

Town of Lunenburg

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Lunenburg Finance Committee Minutes 6/12/2014

P. Laffond
6/26/14

Location: Town Hall
Present: M. Erickson, J. Henshaw, T. Burchfield, K. Menard, S. Raboin
Absent: J. Smith, B. Laffond

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Announcements
The Board of Selectmen will have a booth to recruit volunteers for committee assignments at the bonfire and hope committee members will be available to answer questions.
There will be a High School construction abutters meeting at 6 pm on June 25th to review plans, schedules, and traffic.
3. Meeting minutes
SR motioned to accept the minutes of 5/3/2014 as presented. JH seconded, motion carried unanimously.
TB motioned to accept the minutes of 5/8/2014 as presented. JH seconded, motion carried 4-0, SR abstained.
SR motioned to accept the minutes of 5/22/2014 as presented. JH seconded, motion carried 3-0, TB and KM abstained.
4. Fiscal Policy Update
K. Brochu had submitted a change related to capital borrowing that would be more in line with related state laws. Consensus was that, although what we had discussed was more restrictive, the change was appropriate and the concerns of the committee were addressed in other areas of the policy.
K. Speidel had not completed her review.
5. Committee Reports
SR said the Building Reuse Committee will meet with the Planning Board on June 18th to discuss the Village overlay. The overlay will hopefully allow more flexibility to take action with the Town buildings in the center, as issues with the Passios and Brooks House include non-conforming egress and boundaries are uncertain. Members of the School Building Committee will also be available. The old Primary School has been added to their agenda.
KM reported that Jeff Mendoza is the new chair of the Agriculture Commission, which is addressing Farmer's Market regulations and right to farm signage.
Regarding the School Building Committee, ME said everything continues to move forward on the new school project. The detailed plan has been submitted but not yet approved. MSBA has signed off, but DESE still has to sign off. Early bid packages are out, and construction should begin on or about July 7.
JH discussed the funding of the design process for Summer St.
The Committee discussed taking a fresh look at which Departments and Committees we need to set liaisons with. A consideration should be the degree of budget participation.
6. Turf Field
Collection of fees from groups using the field appears to have ended once the Lunenburg Track and Field group completed payments for construction of the field. As a large capital expenditure to replace the field is on the horizon, the committee would like to workshop with the Park Commissioners to review how costs associated with maintenance, lighting, and rebuilding the turf are being addressed.
7. Future Agenda Items
Pavement Management Plan update; Budget presentations; What committees do we want to interface with in the context of budget presentations. Next meeting is June 26th.
TB motioned to adjourn. KM seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Terri Burchfield.