

MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

APRIL 19, 2021

6:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

(DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC THE MEETING WAS HELD VIRTUALLY USING ZOOM)

Members Present: William Renault (WR), Annie Wilton (AW), Frank Twiss (FT), George Dow (GD)

Members Absent: Ken Lisiak (KL)

Also Present: Town Administrator Andy Sheehan (AS), Town Moderator Barbara Piselli (BP), Selectman Kosta Prentakis (KP), Town Clerk Ilene Twiss (IT)

WR called the meeting to order at 6:05PM.

The Committee recapped the meetings held last with the Master Plan Committee, Planning Board, and Finance Committee. WR pointed out that there were lots of questions from MPC and PB; the unanimously Finance Committee recommendation is encouraging.

GD felt that WR's spreadsheet was good, but had too much detail; it needs to be made easier to follow. A list of comparable projects in other towns is necessary and the members need to be able to answer the questions that come up. There were lots of unknowns until recently; now we have to go forward and make the case. He said the affected department heads need to be visible in their support. He thinks this June is our best chance for success.

FT said it has to be all hands on deck during the final push, as it was with the operating override in 2016. The MDPC may need to meet more often.

WR said he is concerned how we reach enough people with the time we have available. He also said the future of the current facilities remains an unanswered question.

KP opined that many projects require more than one attempt, citing the Howe Manning School and Flint Public Library. Postponing is counter to the argument the MDPC has been making that time adds to the cost. He added that summer is a tough time to get people's attention; this summer will be harder than normal as people are more restless than ever to get out.

AW said we need a plan for the coming 6 weeks, including meeting dates and who is responsible for what.

GD moved to go forward with Town Meeting on June 5 and the ballot question on the June 12 Election. WR seconded. After a lengthy discussion the members voted unanimously by roll call in favor of the motion.

WR said the PTO is meeting May 4, 5, or 6; he will confirm and share the information. AS listed the meetings that need to be scheduled, including the PTO, Brigadoon neighborhood, Fuller

Pond, Ferncroft Tower, and general public presentations. He said the public presentations and some other groups may require more than 1 meeting. He will set up the meetings. WR asked for a list of meetings by the end of the week and the website updated by the end of the week.

The members agreed to meet again on 4/26 at 5PM. Public presentations were set for May 5 and May 11.

AW and WR asked that the links to the reports be made cleaner and more visible, the schedule of meetings be listed, and the videos be listed with the reports. Reports to post include the two HKT reports, the Tortora report on cost of upgrading existing facilities, list of other towns' projects, the updated Power Point presentation, and the debt plan. A long discussion ensued about the disposition of Memorial Hall and the COA. Disposition of real property is up to the Board of Selectmen and Town Meeting. That can be stated along with a commitment to apply any proceeds to a stabilization fund that will be used to offset debt service.

7:24 Meeting adjourned