

Planning Board
Town of Hinsdale, NH
Meeting August 20, 2019

Present: Chair Sean Leary, Selectman Mike Darcy, Members Tom Woodbury, Lindsey Blake, Sandra Golden, and Alternate Beth Nadeau. William Hodgman was excused and no members of the public were present.

6:00 pm Chair S. Leary called the meeting to order.

A. Diorio made a motion to approve the Minutes dated July 16, 2019. She was seconded by Selectman Darcy. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on the Masterplan updates pertaining to the recreation chapter. There is no update yet of plans to update the existing boat ramp off Prospect St. The boat ramp off Rt. 119 will be taken out of the Masterplan when the new bridge is built, since traffic will be closed on both sides of the bridges.

S. Golden explained that she visited town hall and spoke with James and Kathryn. The properties of concern questions were answered. Selectman Darcy explained the auction process for town deeded properties.

Selectman Darcy explained that for a property to be tax deeded it needs to have unpaid taxes for two years. Then if the town decided to take the property, they deed it to the town. From there the previous property owner has three years to pay the taxes owed. After three years the property can be auctioned or sold. The town cannot collect any more than the taxes and fees owed on the property any excess goes back to the previous owner. The assessment on the property stops when the taxes resumes responsibility.

Selectman Darcy explained that the Masterplan specifically states that the pool shall be open ten weeks. He feels that this should be more flexible due to weather and staffing. The Masterplan shouldn't specify a certain number of weeks it should be open.

A. Diorio also stated that the wading pool should be removed from the Masterplan since it is no longer in use. She also explained that HCC should be written out to state Hinsdale Community Coalition. Outdoor Hinsdale should be added.

S. Golden explained that the study for a new Police Station should be removed. Also, that the emergency operations portion should be looked at.

Chair Leary explained that he has written a letter of support for Jill Collins's TAP Grant. The proposal for School St. is the same as the CMAC Grant previously applied for. He feels the proposal is a good thing since it coincides with Complete Streets and Safe Routes to School. Selectman Darcy made a motion to endorse and sign the letter of support. He was seconded by A. Diorio. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Leary explained that there are two properties that the Town has acquired not by Tax Deed. The first is a 12-acre lot of land on Old Chesterfield Rd that the town purchase in the 1950's for \$500. The second is a parcel on Canal St that the previous owners relinquished rights to and the town acquired through a legal process. The Town needs the permission from the Planning Board and Conservation Committee to move forward with the sale of the properties. The auctioneer has already looked at the properties. Once the board and committee give permission there will be two public hearings prior to the sale. A. Diorio made a motion to give permission to the Planning Board to go forward with the procedure of selling the parcels. She was seconded by Selectman Darcy. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Leary updated the board on the marketing proposal. HCIDC has granted 10K of approved funding.

If the project overruns there is a potential of 2K more. Sean and Mike met recently with a videographer. They will start filming as soon as possible. They will do interviews and after stock footage and the video is to be produced by fall or winter post production. They will receive deliverables by early spring. HCIDC is now Hinsdale Economic Development Corporation (HEDC). HEDC will need to make most of the phone calls. Sandra Golden will help in any way on behalf of HEDC. SWRPC can provide some resources, Antioch and River Valley Community College can help with knowledge of needed workforce. CDC Lynch will start going to businesses and discussing the project with them and asking permission for them to be interviewed.

Board Business:

Chair Darcy was asked by the Fire Chief is there was any way to make mandatory putting fencing around dumpsters on Main St. The board felt at this time they had a lot on their plate and this subject may wait until next year.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, A. Diorio made a motion to adjourn. She was seconded by L. Blake. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Lynch, Community Development Coordinator