

Enfield Planning Board – Meeting Minutes

Master Plan Work Session

April 8, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: David Fracht-Chairman, Linda Jones, Kurt Gotthardt, Eric Russell, John Kluge-Selectman, Dan Kiley, Phil Vermeer and Paula Rowe-Recorder.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Bonner

STAFF PRESENT: Rob Taylor- Land Use and Community Development Administrator and Ryan Aylesworth- Town Manager

I. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Fracht called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. Selectmen's Report

John Kluge-Selectman reported. NH DRA equalization ratio is at 95% for property values. Chief of Police has studied the street light issue. He recommended keeping lights as they are now and that they are aimed properly. Deeding process, liens, interest will not be collected. Deeding will not happen. Discussed COVID 19 at length and its implications to our Town. Budget looks good – numbers are good. Next month budget is concerning. All due to COVID 19. COVID 19 expenses are being tracked. We need to be very cautious with serious belt tightening for this year.

III. Public Comments

No public comments this evening as this meeting is being carried virtually by ZOOM.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Dan Kiley made a Motion to put the March 11, 2020 minutes on the table for approval with a second from Phil Vermeer. Kurt Gotthardt would like the corrections that were made from the previous minutes typewritten for all to see with the current minutes. On the last page, communications, near the bottom of paragraph.... Please delete the last line. Linda Jones correction. A motion was made by Linda Jones to accept with amendments, second from Eric Russell. Roll call vote was taken and all approved except John Kluge and Phil Vermeer who abstained. The motion passed.

Linda Jones made a motion to put the Minutes of March 25, 2020 on the table with a second from Dan Kiley. Line 47 Kurt Gotthardt's name was misspelled. Motion to accept the minutes as amended came from John Kluge with a second from Dan Kiley. A roll call vote was taken and all approved. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Master Planning

Town Meeting will probably not occur on May 9th.

Should we put Master planning on hold until after Town Meeting?

Survey?

Warrant article may be defeated.

Barbara Jones who designed the website came in well below expected costs generously.

Have done all we can do until we have funding. TM Aylesworth advised and explained the process of allotted possible monies for the Master Plan. Advising we could do a little more, however do not obtain a contractor at this time. \$5k is left of the \$10k. Fracht thought we only had \$5k that was approved in December. Article 13 was approved previously.

Linda Jones asked when can we hear from other groups in town-this would be a no-cost option to proceed with. Meetings to facilitate with other groups can be done, however, we cannot meet with the general public.

Eric Russell felt we should not spend in the next month and feels people are distracted at this time, and unable to give the master planning full attention. Eric Russell felt we should pause and take a break for awhile, as we should know a lot more in six weeks from now. We do not want to duplicate efforts. John Kluge feels that people are more than scared right now and not able to pay attention. Dan Kiley feels that we shouldn't use undesignated funds. Jones feels doing face to face is far more effective. Phil Vermeer said he is in favor of pausing for at least 6 weeks.

David Fracht asked for a Motion

Erik Russell made a motion to pause the process of Master Planning for at least 6 weeks, ----- second this. Kurt Gotthardt asked if someone wants to speak should they mute/unmute so others know that they want to speak? The meeting is not being disturbed by those present in this Zoom feature. Kurt Gotthardt felt we/task force could continue with creating the survey and reach out to have something started before the money is actually available. John Kluge felt this was too tricky. Erik Russell has worked on a survey with others and it is established. Erik Russell felt the response rate would be very low during the next six weeks. Kluge agreed. TM Ryan Aylesworth felt Erik Russell 'hit the nail on the head.' This is not the time to look for fan – fare. Linda Jones asked if 6 weeks is long enough. John Kluge said we will have to see, though 6 weeks from now we may need more time. Erik Russell said we will revisit it. David Fracht asked if we wanted to take this up again in 4 weeks-May 6th with Master Planning work. John Kluge said 8 weeks. David Fracht said we could reconsider this during the first week in June – amending this motion.

Erik Russell restated the motion: ***Motion to pause the master planning process until June 10th at which time we may reconsider. Jones second this.*** Roll call – Linda Jones, Kurt Gotthardt, Erik Russell, John Kluge, Dan Kiley, Phil Vermeer, David Fracht all voted yes carrying this motion unanimously.

VI. Next meeting

April 22, 2020 – Randy Howe. Fracht said he noticed that Howe has begun building. Taylor said he would check on this. Howe has missed his deadline for a public hearing.

The next meeting will be May 13th, 2020.

VII. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn and seconded at 7:49 p.m. Roll call – all voted yes unanimously.