WEDC Meeting

Friday, May 8, 2015

Approved Minutes

Present: E. Gallagher, Vice Chairman (arrived at 7:45am), R. Valentine, D. Morris, Noel Lyons-Baker, P. Gosselin, L. Walker, M. Oldenburg

Public Attending: P. Stamnas, NH DOT

- R. Valentine started the meeting with pledge of Allegiance at 7:35.
- D. Morris make motion to accept 4/17/15 minutes as written and L. Walker seconded. Motion passed 6-0.
- E. Gallagher arrived and chaired the meeting from that point.

Market Square Update:

- N. Baker updated the review items stating we have a great framework for the Planning board review. L.Scott commented the area review would be as the outside boundaries of the 5 parcels discussed.
- P. Stamnas from DOT discussed 3 remnant DOT parcels are approximately 32 acres will be released for sale. Mr. Stamnas stated exit 3 is targeted for completion end of 2015 to handle planned traffic flow. He also stated the park and ride would not be complete until 2016.
- P. Gosselin discussed the residential plan has been changed to 10% of buildable acreage and will house any age group vs. just over age 55.
- L. Scott reminded the committee WEDC will present the Market Square Plan to the Planning Board on 5/13/2015 at 7:00 P. M. N. Baker made motion to accept document for Planning Board review. M. Oldenburg seconded. 6-0-1 with P. Gosselin abstained.

Communications Update:

D. Morris recommended another article on Market Square should be issued shortly. Committee working on a power point presentation that could be used for various meetings by WEDC. E. Gallagher suggested the follow on communication be after the Planning Board meeting next week.

Infrastructure Update:

Subcommittee Chairman R. Valentine said the next meeting would be 5/20/2015 at 8am. Liberty Utilities will be there to discuss power capability and we will invite Eversource next. Water tests will be continuing with DES issuing over 300 letters to Windham residents. Some contamination has been found but nothing major so far.

A new water line with 12 inch capability is being installed by Pennechuk up route 128 and terminating at Waterhouse/route 111. The water line will continue for 600 feet down 111 and feed Braehmer Woods to solve a contamination problem for that neighborhood. This cost for the 600 feet is being funded by those residential homes involved.

Planning Board Update:

P. Gosselin indicated the Master Plan was going slow due to continuing workload. Lots of activity for the Board to review School Fees/CIP/Impact Fees/Property Applications. p. Gosslin mentioned the new funeral home next to St. Matthews may be complete end of year with conditional approval accepted.

Board of Selectmen Update:

P. Gosselin discussed two votes by the Selectmen on the Kinder Morgan pipeline. If the pipeline can be fully in the easement area and not impact the residents the selectmen voted 5-0 they might support. Due to Kinder Morgan not making this commitment to no resident impact and staying in easement the selectmen voted 3-2 against.

Discussion on the Conservation/Recreation committee looking to release for sale a lot on London Bridge road that accesses the Gage property to the school. P. Gosselin felt it sets a bad precedent for the future along with a negative tax impact. R. Valentine also did not support the release for sale to the Selectmen. R. Valentine made the motion to draft a letter opposed to the sale of the parcel due setting a bad precedent, the negative tax impact (residential v conservation), the lack of long-term planning of infrastructure and assets, and the potential future use of the parcel for access to the Gage Lands. P. Gosselin seconded. Motion accepted 7-0.

Salem Chamber Update:

D. Morris stated the Chamber is very active with several business events held and being held. The 19th of May there will be education series ant the Common Man. A golf tournament will be held on Monday, June 15, 2015. We should visit the website for ongoing information.

Community Update:

L. Scott said several business events were held and lots of photos on the website. Kickoff on 5/30/2015 for adopt a spot for landscaping improvement and matching funds are accepted. Community garden kickoff on 6/6/2015 located at N. Lowell road. Child Care programs will be reviewed at Searls Castle. Visit the website to see more information.

Motion to adjourn at 8:50 A. M. by R. Valentine by R. Valentine and D. Morris seconded. Motion passed 7-0.