

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Public Hearing January 29th

Present: Chairman James Weagle, Selectman Michael Phillips, Selectman Chris Wheelock, Robin Irving, Al Rossetto, Jim Morse

Public hearing called to order at 6 pm by Chairman Weagle

The public hearing is to discuss a resolution and vote for a USDA RBDG grant application and designation of an authorized signor and certified official for the administration of the grant.

Robin Irving stated that the Board had already voted to submit an application but she was requesting the board to reaffirm that vote to submit the application 'for purposes of water and sewer engineering and roadway design report for the lagoon parcel.'

Motion from Selectman Michael Phillips, 2nd from Selectman Chris Wheelock. All in favor 3-0.

Robin Irving also requested a formal vote to accept the DES Exxon grant money in the amount of \$200,000 pursuant to RSA 31:95-b , that is unanticipated funds, to pay for the Reservoir Road project.

Motion made by Selectman Michael Phillips, 2nd Selectman Chris Wheelock. All in favor 3-0.

Robin Irving requested that the Board grant to Robin Irving (Special Project Administrator), authority as authorized signor for any and all paperwork for the grant application. Secondly, for the chairman, currently James Weagle, to be the certifying official for the grant paperwork.

Motion by Selectman Michael Phillips. 2nd by Selectman Chris Wheelock. All in favor for first motion 3-0. Chairman Weagle abstained for second motion.

Public hearing was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Chairman Weagle opened the Board of Selectmen's Regular Business Meeting at 6:07 p.m.

A. Request for Match Money

After reading the RBDG application point system for the match money, Robin Irving determined that she needed more money to reach the scoring threshold. She explained that the resulting ratio after taking the amount of match money and dividing it by the total amount of the money that you are asking for must be greater than 25% to get 20 points. The current match is \$15,000 for a total grant request of \$60,000. That is equal to 25%, not greater than 25%. According to this scoring system, I would get 0 points. There are 2 options: she can either ask the Town for match money or she can ask for less total grant money. She opted to ask the Town for more match money because the USDA representative had said that the application would look better if there were some contribution from the applicant. She is requesting some nominal contribution, either \$500 or \$1000.

Selectman Phillips asked where that money would come from in the budget. Robin said that she thought that it was probably already accounted for in an engineering line in water. Selectman Phillips pointed out that there had been \$10,000 in engineering but it was spent in 2017. Chairman Weagle noted that there was also \$800 in the crane line, but there is always a risk that the crane may ne needed. Selectman Phillips was not opposed to contributing the \$1000 if a line item could be identified. Robin asked if the money could be taken out of fund balance from last year if the Board knew where the town stood on that balance. Chairman Weagle said that the Board could ask that of Crane and Bell during their visit on Wednesday, January 31st. Selectman Phillips said that it could be done with a warrant for this amount to come from fund balance. Robin said that a warrant would work because the due date for the application was moved out to April and is no longer before Town Meeting . The Board agreed that a warrant would be the best route to go.

Selectman Phillips asked what will happen with that \$200K if that grant awrd comes through and we are not spending the bond money that the town has currently designated for that project. Robin explained that she recently followed up with John Malm from Union Bank and confirmed that the town could to pay the money back early and re-finance the bond.

Selectman Wheelock asked about the status of the Reservoir Road project. Robin said that construction is done. All that needs to be done prior to turning the valve is pressurizing of the main, and two days of microbiological testing of the water. By the end of the week, the valve should be able to turned, then the main on the covered bridge will be discontinued and can be removed.

Meeting adjourned 9:49