

In Attendance: Frank Soares (Chair), David Cotta, Tom Michaud (Vice-Chair), Jim Wilkins, Ron Breton, Steve Nichols, Irene Belanger, Amy Gartley, Jean Conway. Dennis Heath, Town Manager.

Audience: Mary Grow, Robert MacFarland, Joann Austin

The meeting started at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for the passing of Senator John McCain.

Minutes from previous meeting – one amendment to make Tom Michaud the chair of the bridge/causeway construction committee. On a motion by Tom and seconded by Steve, it was voted to approve the minutes from the July 30 TIF meeting with one amendment. The vote was unanimous.

Dennis provided a financial update on the funds in the TIF noting that up to \$750,000 was voted to be spent on the Causeway project with an accepted bid of \$493,750. Currently the balance of the TIF funds is \$353,092.58. On a motion by Ron and seconded by Irene, it was voted to approve the financial report. The vote was unanimous.

Frank suggested that the committee delay the definition of the mission of the TIF committee.

Tom provided an update on the Causeway bridge construction noting that the project goes onto land owned by the China Baptist Church. So far there seems to be no dispute with the China Baptist Church.

It was asked if the hot top could be completed this year. It was suggested to not complete it this year due to settlement.

Discussion followed about some kind of dedication of the new bridge, even if it was a date. Mary Grow will follow up with a poll question in The Town Line for nominations.

Dennis updated the committee on the land acquisition of the Bailey property across Lakeview Drive. He noted that the State would not want to see that access with pedestrians going over the roadway. Discussion will continue with China Baptist Church for possible parking.

Discussion then turned to the Bailey property concerning the use of the property and how it affects different phases of the project. Answers from the DEP are also needed before a final decision can be made.

On a motion made by Frank and seconded by David, the committee decided to take a final vote to approve/disapprove the purchase of the Bailey Property by the 10/22/2018 meeting. The vote was unanimous.

Dennis will get the information together on what the property can be used for. He noted that Paul Mitnik may have more information.

Tom discussed Phase II of the Causeway project which will consist of walkways and possibly speed bumps. Amy inquired if the boat landing was in the right place on the lake. Frank responded that it was doubtful that the DEP would allow and change or move of the landing.

Discussion turned to other areas on the lake that would be suitable for a boat landing including the South China landing which has no parking and the 4 Seasons Club which has a very steep incline. There is also a two-year moratorium on any changes to the 4 Seasons Club.

Dennis updated the committee on the Broadband. He had talked with Peter Hussey and Neil Farrington. The Broadband committee will not be bringing anything to TIF. Dennis suggested that there may be grants available from the USDA and possibly KVCOG for capital for this project.

A proposal was put on the floor to put forward a warrant article for the November ballot that would allow up to \$100,000 of TIF funds be available to be spent each year if recommended by the TIF committee and also approved by the select board without having to be approved through the annual business meeting. Discussion followed at length with Bob MacFarland explaining that projects may have to wait up to 18 months before being voted on which may cause the project to not move forward.

Following more discussion, Ron made a motion, seconded by Amy to delay the warrant article to the March Business Meeting. The vote passed unanimously with one abstention. (Irene)

Amy provided an update on the Revolving Loan Fund with the need to regroup with Rosie gone from KVCOG. Dennis will do some research.

Discussion then turned to the voting rights of the Town Manager. Dennis noted that he does not want to be a voting member. He would like to be an ex-officio member of every committee and an advisor to the Select Board. A vote was delayed to the next meeting.

Frank inquired what makes up a quorum. Dennis responded a simple majority. As the committee has 12 members, seven or more would be a quorum.

On a motion by Steve and seconded by Irene, it was voted to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean M. Conway
Secretary, TIF Committee