

MEREDITH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: June 11, 2008

Members Present: Bill Bayard, Chairman, Planning Board Rep
Mark Flanders, Vice-Chairman
Lou Kahn, Planning Board Rep
Miller Lovett, Board of Selectmen Rep
Jack Carty, Inter-lakes School Board Rep
Jack McEwan
Jeannie Forester
Justin Van Etten

Guests: Don MacFarlane, Conservation Commission
Ralph Piscipia, Conservation Commission
Vint Choiniere, Parks & Recreation Director

Staff Present: Carol M. Granfield, Town Manager
Brenda Vittner, Director of Administrative Services
John Edgar, Community Development Director

Approval of Minutes: Bill Bayard accepted the minutes of 5/28/2008 with no objections from Committee members.

Committee Discussion:

Conservation Commission Update: Don MacFarlane and Ralph Piscipia came before the Committee to update everyone about the Page Pond Project. Closing date is potentially the end of July, 2008. Both reiterated the intention of the Conservation Commission not to request additional funding during the term of the borrowing for the project. Carol Granfield updated the Committee that the Conservation Commission would be meeting with the Selectmen in a workshop on June 30th to discuss the Page Pond Project.

Bill Bayard reflected on the Water & Sewer Department issues. Miller Lovett discussed the issue of the self-imposed ceiling of \$1.8 million in relation to the Town's operating budget and that amount hasn't been visited in a couple of years. Lou Kahn feels that the focus should be on the needs and not be tied to the \$1.8 million threshold. Mark Flanders disagreed to some degree. John Edgar discussed the origin of the threshold amount was initially tied to historical spending and tax rate values. Bill Bayard pointed out the changes to the threshold include the exclusion of the aggregate amounts for equipment and roads.

Parks & Recreation Update: Vint Choiniere updated the Committee on various projects. First of which is the Child's Park project and the intersection in Meredith Center. There has been some items updated, primarily the GPS of the park, where the boundaries are; and uses. Jack Carty asked if it was possible to purchase adjacent land. Vint indicated that until some of the road issues are dealt with it is difficult to make improvements. Vint indicates that the real need is to replace the playground, small bathroom facility and other minor improvements; the project estimate is still about \$110,000. Carol discussed the outcome of the meeting in front of the Board of Selectmen concerning the intersection at Meredith Center and the result is more enforcement and no major change to the intersection. The lower Prescott Park Parking project will be completed with use of the Downtown Parking ETF and will no longer be in the CIP planning process for 2010. Discussion was had about creating a Parks Facility ETF to handle improvements for facilities in Meredith.

School District Update: there is one capital project, replacement of the roof at the High School, which will be funded from the Facilities Improvement ETF and is currently out for bid. The district is looking at installing seating at the athletic field and will be discussed next week. Depending upon prices, there may be a possibility of funding within the current year funding. The District will continue to fund the current ETF yearly. At this point there are no new capital projects coming forward.

Hearing no objections, Chairman Bayard closed the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

Brenda L. Vittner, Director of Administrative Services

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Accepted: June 18,2008