustee meeting on March 18. A new SCADA system for controlling the water plant and replacement of actuators will cost approximately \$200K. Most of that replacement may have a useful life of more than a 20 years which will result in using water/sewer CIP infrastructure funds. With voter approval of the FY16-17 budget, there will be \$216,518 in that CIP account.

~ Need to change the surface mount toilet tissue holder in the public bathrooms to a recessed unit due to space between the flush and the unit.

~ Tabbetha Newenham has submitted her resignation from the Town and it has been accepted. The search for a replacement has be scheduled and until that time, training of current staff for redundancy will take place.

Lydia Goetze expressed her gratitude for her work especially getting the water-sewer district up. The other Selectmen felt she has been an asset to the Town.

V. Old Business:

~ The next Selectmen meeting will be at the Town Office although the floors will remain unfinished. Some Selectmen questioned whether the construction will be complete in time and Manager Lagrange assured them the meeting will be located there.

~ An email from MMA Insurance indicated the sagging roof should be reviewed by a structural engineer. Previously, the Harbor House sent a report by Eric Henry to satisfy the Insurance request. MMA has decided to increase the deductible from \$1,000 to \$10,000 and recommended the Harbor House should budget for an engineers review.

VI. New Business:

~ Tom Benson moved to accept the new street name for the Chalfoun condo project on Seawall Road as Hyewood Land, seconded by Dan Norwood and voted in favor 4/0/0.

~ Dan Norwood moved to add (e) to the parking ordinance stating no more than two vendor vehicles may park at the Manset turn out and increased the number of permits that may be issued to three per day. Seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 3/0/1 with Lydia Goetze abstaining due to conflict.

~ Dan Norwood moved to increase Harbor fees for the Lobster truck on the Manset Pier from \$2,300 to \$5,000 and to set a flat rate fee for the Ferry to \$1,500 per season. Seconded by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 4/0/0.

VII. Other Business (Selectmen)

~ Chairman Jellison passed out a summary regarding what would happen if an ordinance was passed to prohibit fireworks in SWH. The enforcement itself would be very expensive. Most of the comments were generated from Chief Willis of Mt Desert where fireworks have been prohibited.

VIII. Lydia Goetze moved to accept the following warrants, seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 4/0/0.

General Fund Warrants, FY 15-16; 116, 117

Special Projects FY 15-16: None

School FY15-16: 115

IX. Next Meeting Date:

Regular Selectmen Meeting, Tuesday March 8, 2016

Town Office @ 6:00 PM

~ Dan Norwood moved to go into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6)(D) regarding union issues at 6:46PM, seconded by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 4/0/0.

~ Tom Benson moved to adjourn executive session at 7:10 PM and return to regular meeting, seconded by Dan Norwood and voted in favor 4/0/0.

~ A motion was made during the regular Selectmen meeting by Dan Norwood to authorize the Town Manager to accept the Public Works Union contract for the term

January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018. Seconded by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 4/0/0.

X. There being no further business, Tom Benson moved to adjourn meeting at 7:10PM, seconded by Dan Norwood and voted in favor 4/0/0.