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Sustainable Greenfield Implementation Committee

Minutes

14 Court Square

Greenfield, MA 01301

Thursday, October 1, 2015

Members present: Carole Collins, Nancy Hazard, Mark Maloni, Ashli Stempel, Tara Kurland, Don Ouelette –quorum reached

Others Present: Laurie DiDonato, Maria Burge

Absent: George Touloumtzis, Kurt Richardson

Meeting Called to order at 4:45pm

DPW Report – Don

See Report submitted. There was discussion on:

- Nash’s Mill Bridge – one option the DPW is considering is to blow it up and drop it into the river and remove from there.
- Water Master Plan – These are available in the DPW office.
- Winter Operations – High school will be difficult plowing because there is no space to store the snow.
- Trees – Tree grant provides 330 trees over 3 years. Will require volunteer effort to get them planted. Don will plan ahead with getting dig-safe approval in advance.
- Maple Brook Culvert Sewer– This is a large repair project – work is starting in October.
- Rocky Mountain Water Tank – Considering downsizing the tank, as cycling is now every 8 days, and a cycling time of 5 days is optimal.
- Oak Hill Water treatment facilities – needs control panel upgrade. Carole says this is possible through Eversource for free if there are energy savings to be realized.

August minutes. Nancy made motion to approve minutes as written. Mark seconded. Approved unanimously.

Change of Meeting Time was discussed. Motion was made by Carole to move the SGIC meeting time to the 2nd Thursday of the month from 4:30-6pm. Seconded by Mark. Approved unanimously.

Work Groups

Communications (Ashli and Nancy):

There was discussion on the format of a face-to-face public event that was recommended by the communications group. Nancy was given support to organize an event of her choosing, which is a presentation/discussion group at the library or 170 Main St. to celebrate the successes of the Master Plan. She hopes to do this in the fall, likely early December. Carole confirmed there is a \$2500 budget available for Fiscal Year 2016 for the Committee.

It was decided working groups do not need approval of whole committee for all recommendations.

Evaluation Group Report

Nancy put together a list of accomplishments from the last 6 months and is hoping for feedback. She will use the list to draft a news release. It is important to highlight accomplishments from the Recreation Department as they were not in the last one.

Youth Commission: Maria offered to send a report on Youth Commission Progress.

Tree ordinance: The ordinance did not move forward, but a working group was created.

Community Preservation Act: There was discussion around this act, which was listed as a short term goal in the Master Plan. Concerns included the tax burden being a hard sell, as well as the potential limitations on how the money can be spent. They may be a formula around how much can be spent on each of the goals of the act. Laurie will look into details on this formula.

Free Workshop from Smart Growth America: Need to apply by October 21st. Carole wants feedback on topics of interest.

Announcements:

- LED streetlights are in.
- Solar Farm at the Well Field has proposals in
- Solar with storage the High School is moving forward
- There is a design clinic at Smith that can help towns with projects. Conway school does this also.
- UMass Energy Extension has resources for towns, Dwayne Breger from DOER is new director. Carole and Laurie attended a symposium and learned of capabilities, shared town needs.
- Food for Good – a Conference on solutions for hunger in Mass. October 30th at UMass Amherst.

Move to adjourn by Nancy at 6pm. Seconded by Ashli. Approved unanimously.

Next meeting scheduled for November 12th, 2015

Meeting adjourned at 6pm.