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WINCHENDON TOWN CLERK

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2019

4th floor meeting room

109 Front Street 01475

Participants: Leston Goodrich, Art Amenta, Jane Lapointe, Tracy Murphy, Lorraine Fortugno, Dave Romanowski, Elaine Mroz, Ken LaBrack

Recording Secretary: Nicole Roberts

Meeting called to order at 4:01 PM

No public comments

Minutes from 5/6 meeting approved, Art motioned, motion was unanimous

New Business

Upcoming ribbon cuttings include Bethany Bible Chapel's second location, 286 Central Street, June 13 at 9AM. Lapointe Law Office and Lapointe Family Realty will be hosting their ribbon cutting on Saturday, June 15 at 10AM to coincide with the Summer Solstice.

Subcommittee Updates

Master Plan- there wasn't a quorum for the last Master Plan meeting. Tracy Murphy met with Sean O'Donnell at MRPC; they discussed the ways to make the Master Plan more readable to present the material in the volumes published; coming up with a matrix to implement goals. Volume 1 will contain the introduction to the Master Plan and goals, this will be created as such to grab attention, be cohesive and not overwhelming to the reader; this volume will have 1000 copies in print, and be available online as well.

American Flag Updates-American Legion has donated \$500.00, \$150.00 from the Vietnam Veterans of Gardner and \$250.00 from Coral Grout. Art, Les and Ken recently went around repairing the flags that needed repair. Thank you to the Winchendon DPW for the help with putting up the flags; the goal this year is to take them down earlier as to save them from in climate weather.

Winchendon Community Park- the Park was a recent recipient of a Robinson Broadhurst Grant, there was an RFQ advertised for a project manager for a future Theater and Lifelong Learning Center. The park also is in the process of acquiring 8.2 acres adjacent to the park, former property of Davis White, the an offer has been accepted, the Winchendon Community Park will then contain 51.4 acres of land after this acquisition.

The Winchendon Community Park is looking for members for the committee as well as a Community Volunteer Coordinator.

Planning and Development Updates

Hillview Business Park has commitments from Cypress Tree Management, LLC and Mr. Rooter a plumbing company to develop on the 2 parcels located on Commercial Drive out behind Mylec. Both of these commitments are contingent upon receiving a 1million dollar grant from MassWorks, the Winchendon Redevelopment Authority and the Town of Winchendon , along with assistance from TEC, the engineering firm will be applying for this grant to construct the road leading to both properties. Tracy Murphy is seeking endorsement from the Planning Board, TTCP, Winchendon Redevelopment Authority and Board of Selectmen as well as any other groups and organizations that support this growth and grant.

Poland and Streeter Schools Montachusett Veterans Outreach Center, Inc. (MVOC) is interested in developing the schools into veteran housing. The estimated project cost is 11.5 million dollars. The warrant question to transfer ownership of the property to the Winchendon Redevelopment Authority will be submitted for consideration at the Fall Town meeting.

ADA Transition Plan the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission (MRPC) has secured funding for compiling a list of all Public Right of ways, Winchendon is one of the 2 communities that will receive assistance for the incorporation of the data into the towns ADA plan, Stantec will be performing the assessment, acting on behalf of the town. An ADA advisory team so far consists of Tracy Murphy, Arthur Amenta, Albert Gallant. The team will reach out to Dawn Bilodeau to see if she would like to be part of the advisory team.

MassDOT-Community Transit Grant Program (CTGP) together Chelsey Patriss and Sherri Bean contacted the town regarding their intent to apply for a planning grant through MassDOT to develop a volunteer driver program, the application deadline is weeks away and they are seeking an endorsement by the TTCP and if needed a volunteer to assist in compiling data. The board voted unanimously to allow the letter of endorsement to be signed by Leston Goodrich on behalf of the board.

Bike Path Parking Lot- Construction has begun on the parking lot extension, the project includes a 60' flag-pole, picnic tables, sprinkler system, trees, shrubs and perennials. There will also be 4 electric car plug in stations installed that we received funding for through National Grid.

Montachusett Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Public comment period opened on June 1, 2019 and ends July 1, 2019. The document can be found at:
<https://www.mrpc.org/comprehensive-economic-developemnt-strategy-committee-mrceds.news.2019-montachusett-region-ceds>

Next meeting scheduled for 7/8/19 @ 3:00PM

Motion made by Elaine to adjourn meeting, meeting adjourned 4:54pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Roberts
Land Use and Planning Clerk






