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Dudley Planning Board Joint Meeting with the Board of Selectmen

March 7, 2022 @ 6:30 pm

Meeting Minute

Some matters have been taken out of agenda order but were typed up in agenda order for ease of locating information when necessary.

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance:

Honorable Chairman John Marsi opened the meeting at 6:32pm. In attendance were Hon. Kerry Cyganiewicz and Hon. Steven Sullivan from the Board of Selectmen. Hon. Jason Johnsons and Hon. Paul Joseph were absent. Guy Horne, Daniel Edmiston, Richard Clark, Steven Watroba and Thomas Chojnacki were present from the Planning Board and opened their meeting at 6:32pm. Also, present were Jonathan Ruda, Town Administrator, William Scanlan, Town Planner and Michelle Jervis, Administrative Secretary.

2. Consent Agenda

Steven Sullivan motioned to approve the Consent Agenda which encompassed approving the meeting minutes of February 28, 2022, approve but not release the Executive Session minutes of February 28, 2022 and approve Overspending the Highway Department's Snow and Ice Account. Kerry Cyganiewicz seconded. Unanimous 3-0.

3. New Business:

a. Faye Rhault – Shared Streets and Spaces Grant - Ms. Rhault, an Associate Planner/ Pedestrian Planner for the region at CMRPC came before the Board with a presentation on the proposed Airport Road/Dudley Hill Road Intersection and Pedestrian Improvements. On 3/1/22 the town applied for the Shared Streets and Spaces Grant, which has a limit of \$200,000. This grant is a reimbursement-based funding program that supports quick launch improvements for speed management and other improvements for the town. With the current configuration, motor vehicles have been noted to speed through the intersection and ignore

stop signs, making the intersection dangerous to both motorized and non-motorized users. Temporary reconfiguration will support a safe intersection for all users and allow the town to reallocate portions of the paved area for pedestrian access and green stormwater management solutions. The project includes narrowing Dudley Hill Road openings, recessing stop lines for new crossings and painting curb extensions, installing .25 miles of new sidewalk, and adding ADA compliant pedestrian crossing and new pedestrian signage, all of which will provide a safer intersection. The project should take about one year. Richard Clark, Planning Board, stated he is concerned about the activity at the golf course now that it is a bar owned by Nichols College. He has concerns about after hours and safety of the students if they return to campus through the intersection. He does not agree that signs will help and would like additional lighting. Ms. Rhault stated that lighting is expensive, and the grant is for \$200,000, which in today's economy, lighting is not an option. Mr. Ruda gave all a background on what Nichols has been doing with the building and all recommended he reach out to Nichols. All thanked Ms. Rhault for her presentation.

b. Mason Road – Sidewalk Discussion related to Complete Street Grant - Dan Murphy, Engineer at Tighe and Bond, reviewed the sidewalk project on Mason Road. This project is part of the Complete Streets Grant which was awarded to the Town in the amount of \$400,000. The sidewalks will be installed on 99% of the town layout with a few trees and bushes removed. He explained that the sidewalk from the Fire Station to Mason Road Elementary School will be widened from 8 ft to 10 feet as a shared path. No trees will be removed. All of the sidewalks will be ADA compliant. He explained the entire project, and several residents voiced their concerns about signage and speeding. Mr. Murphy stated that a few trees will need to be removed. The road will be narrowed but it will bring the road to a more uniform layout and the speed will be reduced. Additional speed limit signs will be installed as well. After the sidewalks are installed the road will be repaved and clearly marked.

c. Senior Work off Program –MGL Chapter 59§5K, Senior Citizen Tax Work-off Abatement Program was adopted at town meeting May 24, 2010 but the town never went forward with the program. John Marsi stated that this program would be beneficial to seniors, but they will need to apply and be eligible. There is a maximum amount of \$750.00 that can be reduced on the real property tax bill. Richard Carmignani stated that in 2010 the administrative aspect was not in place. We will also need to establish where the money is coming from and how it is allocated. Steven Sullivan would like to see if the law has changed or been updated. Charlton has the program so we will reach out to them for information. This issue will be discussed at a future meeting.

d. Board of Selectmen vote to authorize debt exclusion votes – Steven Sullivan motioned that the Board of Selectmen vote to authorize the following questions to be included in the spring election ballot: 1). Shall the Town of Dudley be allowed to so-called debt exclude by exempting from the provisions of proposition two and one half, so called, the amount of Two Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$240,000) required to pay for bond issued in order to purchase one police cruiser and one fire command vehicle in fiscal year 2023, one police cruiser in fiscal year 2024 and one police cruiser in fiscal year 2025 and related equipment and incidental costs and expenses related thereto, approved by the October 24, 2021 Town Meeting? Yes or No. 2) Shall the Town of Dudley be allowed to so called debt

exclude by exempting from the provisions of proposition two and one half, so called, the amount of One Hundred Ten Thousand and Zero Cents (\$110,000) required to pay for the bond issued in order to purchase a salt brine ice road treatment system for the highway department and related equipment and incidental costs and expenses related thereto, approved by the October 25, 2021 Town Meeting? Yes or No. and provided, further, that said questions shall be deemed approved if a majority of the persons shall vote “yes”. At a duly posted meeting of the Board of Selectman on Monday, March 7, 2022 the Board voted to approve the above debt exclusion ballot questions for insertion on the June 13, 2022 town election ballot. Kerry Cyganiewicz seconded. Unanimous 3-0.

4. **Adjournment:** - Kerry Cyganiewicz motioned to adjourn at 7:55pm. Steven Sullivan seconded. Unanimous 3-0.

Richard Clark motioned to adjourn from the Planning Board meeting at 7:55pm. Steven Watroba seconded. Unanimous 5-0.

Respectfully submitted

Michelle Jervis, Administrative Secretary

Guy Horne

Richard Clark

Steven Watroba

Thomas Chojnacki

Daniel Edmiston