



Select Board

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Select Board Meeting Minutes December 2, 2020 Public Forum Meeting

Open Meeting

Quorum present: Roger Kavanagh, Select Board Chair, Eric Shimelonis, Select Board Member, Kathleen Keresey, Select Board Member, and Marie Ryan, Town Administrator.

Others Present: Town Director of Public Works Curt Wilton and Finance Committee Chair Bob Salerno

Members of the Community: Amy Brentano (The Foundry), Grigori Fateyeu (TurnPark), Connie Eagan, Jared Gelormino (TurnPark), Frank Landsberger, Karen Kavanagh and Joe Roy, Jr.

Roger called meeting to order at 6:00 PM. He stated the purpose of this meeting is to solicit public input for the Winter Shared Streets and Spaces Grant application.

Kathleen requested Grigori present his plans for the area across from TurnPark around the pump station. Grigori shared the screen with his drawings and explained his vision for the area around the pump station on Moscow Road. He explained this project may be done in stages as the elements become available for purchase.

Roger asked for input from other attendees:

Bob Salerno:

- There is a total of 8 possible trails in town he would like to see worked on, possibly with the assistance of Berkshire Natural Resources.
- He would also like to see parking set up for the trails and steps at the Old Town Hall from the upper parking lot to the lower parking lot.

Kathleen reviewed emails from two residents who had responded to the request for input on the grant application:

- Margie Skaggs suggested work to be done on trails and walkways, as well as, open spaces with more seating.

- Louise Faggioni suggested a new automatic door at Town Hall and more benches around Town.

Curt Wilton, Director of Public Works had two major project suggestions.

1. Use all or most of the grant money to create sidewalks on Lenox Road to give safe walking access for residents on that road to walk downtown.
2. Use the grant money to upgrade the Card Pond area. He suggested an upgrade to the parking lot, use the field to the south for an ice skating rink, create trails around the side of the pond, a pavilion with picnic tables and improving the beach area near the playground equipment.

Curt stated doing one of these major projects will make the process simple with limited vendors and focus on one area giving the most improvements to impact the largest number of residents.

Roger:

- Create a walking trail around the perimeter of the Town Hall property to increase the use of existing Town facilities.
- He asked Curt to get ideas from the Parks and Recreation Committee and Joe Roy to have the Vision Committee make recommendations to Kathleen.

Eric:

- His priority is the traffic safety near the crosswalk on Main Street.
- He would like to have more shade trees near the playgrounds around town.

Frank:

- Traffic safety is important.
- Upgrading Card Pond is a great idea.
- Recommended which ever project that benefits the greatest number of residents to have a maximum impact be considered.

Karen:

- She suggested placing Grigori's plans on the website and ask for community input and comments and possibly include a document summarizing the ideas put forth at this meeting as well.

Roger made a motion to adjourn at 7:32 PM, Eric seconded. Roll call vote was taken:

Kathleen, Yes Eric, Yes Roger, Yes

Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie U. Ryan

Town Administrator