

TOWN OF CASTLETON SELECT BOARD MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, May 31, 2022 5:00 p.m.

Zoom Virtual Public Meeting

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ATTENDING VIA ZOOM: J. Leamy, Chair, Robert Spaulding, Mary Lee Harris, Joseph Mark, Parliamentarian, Richard Combs, Michael Jones, Town Manager

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Select Board Chair, Jim Leamy at 5:06 p.m.

APPROVE AGENDA

J. Mark made a motion to approve the agenda. R. Spaulding seconded. ML Harris asked how they knew they were going to be over budget in 23/24, are they over budgeting in the first place? J. Leamy explained they need to approve the agenda first, then they will discuss the action at hand. **All voted in favor. Motion carries 5-0.**

REVIEW AND APPROVE ALTERNATIVE FROM THE PEDESTRIAN ACCESSABILITY SCOPING STUDY AND DISUCSS/DETERMINE WHETHER TO APPLY FOR A BIKE & PEDESTRIAN GRANT THIS YER OR NEXT YEAR. DETERMINE FUNDING SOURCES(S) FOR TOWN'S 20% COST SHARE OF A BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN GRANT

R. Combs made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to apply for the bike and pedestrian grant. R. Spaulding seconded. ML Harris doesn't understand the documentation, talking of funds have right now, but then talk about budget surplus for year 23 and year 24, why should there be a surplus and how do they know there will be a surplus. M. Jones stated no guarantee of a surplus, have had one for last 6 years, not over budgeting, sometimes things don't get used. A lot of the time the board encumbers funds from one year to the next, and if no surplus, those specific things wouldn't get budgeted. ML Harris if there is not a surplus, where will the money come from? M. Jones stated \$45,000/year is budgeted for sidewalks, as long as that goes in the budget each year, it will be a few years out, but would cover the costs. There are funds that are there that could be used, and it would not be against the budgeted funds. J. Mark also asked about unassigned highway carry over, and questioned the equipment needs of the highway department, will those be addressed and if not, is there enough in the highway carryover. M. Jones felt there would be, even if they did have a major breakdown or event. J. Mark also questioned the now versus later. M. Jones stated if they apply and get turned down, they are told what they need to correct for the next year. If they don't apply now, they don't know for the second-year application what they need to get approved, then it moves into the third year, as well as the costs going up the longer it waits. J. Mark also addressed that the estimates currently are from 2020, and questions what the increases may be or if they are still valid. R. Spaulding asked specifically what applying for. M. Jones third phase is the lighting, but this is phase 2, from Buell block east to Amtrac and Village Pizza east to the rail trail. What they are considering right now is the University to Main Street and on the south side, from Glenbrook to the Village Pizza and Deli, on the north side a small section at the St John the Baptist church with an island in the village by the store. R. Spaulding asked what actual cost is. M. Jones explained is 1.5 million, \$300,000 is the town share and he reviewed the remaining numbers and would need about \$75,000 of the \$235,000 in the highway unassigned, which would be the Town's share after all said and done. This grant would be out until 2025 to be used. Construction probably would not start until 2024. ML Harris asked when applying for a grant for this amount, do they know how much they will grant the town, the whole amount or only a portion. M. Jones stated they have supplementals if they are not awarded whole that can be applied for the next year. **All voted in favor. Motion carries 5-0.** R. Spaulding asked M. Jones if he would jot down the numbers they have discussed for the next meeting for review. M. Jones stated he had done that in an email to R. Spaulding. ML Harris she better understands and wanted the board to be aware as well.

5:31 pm-ADJOURN

ML Harris made a motion to adjourn at 5:31 p.m. R. Combs seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Allison Harvey
Recording Secretary

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