

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

BOS.4.4.17

Called to order 4:37PM

TA report

JG announces gift of \$220.00 from Peter Luce Play Readers.

Park and Ride, JG explains the agreement needs to be extended. He has forwarded to Eerik M. for approval

Angie grant knows there may need to be some improvements and JG is looking for suggestions on this.

TI we talk about this for years, frustrating that we are still working on this.

Hoping that after TM we can get this done.

Park. Com has been meeting on this as well.

Ray: We did have video conf on this, w one company and are working on another one

ML sympathetic, we have been talking bout for some time,

Hoping for mid-June.

LG re gift.

Motion to accept the gift fomr Peter luce Players, LG/TI passes unanimously

Joint meeting w Planning Bd. Jg announces this mtg at the Annex for review of the Housing Production Plan

Q: TI mentions need to have Houseing trust members notified of this upcoming meeting.

Purpose is to review the draft of the Houseing Production plan

And a final review of the warrants with the Fin com at ESF – posted for the BoS at 7:30pm

Jeff K states that the purpose of this meeting is to finishe the FC rec.s to

We stand Together rally notification

BOS states recommendation for them to check in with the PD, and get any instr. Such as not to block sidewalk, etc.

Ballot questions:

Jon Snyder gives explanation of final budget numbers and states that there is no need to ask for an override. **

States that he did rough calculation after the comm forum that it would add \$1. To the current millage rate on the property taxes.

ML states that the school will attend the next meeting of the Bos to give a presentation on the school project.

TI states that coming up with an optimal system then pricing it, instead of stating the amount of money and then adjusting what we can do with the school to that.

ML states re upcoming Cabinet meeting, how do the plans that the Town comes up with overall effect of what the town's priorities are , for example, a new town hall.

And how does this play into our choices with the school.

TI: When jonathan talks about millage that is \$600 on a \$600,000 house.

I want people to understand the impact of that.

NEW ACCOUNT AUTHORIZATION: JS gives brief overview of the need for a new acct to handle our new systems of credit card payments , so he asks the BOS for that authorization.

LG moves to authorize the opening of the new account, TI seconds.

JS states that the Bank is Bristol county Savings Bank. ML asks about costs, and JS explains that this cost will be born by the user and not by the Town. User will swipe card and vendor will add fee to the original charge. Ti asks if this means that on his cc bill it will be larger charge and if so we need to advertise and let people know that they can still write a check.

RT: WE are looking at a 10 ticket book, TI so we can pay by check or visa and buy a ten-ticket book.

RT: you can go to the LDO or the DPW.

Motion passes unanimously, 3 ayes, 0 nay 0 abstentions.

VBA UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sarah York expl music on main, desire to work w Richard Paradise for coord with the opeing of the movie

We are asking permission to offer food on the street such as at the street fair,

Side walk sale,

SY states that at this point they are just in the discussion sta

Dates 28th 12-5 on memorial day weekend

Motion to approve music on above dates from 12-5 and sidewalk sales no blocking sidewalks

TI/ Lg; passes uann

TI/LG moves to support food sales on memorial day pending BOH approval, and per the guidelines of the special events guidelines passes unan.

SY : also first Fridays ,is another proposal possibly 3-9 for similar events. No food vendors on this one.

She states that they will come back with more detail at an upcoming meeting.

CLOUGH LANE PEAR TREES:

ML gives overview. And stated the need to allow time for more research.

Carol White homeowner is introduced. Ms White give the Board various supporting doc.s & photographs (incuded in record)

Discussion ensues.

Carol white gives brief statement. States that she she has enjoyed the trees but htat they now pose a risk to the new guest house.

ML thanks the homeowner.

RT states that his view remains that these are not public trees, and he has no info that states that these trees are public

Kay Mayhew states that a letter was put on file with the DPW stating that the trees belonged to the Town (?)

States that she is diss app there was no record of this file, and that town has no protections in place for such trees as Edgartown has.

States that the need for a public hearing would have been more appropriate to consider this matter.

ML: state athat the town is now painfully aware of the need for such protections.

RT: says that Matt Tobin confirmed that this tree installation was based on a handshake deal with the owners.

Kay Mayhew asks if the Tree warden is now taking responsibility for the remaining trees ? and going to move forward with pruning them?

RT states that at this point they cannot cut trees on private property. TI tates that ** we should have a public hearing to apprise the public on this topic ,and that there appears to be strong anecdotal evidence that an easement was given to the Town. He states the need to do further research to protect the Towns trees overall, and need to designate trees and areas that contain them – for preservation and protection and care by the Town.

KM asks what RT's responsibilities are in re to the Town's trees

Devolves into argument between TI and RT

RT states that it has to be in writing

LG asks if Ms whatever wd accept an easement for such trees in future.

She states no if it is not on the deed

Scott mulling asks if there is a supposed easement for the trees, is the Town responsible for any potential damage to her guest house?

LG states that he is not willing to spend thousands on legal fees to save two trees that the Town most likely doesn't own.

RT expresses frustration that he feels that he has done his due diligence and is not feeling support this process.

TI states **

ML asks JG to weigh in with info from Counsel

Jg the BOS wanted to give all the parties one last chance to expose this issue in the light of day before any actions are taken, we can't ignore the MVC, and all the other people who have come forward to express their concerns about these trees,

The idea of a public hearing is appropriate. There is some public interest in these trees, and the bylaw online may be missing a portion of what is originally on the books. However, he understands that TC has confirmed that he does not see any info that is sufficient to overcome what RT's perspective is on this issue. I urge the DPW to come with those regulations very soon so the town is not in this position going forward. Can't dispute the condition of the trees, and he concurs that with TI that the process is what is important and should be followed. TC has reviewed this material and has not found it to be a reversal of the Tree Wardens position on this point.

ML states that she has fielded a lot of calls from folks about this

References the removal of the linden tree, and that process. States that people have the same affection for this allee of trees and their bloom, and states that the Town has learned from this process that the Town has work to do to catalogue and protect these things that matter to us, such as the red tile roof on Santander Bank. Need to recognize the people who worked tirelessly on this matter to try to address this for the Town,

States the need for easements and the need for legal documents. (move up above prior statement)

Asks for ideas on resolution. LG states that he supports the DPW

TI states that he may not agree with the Department head does not mean that he does not support the department head.

Asks if the trees along the Catholic Church are in the same boat. States that he is not in agreement and would like to see a public hearing. LG states that he likes the trees too but not enough to drag the Town through a protracted process.

ML states that the condition of the trees is what has led to this process. So the Town needs to make a logical plan for these trees as they age etc.

TI asks if trees are all private how can Town take responsibility

Kay mayhew asks about what the responsibilities of the Tree warden are?

RT states that the trees are owned

JG states that getting mapping on a GIS system with the possible use of an intern would be a good idea.

RT asks if the BOS wants to ask the property owners containing the existing trees to have the owners sign off and sign off on the Town taking care of them.

JG states that the Tree warden has the responsibility of declaring that a tree is a public hazard.

TI mentions replacement.

ML closes the discussion, states that there will be no further action regarding these two trees and that the town will move forward with action to protect shade trees in the Town.

Motion to approve the renewal of the Lodging house license for the Greenwood House.

Motion to approve payroll warrants TI/LG unan

Motion to approve the rate change for Eliz rog 3/26 Lg secs

Move to adjourn with now executive session 5:57pm