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DATE: Thursday, February 18, 2021

TIME: 6:30 PM

PLACE: Zoom Meeting

ADDRESS:

ROOM:

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: T. Gazda, R. Klinkhammer, R. Schneider, M. Carignan, S. Pustell

Absent: J. Kelsey, D. Antonelli

Public Present: D. McNurland, Bern Kosicki

6:30 Public Input

- D. McNurland reported that in a meeting of the MPO, the 2022 TIP was “oversubscribed” and some projects may be delayed. The possibility that the Phase 4D section has Sudbury upset because of all of the work that was done in the last year or so to secure a section of the Right of Way.

6:35 Announcements

- None

6:40 Chelmsford Climate Action Team Presentation

- Bern Kosicki introduced himself, his activity on Climate Change and that he is a long-time supporter of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail going back to when the effort to build the trail was first started in the late 1980’s.
- He initiated a Citizen’s Petition for Spring Town Meeting that would request the Select Board to appoint a committee to study and monitor efforts to get Chelmsford to a Net Zero Carbon situation by 2050.
- He indicated that 10-15% of cities and towns in Massachusetts have already adopted such resolutions.
- Would make the town operations net zero. Carbon offsets would be used. However, it is unclear how this would affect residents of the town.
- T. Gazda inquired why he was going to Town Meeting to ask the Select Board to establish a committee when it seems like most times, discussion with the Town Manager and the Select Board is enough to lead to establishing a committee. Mr. Kosicki indicated that other town have used this approach but he did talk to the Select Board as well as meeting with the Tree Committee and the Recycling Committee.
- R. Klinkhammer expressed dislike for slide #7 in the presentation as it seemed to express that only wind power was the solution. Mr. Kosicki indicated that the slide was included as an example of a non-fossil fuel source of electricity and that he would discuss broader alternative sources of energy at Town Meeting.
- While BPAC was reasonably open to supporting this effort, it would discuss further at a future meeting.

6:55 Update on Brick Donation Program for Carol Cleven Park (S. Pustell)

- S. Pustell indicated he did not have any additional information on this program since the last meeting.
- T. Gazda raised the issue that the past donors who had plaques on the wall display at Cushing Place should have them converted to bricks at no additional donation. This would mean that the program would have to use part of its profits from brick sales to fund those bricks.
- The status of the original plaques was discussed. It turns out that the original plaques were returned to the donors. D. McNurland said he had a picture of these plaques and would forward it to the committee.

7:05 Review of Draft Transportation Section of Town Master Plan

- T. Gazda had sent out a copy with a number of comments via the Review function in Word on the text of this document and suggested that all committee members similarly review and add other comments based on their read of the document.
- Further review at the next meeting.

7:25 Review and Vote to Approve 2021 Update of Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update (R. Klinkhammer)

- Several minor edits were made to the document and the cost estimate for rebuilding roads and adding sidewalks for the preferred bicycle and pedestrian routes outlined in the document was added.
- A motion to approve 2021 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan as amended was made by S. Pustell and seconded by M. Carignan. Motion carries. No abstentions.

7:40 Approval of Meeting Minutes - Regular Session January 21, 2021

- A motion to approve the minutes of January 21, 2021 as presented was made by S. Pustell and seconded by R Schneider. Motion carries. No abstentions.

7:45 Updates:

Trail Maintenance Program (B. Schneider)

- No Updates

BPAC Account Status (T. Gazda)

- No transactions posted to the account since November 19th Meeting. Balance is \$3,144.22.

7:50 New Business:

- New items for future meetings
 - Climate Agenda Item
 - T. Gazda to invite S. Jahnle from DPW to the next meeting to discuss sidewalk and road projects for 2021.

8:00 Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn was made by T. Gazda and seconded by S. Pustell. Unanimous vote.

Next Regular Session: March 18, 2021 (6:30 PM) – Zoom Meeting