

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
March 1, 2021
MINUTES**

Call to Order

5:30 pm – Chairman Robertson called the meeting to order

Roll Call: Andrew Robertson, Chairman; Richard Pitman, Vice Chairman, Fred McGarry, and Alden Dill,

Absent: Cynthia McHugh, Selectwomen.

Chairman Robertson: Our first order of business is an appointment with Ann Scholz from the Pleasant Lake Preservation Association and this is in regard to a report on Swett Road and I would recognize you Ann, at this time.

Ann Scholz – PLPA – Swett Road Project

Ms. Scholz: Great, great, thank you. Hi, Ann Scholz here. I live at 133 Gulf Road in Northwood but I have met with you several times in the past as my role as environmental chair for the Pleasant Lake Preservation Association and this evening, I would like to just update you on some things that are happening and to request of the town.

If you recall, back in 2018, the PLPA funded a study on the Route 107 inlet in the south cove of the lake. That study identified fourteen areas that are sub-water sheds that are likely responsible for the accumulation of the sediment our southern cove of the lake.

Site one through seven in that report noted significant erosion of the town-owned roadway and sediment deposits in the Route 107 road ditch.

In December, 2019, the PLPA was awarded \$51,000.00 for this Phase Two Route 107, inlet subwater shed bmp's and we hired F.P. Environmental to conduct what they call "assessments" on nine of those subject sites.

Last August, the PLPA met with the town and one of the property owners off of Swett Road for preliminary review of that area and the consultant returned later on for a more detailed (couldn't understand) expert on some more detailed condition and documentation of the area.

Just recently, F.P. Environmental submitted draft, technical assessments on these nine sites and this meeting tonight were requested so that I could draw your attention to the town, Swett Road assessment.

So, as you recall, the town was very instrumental on one of our Phase I projects when we did the Gulf Road reconstruction and did a lot of implementation of best management practices...

Vice Chairman Pitman: Can I interrupt for a minute?

Ms. Scholz: Sure.

Vice Chairman Pitman: John, I just got a letter from Cindy, she's trying to get connected and can't.

Mr. Harrington: Yep. She's in.

(Selectwoman McHugh joined the meeting)

Vice Chairman Pitman: She's in. Okay, I just wanted to make sure that she hears this. Thank you, Ann.

Ms. Scholz: No problem.

Will Hueber: Let me interrupt Ann, this is Will Hueber, I'm president of the PLPA and I just wanted to make sure that you knew that I was here and supporting you in the effort. I don't think you need much support though so go ahead.

Ms. Scholz: Okay.

So, as you recall, back in 2016, we did a Phase 1 application and received \$90,000.00 worth of funds to fix Gulf Road from the intersection of 107 down to the boat launch and the town was very instrumental in getting that work done and we used the grant money to cover a lot of the material costs for the installation of those infiltration chambers and other drainage measures to treat storm water run off and decrease the pollutant load to the lake.

And, working with the town, we were able to provide required 40 percent match and it is our hope that we can have a similar partnership to make improvements on Swett Road.

So, the assessment is separated into two areas and you have seen the technical assessment that was sent by F.P, is that correct, John?

Mr. Harrington: Yes.

Ms. Scholz: Okay, so it is divided into two separate areas; one being a gravel driveway and the other is focused on the intersection with 107 and our consultant proposes installation of broad-based dips in four locations, about fifty feet apart as shown on the diagram or schematic on Page 5 of that document.

So, these dips would capture and divert storm water run-off from the roadway and preventing those concentrated flows that currently eroding the existing road and creating gullies along this section.

Mr. Harrington: Ann, I do have the report up if you would like to refer to it.

Ms. Scholz: Okay, could you bring it down to Page 5 which I believe has the schematic for that.

So, these dips, the purpose of these dips is to capture and redirect all that run-off because what's happening right now is that there is a lot of eroding of the existing road and gullies being created along this section.

So, a stabilized drainage ditch would be proposed along the south edge of the roadway. That would be used for a convenience to direct everything to the bottom at the intersection where is a culvert underneath the roadway.

This assessment also proposes to remove that northerly driveway where there are some plantings shown in that serpentine swale and berms the catch basin.

So, the idea with removing this would be to put in its place, an area for runoff and infiltration and then the existing basin in the area would most likely be raised so that it is a more, high level overflow with more chance of infiltration.

The assessment also recommends widening the entrance on that northerly one. The property owner was mentioning that he only uses that southerly drive when he is pulling a trailer because he just doesn't have the road to maneuver a trailer into Swett Road so we also had our consultant propose widening that driveway when that northern one is removed.

