

TOWN OF BOXFORD

Minutes of the Boxford Planning Board March 26, 2018

adopted June 20, 2018

The Planning Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at the Boxford Town Hall.

Present: Robert Gore, Holly Langer, Ellen Nestervich, John Adams, Pat Cannonica, Angela Steadman, Christian Wise, Ross Povenmire (Planning Agent)

Absent: none

It was stated that this meeting is being recorded and broadcast on Boxford Cable Access Television

Joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen

Discussion of action to delay adoption of Task Force Road map to fall

The Task Force made a recommendation to delay from the May town meeting and to call an October town meeting. There was a discussion of the cost of Harriman to extend their study; this will be known in a few days.

There was discussion of what further the Harriman Group would assist in.

It was stated that the recommendation from the Task Force needs to be done by the end of August for a fall town meeting so there will be a meeting every other week of the Task Force.

Discussion with PBC regarding peer review and delay of repairs to Town Hall/library building

Margaret Chow-Menzer and Scott Novack were in attendance from the PBC and they gave an update on the draft report from the Gale Associates. The draft report was comprehensive in identifying the problems. It was agreed to have a peer review done.

It was suggested to invite the Gale Associates to come in and explain their report before issuing the final report.

It was stated that the PBC did not have enough money for an independent third party cost estimator so this is why the cost estimate is so broad.

When there is a final report and a peer review, Harriman will incorporate this into their report and adjust the recommendation of the level of repair that they will recommend.

Discussion with Task Force and Planning Board regarding additional study funding

An email of the proposal from the Harriman Group was distributed for review. There was a discussion of the nine tasks and the costs associated with each.

Upon a motion made by Holly L. and seconded by John A. it was moved to sponsor and support a Warrant Article for $134,000 to continue funding for the Task Force; the motion was approved with the exception of one opposition (Pat C.)

There was discussion of what the article will need in the fall to be on the ballot. It was stated that the deadline for the language is going to be August 1.

Discussion with HDC/HC regarding coordination with Cummings House proposal

Wendy Perkins and Chris Barensfeld were in attendance regarding the Cummings House proposal. There was a presentation that they are strongly opposed to the building being demolished and asked that they be included in any plans for the building.

Call Special Town Meeting for Tuesday, October 23, 2018

A special town meeting was called on by the Board of Selectmen.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Phaedra Doucette, Minutes Secretary