

City of Laconia
Planning Board
Capital Improvement Sub-Committee
Minutes of Public Hearing
Thursday, November 4, 2021 - 6:30 PM
Armand A Bolduc City Council Chamber

11/4/2021 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stacy Soucy called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

S. Soucy read aloud the instructions to access the meeting via ZOOM, how to participate using ZOOM, or by telephone.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Stacy Soucy; Peter Brunette(via ZOOM); Jane LaRoche; Paul Duggan; Mark Haynes; Bruce Cheney; Charlie St. Clair; Gail Ober; Mike Foote

Absent: Robert Hamel

3. RECORDING SECRETARY

Karen Santoro, Zoning Technician

4. STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Rob Mora, Assistant Planner

5. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

5.I. Draft Minutes From Oct 21 2021 (PDF)

G. Ober made a motion to approve the minutes of October 21, 2021 as presented.

B. Cheney seconded the motion.

All in favor.

6. REVIEW OF RANKINGS

6.I. CIP Rankings 2021 (PDF)

G. Ober asked how the committees work and rankings are utilized during the budget process. R. Mora explained the process and that at this meeting the committee has the option to discuss any line item that they may feel should be ranked differently. He explained that it then goes to the Planning Board and then onto the City Council to assist in the budget process. M.Haynes noted that the City Manager is also part of the process. B. Cheney explained that the document is advisory, it lets the Council see what others see as important line items.

The Board reviewed the ratings presented to them.

C. St. Clair made a motion to move the "goose remediation" to a separate line item.

B. Cheney seconded the motion.

All in favor.

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list.

P. Duggan seconded the motion.

All in favor.

G. Ober made a motion to separate the gazebo and the lifeguard chairs (Line 48) into separate line items.

C. St. Clair seconded the motion.

All in favor.

G. Ober made a motion to move the lifeguard chair line item to above current ranked item #15 (Weirs Beach water access).

G. Ober withdrew the motion after a brief discussion.

G. Ober made a motion to ask City Council to consider life guard chairs a separate line item and give them higher priority than currently ranked.

G. Ober withdrew the motion after a brief discussion.

The Board briefly discussed the Hilliard Road bridge replacement. M. Foote noted that when looking at replacing the bridge, look to the future with future development and consider both recreational trails and motor vehicle traffic.

B. Cheney noted that he had recently gone up to Hilliard Rd to see the bridge with the mayor. It was also noted that the current line item is for an engineering study so that when it is replaced it is done right and with future traffic in mind.

B. Cheney also commented that the two acre lot minimum is restrictive to building housing that is affordable to the working class. Council has discussed extending the infrastructure (water and sewer) toward the northwest part of the City which would allow for smaller lot sizes.

G. Ober stated that she was not in support of line item #20 (Security Fence). She felt that more lights and cameras were a better solution than to fence the area. M. Haynes commented that he was in support of the fence.

B. Cheney complimented S. Soucy on stepping up to the plate as Chair and how she efficiently ran the meetings.

C. St. Clair made a motion to refer the Committee's recommendations to the Planning Board.

M. Foote seconded the motion.

All in favor.

7. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:26 PM C. St. Clair made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

M. Foote seconded the motion

All in favor.