So, currently, with nine parcels and the amount of our grant, we anticipate reimbursing land owners approximately \$2,700.00 for their material costs and then the remaining expenses at that time would be documented "in kind" match for the project.

On page nine of this assessment, there was an estimate of the materials needed for the suggested implementation and not included in this estimate, is the recommendation that the town consider paving the apron of Swett Road as part of the project to prevent sediments from spilling out into the highway.

My hope is that similar to the Gulf Road, maybe some of these items are already on hand with the town and wouldn't have a cost towards the project and the one thing I really need to note is that this contract with the state expires on December 31st, so this work needs to be performed during this construction season and we hope the town will commit to this project.

So, as a lake association, we continue to be good stewards of Pleasant Lake but realize that support of the town of Deerfield and Northwood, to implement and to maintain these storm water best management practices.

So, as Will identified himself, he is our new PLPA president. He is on the call and we also have a project coordinator, Patrick Brochu, who was invited to attend.

So, at this time, I would be happy to entertain any questions you might have on this assessment.

Mr. Hueber: So, this is Will, so Ann, I understand that this will divert the water down Swett Road on the south side of the road and prevent it from running down, basically running down the contour of the land, the hill down into the creek which is the one which is currently feeding all the sediment into the south end of the lake and I can tell you that the sediment has been building up year after year; a couple of inches a year. There is quite a lot of sediment that runs town.

When we get a very, very hard rainstorm, we get ground water, basically, muddy water coming down the creek and into the south end of the lake. The whole south end of the lake here in the south cove turns into this muddy brown color and of course it settles down to the bottom so we have got quite a problem here and I just wanted to encourage the town to recognize the problem and to help us with that.

Chairman Robertson: Yeah, John, am I coming through here?

Mr. Harrington: Yes.

Chairman Robertson: Good. Just wanted to make sure.

Okay, do the Board members have questions for Ann while we have her here?

Selectman McGarry: Yeah, I have a few.

Chairman Robertson: Go ahead, Fred.

Selectman McGarry: Um, number one, to eliminate the issue with the erosion taking place in the gravel, why don't we look at paving that with the cross slope discharging into that ditch along the south side of the road?

Ms. Scholz: We would entertain that when you pave that whole roadway. It sounded like there wasn't a budget for that this year.

Selectman McGarry: Okay. Uh, next question. Why not, I guess, how deep is that swale and rather than running the water across, back across the gravel road again, why not run a pipe from that swale either directly to the catch basin or into that grass area surrounding the catch basin?

Ms. Scholz: Are you, I'm not quite sure I know where you are talking about. Is it east of the dips, are you talking about or are ...?

Selectman McGarry: No, the final dip, which runs across the road, going into the north access gravel roadway.

Ms. Scholz: I would probably have to look at coverage in there because if you try and bury anything, it has to daylight out to the other side. I know that it is dropping off quite bit so that might be a possibility to see if we can do a culvert buried in there and then have it daylight so that it still can release into the catch basin or connect to the catch basin.

Selectman McGarry: My thought, if anything, was that if we got a significant problem with cover, maybe we go directly into the catch basin.

Ms. Hueber: As long as we can keep those culverts clear so, you know they have a tendency to plug up. It would be up to the maintenance folks and the property owner, I guess, to keep the culvert ends clear.

Selectman McGarry: That culvert, excuse me, the catch basin that's there on 107, isn't that a DOT catch basin?

Ms. Scholz: It is.

Selectman McGarry: So, it is their responsibility to vacuum that, to haul the sediment out of it, right?

Ms. Scholz: Right. They have been out on the site, well when we were doing this initial application for this project, DOT did come out and address some of the catch basins.

Some are just cross culverts. They just go across the road and daylight out in another situation.

Selectman McGarry: So, is that something that the Board of Selectmen should be reminding DOT of these catch basins and the need to have them cleaned up?

Ms. Scholz: Well, if the Board hasn't, the lake association has. If it falls on the Board as a something of a reminder or if the road agent has a reminder. DOT does not use sand on 107. They are strictly salt so the sediment that is building up in these catch basins and culverts is coming from adjacent maintenance of watersheds so that is why we kind of went into this grant as to identifying parcels of that subwater shed that needed to deal with their runoff.

Mr. Hueber: This is certainly, the most important property, I think, in terms of its size and the amount of runoff and heavy rain that comes down from this location.

Selectman McGarry: So, I guess, is it DOT's position that while we are not using sand so it's not our fault so ...

Ms. Scholz: No, no, I think, actually, I didn't get that feeling from them at all. I mean, they maintain the ditch, the length of drainage ditches so that they function the way that they are supposed to because it only hurts the pavement structure if they are not draining.

Selectman McGarry: Right.

Chairman Robertson: Other questions for Ann?

Selectwoman McHugh: I just wanted to, are we sure that this is coming, I know that you have done the study but when I went by there today, there are a couple of houses up there, one fellow had cleaned out a lot of woods and it looked like a lot of runoff coming out of that driveway as well. This isn't going to help that situation any.

Vice Chairman Pitman: The next house up runs over all the time, Cindy.

Ann, I'm going to be the bad guy. This design is not going to fly. The town is not going to be able to maintain a road like this with these, whatever they are called, stick up two inches and would need a rubber blade to plow. They are glorified speed bumps that are angled. You have to have a better way so that we can make this work to safe the lake.

I am as staunch of a supporter as anybody to keeping the lake clean but this isn't going to do it.

Chairman Robertson: If I could, I think that despite our concern about the cost of paving, when we initially spoke with you or maybe the second time that we spoke with you, we may have to look at more paving as opposed to the plan laid out, as a complete layman, I am just throwing this out there.

Mr. Hueber: You are talking about pavement and culverts?

Chairman Robertson: I would assume, yes.

Mr. Hueber: Well, pavement that is sloped so that the runoff goes to the south side of the road, not the north side of the road.

Vice Chairman Pitman: That is the biggest problem right now. I drive that road quite often in the past twenty-five years and too much of it is pitched to the north as we speak and the issues that you have there, you can see how it comes down. It is a natural swale right now out into the side of the road and then I walked that road once in a while and it's pretty deep, what comes off the shoulder, heads down to the culvert which is what we are trying to stop.

I think that we have to regroup on this pavement thing and see if we can make it work. I know that the Sidmores are willing to give up that north entrance if we can make the south entrance more useable.

I don't know if Kim is on the phone ...?

Kim: Yes, I am here. I didn't know if I could talk yet or

Chairman Robertson: Yes, you can Kim. I would recognize you in just a second. I wanted to mention that Kim, Thelma, Peter and Phillip have submitted a letter to us today outlining some of their concerns and also pointing out that the reason that the letter came today is because of the late notice that they got of the presentation this evening but I would recognize you at this point, Kim.

Kim: Should I just read the letter or just go over my concerns?

Chairman Robertson: I think if you could just summarize your concerns, that would be fine. We all a copy of your letter.

Kim: Okay, fantastic.

We have a few concerns. We feel that it will be a very expensive project to implement and we are not sure that it is a workable solution.

So, they have recommended putting in four broad based dips into, onto Swett Road and in the report, it says that the town should plow the road with the rubber blade raised two inches above the ground to prevent damage.

So, we are concerned that the town is not going to be adequately able to plow Swett Road because it has to be two inches off the road and they have to use a rubber blade.

And then, I would think, damages that we, the harsh winters that we have, damages will most likely occur to these broad-based items that they are putting in the road and that is just going to cause more problems, either they are going to have to continually be maintained or it is just not going to do it, not going to do what you say it is made to do.

And then we are uncertain how Swett Road is going to be regraded after these dips are put in and that is important for a gravel road to keep it up to date and useable.

And, maintenance is going to be required on all, it seems like it is a high maintenance system to me. It would be a hardship on the town and we feel, even in the report, it says that the current catch basins are filled with sediment so I think that it would make a lot more sense to just clean out the current catch basins that are in place and see how that is decreasing the sediment entering Pleasant Lake.

Chairman Robertson: Well, thank you for your comments, Kim. I think what I would like to suggest that we accept the plan as presented by Ann. Take it under advisement. We need to take a look at it. Certainly, talk with our highway agent and move forward from there.

I don't think that the Board is in any way, able to commit to this project this evening.

I don't know if Board members have more questions for Ann at this point?

Vice Chairman Pitman: I think that it is a great suggestion, Andy. It will give us more time analyst it and get some of these questions answered.

Mr. Hueber: Should be go back to the environmental company and suggest the possibility of pavement and culverts as an alternative to the broad dip, serpentine broad dips?

Chairman Robertson: Speaking for myself, I don't think that's a bad idea. I don't know how the rest of the Board feels?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Definitely.

Selectman McGarry: I certainly feel that way if we could look at that as an option and see what the associated costs would be with that.

