

**RYE TOWN CENTER COMMITTEE
MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2020
5:30 P.M. TOWN HALL**

Members Present: Vice Chair Nina Parrott, John Mitchell, John Loftus, Secretary Kaitlyn Coffey, Victor Azzi, and Selectmen's Rep Phil Winslow.

Via Telephone: Mae Bradshaw

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Parrott called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance at 5:30 p.m.

II. Next Steps

Vice Chair Parrott asked Member Bradshaw what would be the next step regarding the TAP Grant.

Member Bradshaw stated that she felt it would be important to reach out to the experts at CMA and Rockingham Planning for guidance. She added that she is concerned as to where to get the money to finish up the survey.

Vice Chair Parrott pointed out that there is an approximate difference of \$2,200 from Plan A to Plan B.

Member Bradshaw suggested asking the Heritage Commission to come up with some of the funds.

Member Azzi stated that he has some drawings from Jim Verra that show the results of the survey of the existing condition of the part of Washington Road that the Committee is concerned with. This is the information that Phil Corbett of CMA needs to do the engineering associated with the TAP application.

Member Loftus recommended that the Committee contact Mr. Corbett and have him set the timeline for the additional information needed for the application.

Vice Chair Parrott clarified that it was her understanding that there are three parts of Jim Verra's work that will be needed. Part A and B are needed for the grant application and Part C will be needed if the grant is approved.

Member Azzi confirmed.

There was discussion regarding the “bottle neck”. Member Azzi recommended that the Committee take the survey and do a site walk of the area, in order to get a better understanding of the issue.

Vice Chair Parrott asked who was responsible to make the decision.

Member Azzi stated that CMA will be looking for some guidance from the Town.

Selectman Winslow stated that he agreed with Member Loftus. He recommended going back to Mr. Corbett and asking what else is needed. He also agreed with Member Azzi’s recommendation that a site walk be conducted with Mr. Corbett. That way they can discuss the options and what additional survey work is needed to get the application in.

Vice Chair Parrott asked if funding is available for additional survey work, if needed.

Selectman Winslow stated that if it is within a reasonable amount, he would like to think they could get the money from someplace. However, he would like to first understand where the Town stands now, what additional survey work is necessary and in which locations.

Member Loftus pointed out that there are many options available to handle this.

Selectman Winslow asked that Chair Stewart or Vice Chair Parrott contact Phil Corbett.

Vice Chair Parrott stated that as far as filling out the grant, she was under the impression that the Committee would be getting a lot of help. She asked who should be contacted, in terms of getting the process started.

Selectman Winslow recommended starting with Scott Bogle at Rockingham Planning. He also recommended that it would be appropriate to contact David Choate. Mr. Choate is on the Rye Historic District Commission and has dealt with this kind of application.

Member Bradshaw pointed out that the Committee only has two months to put the TAP application together, so that should be the focus for the next step. She added that it is a one-hundred-page application.

III. Other Business

Selectman Winslow stated that given the approval of the TD Bank/Parsonage exchange, he felt that one of the charges for this Committee would be to look at the additional acreage behind the TD Bank building and to make recommendations to the Selectmen as to what should be done with that acreage. He pointed out that there are a number of options. It could be used for recreation fields, school athletic fields, or put into conservation.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by John Loftus to adjourn at 6:19 p.m. Seconded by Mae Bradshaw. All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger