

Brentwood Planning Board Meeting Minutes 3.2.23

Present: Kristin Aldred- Chairperson

Bruce Stevens- Vice Chair

Doug Finan

~~Ned Matson~~

Jon Morgan-SB rep

Stefanie Kizza (via zoom)

Paul Kleinman

~~Brian West~~

Mark Kennedy

Kate Locke-Parks

Town Planner: Glenn Greenwood

Meeting held at Brentwood Town Hall

Finan motions to bring Locke-Parks to the table, Morgan seconds, all in favor, motion carries.

Kizza joins via Zoom. All votes during this meeting from here on out will be done by roll call.

Aldred opened the Public Hearing.

This is a public hearing to amend the current Capital Improvement Plan, (CIP). Glenn explains that the Board has been provided with a description of the project, to upgrade the communication system at the school, this is highly recommended by both the school and the police department. The project itself is a police department project. Incorporating this into the school means that the emergency network system will be comprehensive for the town. This project would take place quickly. Letty Bedard, speaking on behalf of the School Board, was present to answer questions from the Board. Bedard states that the school's capital improvement projects were not included on the present CIP for reasons unknown to her, the school is planning to use impact fees to cover the cost of this project. As a Selectboard Member, Morgan states that this is a critically important project for the school, as well as public safety, this is considered a security enhancement. The school has money available and allocated for this project but because it was not on the CIP and there was a different interpretation between the school's lawyer and town counsel. Aldred, so we are not voting to spend more money, we are voting to allow money that is already allocated to spent because of a technicality that is not allowing them to spend it currently. Morgan and Greenwood confirm this is accurate. Liz Faria, South Road, believes the communication between the police department and the school were previously updated. Faria states that years ago when they started the Safety and Security Fund, she was against it, because if someone wants to do harm and they don't care if they live or die, there is nothing you can do to stop them. Faria began asking about the school board budget, Stevens advised her to direct her questions to the School Board. Faria was frustrated that the Board could not provide an explanation of further detail regarding the safety enhancements. Greenwood states, it is not a secret, it is simply expanding the communications capability and the comprehensive nature between the police department and the school. Faria would like to know why. Aldred states that it is not the position of the Board to question why this is being recommended by the Chief of Police and the school, the Board is being asked to consider amending the CIP to include this project for which funds have previously been allocated. Kennedy states understands Faria's question but also the Board's position, he states he will rely on the testimony of his Chief, policemen, and School Board. **Stevens motions to amend the existing CIP to include this project as described, Finan motions. Finan – aye,**

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Morgan – aye, Locke Parks – abstain, Paul – aye, Kizza – aye, Aldred – aye. Motion carries. Greenwood will make the necessary adjustments and pass the information on to the Select Board as well as the School Board.

The Board discussed the conditional approval extension request from River Run, this request has been discussed at previous meetings, the Board was waiting on advisement from Town Counsel. Greenwood states he spoke with Town Counsel last week regarding this request, and Counsel is comfortable with the Board treating this like they would any other request for an extension of conditional approval, making sure, as we always do, that this request falls within the parameters of what our subdivision regulations call for, which it absolutely does, according to Greenwood.

Finan motions to extend the conditional approval until March 21, 2024, Steven seconds.

Finan – aye, Morgan – nay, Locke-Parks – aye, Kleinman – aye, Stevens – aye, Aldred – aye, Kizza – aye. Motion carries.

Aldred told the Board the Town received a \$40,000 grant and the contract needs to be signed. There was some discussion concerning who should sign the contract, Greenwood's name is on the contract, the grant confirmation letter was addressed to Sarah Tatarczuk, the Board feels it would be best for Madame Chair Aldred to sign the contract. **Stevens motions to have Aldred sign the contract, Morgan seconds. Stevens – aye, Kleinman – aye, Locke-Parks – aye, Morgan – aye, Finan – aye, Kizza – aye, Aldred – aye, all in favor, motion carries.**

Three hundred thirteen Route 125 was discussed. There were a couple of tenants/business owners from that property present at the Economic Development Committee meeting Monday. This property has had several complaints recently, from septic problems to water stoppage/lack of pressure, parking and signage complaints. The water issue was brought up toward the beginning of February. Kip Kaiser, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement was present to update the Board and dispel any misinformation.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Brentwood Planning Board