Selectman Dill: I have a question overall on the whole project.

What type of exploration has been done across the street, not on Swett Road, but on the bottom of the Sidmore property? There's a stream that comes down out of the woods.

It would make sense to me that we are probably pulling sediment from a sandpit or something up in the woods there more likely than off of Swett Road all the time. I just don't see how sediment is traveling that far down a drainage ditch to then enter a stream to then enter Pleasant Lake so I am wondering if the environmental people have looked up the hill there?

Ms. Scholz: If you would look on our PLPA website, there is the inlet study which evaluated the brook, itself and talks about the erosion so maybe it's not the sediment being carried down but it is also a large part of the watershed, a large volume of water draining to that brook or down those ditches that causes that erosion, that erosive forces do.

Selectman Dill: But I have to say, but there is another water source coming off the bottom of the Sidmores property which is a lot closer to this stream that is getting sediment in it.

Ms. Scholz: Right, right.

Selectman Dill: Which, has that been explored yet?

Ms. Scholz: Well, the report identified fourteen specific sites where they saw specific erosion and everything but nine of them, we are addressing right now. I would have to go back into that report and see if something has been done for that specific area.

I want to clarify. I was not looking for an answer this evening.

Chairman Robertson: I didn't assume you were.

Ms. Scholz: Okay, this is more of, you are at the same point as I am. I am looking at the same technical assessment and plan on getting comments back to the environmental on this.

I have heard similar concerns that I have been thinking about too as far as maintenance and maybe some other ideas but when we met in the field, I knew that paving Swett Road would not be a possibility but if that is, I would highly favor that and still try and grade the road so it can shed off and not concentrate and we can get some infiltration practices put into place so by the time that it gets to the bottom of the hill, there is not a lot of volume running off anymore.

Mr. Hueber: With proper grading of that paved section, it could just not, use culverts and then we could end up with just the catch basins, running down through the drains, into the catch basin.

Vice Chairman Pitman: That would be great.

Chairman Robertson: On the south side or the north side?

Selectman Dill: I think that we should take a poll here, Andy, to see if we are going to support paving. I think there has to be a better solution. I can speak for myself; I don't support paving Swett Road. It won't benefit enough of this town for the cost. I don't want to send them off on a wild goose chase just to come back in three months and say no, we are not going to pave it.

Chairman Robertson: Sure, okay, a quick roll call vote here of members who would be interested in considering paving and we have heard from Alden that he is not.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Yes.

Selectman McGarry: Yes. I am in favor of it.

Selectwoman McHugh: Yes.

Chairman Robertson: Okay, that gives us a fair idea of where the Board is at.

Mr. Hueber: So, what is that idea? Is it split, or is it in favor?

Chairman Robertson: It would be in favor.

So, if there are not further questions for Ann at this point, and I am not hearing any, I would thank you for being this report to us Ann and listening to our feedback.

We'll take a look at the report, consider it, possibly talk to our engineer which would be Steve Keech of KNA as well as the highway agent and continue the discussion with you.

Ms. Scholz: Okay, if it is possible, could I get some kind of response within two weeks so I can turn it all into the consultant?

Chairman Robertson: We can give you a response in two weeks. Some of this is going to depend on how our budget fares at the voting booth.

Ms. Scholz: Okay.

Selectman Dill: Andy, just remember, that's not in two weeks, it's in ...?

Chairman Robertson: Yeah, that's in three months.

Selectman Dill: Yes.

Ms. Scholz: Well, I guess everything, it's still not a commitment, more or less a review of the assessment.

Chairman Robertson and Ms. Scholz talked over each other in audio.

Chairman Robertson: We can give you a response after two weeks after we review the assessment.

Ms. Scholz: Right, so if your concern is the rubber blade, the two inches, the pavers or whatever else that would not be acceptable by the town, I would like to have that provided to me. It would just be (couldn't understand) or something.

Chairman Robertson: We can certainly give you a formal response with our concerns.

Ms. Scholz: Okay. That would be great.

Chairman Robertson: All right. Thank you, Ann.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Has she seen a copy or can we give her a copy of Kim's letter that we just got tonight?

Chairman Robertson: Yeah, that is a public document so we can certainly give her a copy of that.

Vice Chairman Pitman: That would be good. I think that it would help everybody if she did.

Chairman Robertson: Yup, good point.

Okay, I would again, thank you for your presentation and the work that you put into this.

Ms. Scholz: You're welcome.

Mr. Hueber: Thank you for your support of the PLPA.

Regular Business:

Chairman Robertson: If I seem a little hesitate, I have Google Audio going in my headphones and if I try to correct it, it just shuts down my microphone so I'll continue the best that I can.

Review of Outstanding Minutes of February 22, 2021

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve the minutes of February 22, 2021

Second: Selectman McGarry

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Vouchers/Payroll Manifest/Accounts Payable Manifest:

Accounts Payable week ending March 1, 2021 - \$1,051,487.38

Clearly, a large portion going to the school district

Motion: Selectman Dill moves to approve the Accounts Payable for week ending March 1, 2021 in the amount of \$1,051,487.38

Second: Selectman McGarry

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman Robertson: Next up, a little more complicated, we had nine entries for the town report cover artwork and I'll run through them just as an overview.

We had a vacant canoe on Pleasant Lake.

We had two horses, unmounted running in a field.

We had a wagon wheel leaning against a shed door.

We had a Pleasant Lake winter scene featuring ice fishermen and ice.

We had an old town hall photo with a chair by the window in the interior of the town hall.

We had a shot of the gazebo.

We had a horse and rider, the rider being a young lady with a horse show number on her back entering the horseshow ring.

We had a picture of a deer, head on.

We had a picture of the small, Old Cordwainer's Shop.

I don't know if the group has favorites.

Vice Chairman Pitman: The one of the lake is pretty nice.

Chairman Robertson: The canoe or the winter?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Canoe.

Selectman McGarry: I like the Cordwainer as number one and Pleasant Lake in winter as number 2.

Chairman Robertson: Okay, other thoughts.

Selectman Dill: The Old Cordwainer's Shop

Chairman Robertson: Okay, so we have no agreement on anything so far.

Vice Chairman Pitman: What do you think, Andy?

Chairman Robertson: You know me, personally, I like the deer but ...

Selectman McGarry: What about Cindy?

Selectman Dill: Maybe she can break a tie.

Selectwoman McHugh: I like the winter on one the lake.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Let's do it.

Chairman Robertson: Okay. Are people willing to go with the winter scene on the Pleasant Lake?

Mr. Harrington: That is the only picture that got more than one vote.

Selectwoman McHugh: They were all nice. The only one that I wouldn't use is the horse show one. They were all nice ones.

Chairman Robertson: Nope, I agree so is the Board in general agreement that we can go with the winter scene of Pleasant Lake?

Members agreed.

I think that we will award the prestige cover placement John, to the Pleasant Lake winter scene featuring the ice fishermen and skaters.

Mr. Harrington: All right. Thank you.

Chairman Robertson: Okay. Next up we have recommendation from the Zoning Board of Adjustment for Alternate Members.

They have recommended George Kelley and Amy Lockwood.

I will say that we have, as a Board, received some opposition to Mr. Kelley being appointed to the ZBA as he is a local real estate developer.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve Amy Lockwood as an Alternate Member of the ZBA

Second: Selectman Dill

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman Robertson: It appears unanimous that we will appoint Amy Lockwood and we will take George Kelley under advisement at this time.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Thank you.

Chairman Robertson: We have some assessing business to take care of.

We have a request for current use additions. This is for Fieldstone Trust and this is on Church Street, 51 Church Street and I believe this is just adding an addition. There are 56-acres already in current use at that location and this would add an additional acre.

I don't know if you had additional notes on that John?

Mr. Harrington: That's my understanding. There are 57-acres, 56 already in current use. They are looking to add one more.

Chairman Robertson: And, it appears that this has been reviewed by the Assessing Department and passed on to us for approval.

Motion: Selectman Dill moves to approve adding one more acre to current use at 51 Church Street, making the total amount of 57-acres in current use

Second: Selectman McGarry

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman Robertson: Okay, next order of business is a Veteran's Credit for Mr. Hanson. He previously received a standard Veteran's Credit but is eligible for the full \$4,000.00 total disability credit. The paperwork appears to be in order.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve the Disability Veteran's Credit in the amount of \$4,000.00 for Mr. Hanson if everything is in order

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman Robertson: We have an abatement request from Marie Bolster. This is an abatement request for \$408.55 which I believe is essentially represents the back interest on the past tax bill. This is for her property at 189 Currier Road.

This has been part of an ongoing process.

Vice Chairman Pitman: It has been ongoing to get her caught up.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve the abatement in the amount of \$408.55

Second: Selectman Dill

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman Robertson: That takes care of our regular business and gets us back to our agenda which would bring us to the Town Administrator's Report.

