

**PLANNING BOARD
RECORD OF MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 6, 2009**

The Planning Board of the Town of Weymouth held a public meeting on Tuesday, January 6, 2009, at 7:30pm at McCulloch Building Conference Room, 182 Green Street, Weymouth, MA

Present: Paul Hurley, Chairperson
Walter Flynn, Vice Chairperson
Sandra Williams, Clerk
Mary Akoury
David Chandler

Staff: Rod Fuqua, Principal Planner
Adele Cullinane

Recording Secretary: Janet Murray

Chairman Hurley called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Minutes

A MOTION was made by Mr. Flynn to accept the minutes from the 11/18/08 Planning Board Meeting and was seconded by Chandler and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Capital Improvement Plan

Library

Ms. Lamothe appeared before the Planning Board. She stated that the Fogg Library project is being funded through the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). This funding will cover the cost of exterior work which will cost \$1.7 million. This work should be completed by late fiscal year 2010.

Mr. Flynn asked about the interior of the building. Ms. Lamothe stated that there is a committee in place that has met in December and January and intends to meet monthly to discuss possible future reuse.

Mr. Flynn stated that the “rough” estimate for interior work is \$500,000. He stated that he would like to see this interior improvement line added to the in process amount along with the exterior work.

Mr. Chandler asked if state library funds are available. Ms. Lamothe stated that there is no money currently available. She also noted that the state will not fund work on a branch library.

Mr. Chandler noted that the Fogg Library restoration was included in the Host Community Agreement (HCA) with the Southfield project. Ms. Lamothe stated that there was approximately \$400,000 from the HCA. Mr. Flynn stated that the CPC would look for reimbursement from any funding received from the HCA.

Mrs. Akoury asked if the committee has a time frame for a decision regarding the interior work. Ms. Lamothe stated that with the projected exterior work scheduled to be completed in 2010 a time frame has not been set.

Mr. Flynn pointed out that the architects had strongly recommended that the exterior work be done in conjunction with the interior work; however this was not done as the funding would have needed bonding.

Ms. Lamothe discussed the request for central air conditioning for the North Branch Library. This branch has never had air conditioning. She noted that the building has many glass windows and can get very warm during hot weather.

Ms. Lamothe stated that schematic design for the new library is unscheduled but will remain on the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The previous administration had plans for a new library at Libby Field. The plan for a library at this location is not supported by the present administration.

Elder Services

Ms. Barnes stated that Elder Services has the following vehicles:

- Four 7 passenger vans
- An 18 passenger bus which is new; it was purchased through a grant from the Department of Transportation (80%).
- Nine passenger minivan

Many of the vehicles are purchased through donations from business such as Weybank, Rotary Club, Friends of the Council on Aging, generally in the amount of \$5000 each to fund a vehicle.

Mr. Flynn asked if the \$25,000 figure for the minivans would still be valid in 2012. Ms. Barnes stated that she believed that this price would still be valid.

Mr. Fuqua noted that Elder Services has done a good job keeping track of their vehicles. Having the vehicles on the CIP gives credibility to the need when they are looking for donations.

Administration and Community Services

Mr. Gallagher started with in process items. He noted that gutters at Town Hall had to be repaired. He noted that nothing has happened on the outdoor pavilion.

Mr. Flynn stated that the CPC has voted to rescind the approval of funding for the pavilion due to a recent legal finding in Needham.

Mr. Chandler asked if using the vocational students has been considered. Mr. Gallagher stated that this option has not been looked into.

Four wheel drive Emergency Management vehicle will need to be replaced and has been moved to FY 12. A second vehicle, F250, is unscheduled. He would like to move this to FY 10. This would replace a 1952 Kaiser jeep that no longer works. Finally, a service van for recreation will

remain in FY 11. This vehicle has in excess of 100,000 miles on it. A fifteen passenger van on the list has been secured by a grant.

Mr. Gallagher stated that he would like to keep the Teen Center roof repairs in FY '10 for funding if money comes available. Mr. Chandler stated that the Friends of the Teen Center have money that could be used for this purpose. Mr. Gallagher stated that he would look into this.

Health

Mr. Marino sent an email noting the there is no money in the budget. The Health Department request will remain unscheduled.

Planning

Mr. Fuqua stated that the Back River Trail plan is in process; some money has been received but the project is on hold. Some of the designs that have been funded are under way. Networking with the state to secure funds; the funding will be primarily through state and federal funding, in kind services and oversight.

Proposed plan for lighting at Middle Street and Libbey Industrial Parkway. The design phase is 100% completed but a public hearing is needed. The plan calls for the funding to come from free cash or Chapter 90 as money comes available.

The intersection at Pleasant Street and Libbey Industrial Parkway is supposed to be funded through Alexan project mitigation.

Mr. Chandler noted that there are no sidewalks on Libbey Industrial Parkway. He suggested that this be considered as possible mitigation for future projects.

Mr. Fuqua stated that the Columbian Square project is waiting for funding.

There has been a request for a pedestrian signal at Green and East Street. In house review and assessment to document the need have been completed.

At Pond Meadow Park there is piece of land to be purchased; this is a CPC project. No information is available as the proceedings are in Executive Session.

The Herring Run Pool improvements are funded through CPC. This will be moved to in process. A plan should be available to the Mayor within the next month. The designer is Icon Design and is the same company that has done work on the Back River Trail.

Stimulus package

A task force has been put together to discuss possible projects to be submitted to the state to be funded through a stimulus package. A project would need to be ready to begin within 180 days. A list of eight or nine projects has been prepared.

Form A

Healy Road - Turn around on the extension on Norma Avenue; the house has been built. This Form A does not create a buildable lot.

Mr. Flynn made a MOTION to ENDORSE the Form A for Healy Road and was seconded by Mrs. Akoury and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Herring Run Pool – this is for approval of a perimeter plan to establish the lot.

Mrs. Akoury made a MOTION to ENDORSE the Form A for the Herring Run perimeter plan and was seconded by Ms. Williams and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Reorganization

Mr. Hurley turned the meeting over to Ms. Williams, Clerk. She asked for a nomination for chairperson.

Mr. Hurley made a MOTION to nominate Mr. Flynn to the position of Chairperson and was seconded by Mr. Chandler. Mr. Flynn Accepted the nomination. The MOTION was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Mr. Flynn, as chairman, asked for nomination for Vice-Chairperson

Mr. Chandler made a MOTION to nominate Ms. Williams as Vice-Chairperson and was seconded by Mr. Hurley. Ms. Williams accepted the nomination. The MOTION was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Ms. Williams made a MOTION to nominate Mrs. Akoury as Clerk and was seconded by Mr. Chandler. Mrs. Akoury accepted the nomination. The MOTION was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Mr. Chandler made a MOTION to nominate Mr. Flynn as the Planning Board representative to the CPC and was seconded by Mrs. Akoury. Mr. Flynn accepted the nomination. The MOTION was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Adjournment

At 8:45 pm, there being no further business, a MOTION was made by Mr. Hurly to adjourn and was seconded by Mrs. Akoury, and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Walter Flynn, Chairperson

Date