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REGULAR MEETING- BAR Grant Committee

Friday, June 11, 2021 – 9:00 AM

Thompson Town Hall, Seney Room

MINUTES

Members Attending: J. Blanchette – Chair, K. Beausoleil, B. Davis, S. Lewis, N. O’Leary

Staff Attending: T. Penn-Gesek – Director of Planning & Development; A. St. Onge – First Selectman

1. CALL TO ORDER – 9:24 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. April 9, 2021 Regular Meeting

S. Lewis moves/B. Davis seconds to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passes unanimously

3. CORRESPONDENCE – none

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

a. LOTCIP Route 12 sidewalk project

i. Construction – bidding, schedule, etc

- Roughly 2 weeks ago District 2 & the Newington DOT office completed their review & submitted comments to Freeman Co for response. The comments were generally in relation to crosswalks. Freeman responded very quickly to DOT. DOT must issue a letter of approval to go to bid. There will also be necessary coordination between DOT and NECCOG, as part of the LOTCIP process.
- T. Penn-Gesek will follow up with J. Larkin at NECCOG and V. Staroverov at DOT to confirm the remaining requirements prior to going out to bid. It is still hoped that the project can go out to bid in July 2021 for a possible start in autumn 2021. The logical starting point would be at the Route 200/Route 12 intersection, to happen in conjunction with the Blain Rd intersection. The southern portion of the project is also less complex than the portion starting around Town Hall.
- B. Davis asks J. Blanchette how busy the general construction season seems. The consensus is that it has been extremely busy. Therefore it is possible that the project may not be able to break ground in calendar 2021.

ii. Inspection Consultant RFP

- At the same time that the ITB is issued for the construction project, an RFP will be posted for the inspection contract.
- J. Blanchette has a draft RFP, which is shared with the committee for review. The RFP will also have to be reviewed by the Selectmen’s Office for correctness of form, insurance requirements, etc.
- When the ITB/RFP are posted, the final approved plans will also have to be posted on the website for any potential bidders.

iii. End of BAR grant deadline – covered under MSRAC minutes

b. John Gumpert liaison/River Mill

- A. St Onge reports that J. Gumpert stopped by recently with some updates: his lender requested information regarding whether the property is located in a floodplain. A. St Onge referred him to J. Blanchette. J. Blanchette is unable to accept a contract from J. Gumpert to produce floodplain maps, as a conflict of interest. He will follow up with CHA (formerly CME, who had done extensive work mapping the area). J. Blanchette is able to review the CHA maps as a courtesy, without any conflict.
- Due to time lost from the COVID-19 pandemic, J. Gumpert now estimates breaking ground on the project in 2023.
- Fire Marshal J. Seney and the State Fire Marshal have done a walk-through of the mill with the local property manager, and are working on safety recommendations.

c. Other Committee Business

- No meeting in July. Next regular meeting is Friday 13 August, likely in-person

6. MEMBER COMMENTS – none additional

7. ADJOURNMENT – 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tyra Penn-Gesek

Director of Planning & Development