Town Administrator's Report:

Mr. Harrington: I have one item for you which is bringing up a question that the Board had from our last meeting.

I talked to the road agent about when he would be signing for weight limits on the roads. Given the cold weather that we are about to encounter, and the fact that he has a six-week maximum that he can establish a weight limit, he's going to hold off one more week and sometime next week depending on the weather and the temperature, he will make a decision but it is likely, sometime next week.

Chairman Robertson and others: Thank you John.

Anything else, John?

Mr. Harrington: That would be it, thank you.

Chairman Robertson: Okay. Any unfinished business that we need to address before we get to new business?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Are you going to bring up that letter, Andy?

Chairman Robertson: Which letter, Dick?

The concerned citizen, Pleasant Lake,

Vice Chairman Pitman: No, Lucy.

Chairman Robertson: I don't have a copy of that letter with me at this point but if we want to address it, we certainly can.

Vice Chairman Pitman: I don't think we should at this point.

Chairman Robertson: I think the facts of the matter are pretty clear and cut and dry at this point.

Vice Chairman Pitman: I just want to make sure that we were all set on it, that we weren't ...

Chairman Robertson: Any other Board members have a concern about this?

Selectman McGarry: No.

Chairman Robertson: We'll address it in that fashion.

New Business:

Chairman Robertson: We handled the Town Report cover contest.

I had a conversation with Patrice Kilham over the weekend regarding opening the Swap Shop at the Transfer Station. She would, she and her associated volunteers would be looking to resume operations in April.

They have some safety protocols that they have discussed. She mentioned using pop-up tents outside in front of building for acceptance and interaction of items and measures such as allowing one person at a time into the swap shop.

I told her to my mind, it seemed similar outdoor Parks and Rec activities like baseball and softball which we have supported and I didn't see a problem with it but I told her that I would bring it to the Board for review and discussion.

Vice Chairman Pitman: I think at this point, it's doable. It's April.

Selectwoman McHugh: I think that it is a great idea.

Selectman Dill: I know in Northwood, they opened theirs. I think that we could go ahead and do it that way.

Selectman McGarry: I agree.

Chairman Robertson: Okay, I will communicate that to Patrice.

Ms. Kilham: I'm here, thank you.

Chairman Robertson: Oh good, great. Good to hear your voice, Patrice.

Ms. Kilham: We are going to see what protocols are too, to keep stuff clean and only accept certain things so we will probably limit our opening and stuff like that so we're trying to be real, careful. We're in discussion.

Chairman Robertson: Very good. Good to hear.

Ms. Kilham: Thank you very much. Appreciate it.

Chairman Robertson: Other business from other Board members?

Selectman McGarry: Yeah, I got one item. The Southern NH Planning Commission meeting where they discussed the roundabout that we had proposed to them for the intersection with 107 and Church and Candia Road and preliminary cost estimates for that is \$1.8 million and they can fit the roundabout in that location. It would be a single lane roundabout but there are some issues with regard or concerns that were raised with regard to the potential impact on one of the buildings there and they are supposed to get back to us for further discussion.

Chairman Robertson: Any idea of what the town's percentage that they would be expecting?

Selectman McGarry: That I don't know. That's, I would have to take and find more information about that for sure.

Chairman Robertson: Yeah, that is what has held us up in the past. I know we've had several meetings about what we might do to that intersection to make it safer and we've had some solid plans and they've thought that they should split it or maybe not even evenly split it with the town and we've balked.

Selectman McGarry: Yep.

Selectman Dill: Fred, what kind of pitch, I'm just trying to picture the angles in my head here when it goes down into Church Street and Candia Road or are we looking at making that less of a grade. I'm just, are we building up to the roundabout I guess or building it down, if that makes sense.

Selectman McGarry: Yeah, they didn't really go into that detail but I agree with you Alden, you really can't build up, raise the grade there. It really has to come down.

Selectman Dill: Yay. It's hard to picture in my mind, I guess, without having plans but I think that we need something over there.

Chairman Robertson: Other business?

And, I will apologize right now for saying "um" too much. I told you that my audio was messed up but I am getting a repeat and I didn't realize how many times I say "um".

That said, I don't believe we need a non-public session this evening and I am not seeing anyone say they do so at this point, I would move to Citizen's Comments, if we have any.

Citizen's Comments:

None

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to adjourn at 6:10 pm

Second: Selectman McGarry

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Next Meeting: Monday, March 15, 2021 at 5:30 pm

*The Minutes were transcribed and respectfully submitted by Dianne L. Kimball, Recording Secretary
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