

WEYMOUTH PLANNING BOARD
McCulloch Building, Whipple Center, Mary McElroy Meeting Room
182 Green Street
February 5, 2013
Minutes

PRESENT:

Walter Flynn, Chairman
Paul Hurley
Dave Chandler
Mary Akoury, Clerk

NOT PRESENT:

Sandra Williams, Vice Chairman

ALSO PRESENT:

James Clarke, Director Planning and Development
Robert Luongo, Principal Planner

Chairman Flynn called the February 5, 2013 Planning Board meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and stated that he did not receive word that Ms. Williams would be late or possibly absent.

REVIEW OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Planning Board reviewed the Mayor's suggested priority list of proposed projects for FY14 and compared it to Planning Board's priority list to check for discrepancies.

#8	Fire Dept	Station1 Generator	\$30,000
#9	Health	Field Tablets	\$25,000
#10	IT	Desktops	\$20,000
#11	IT	Printers	\$10,000
#12	IT	Library upgrades	\$25,000
#18	Planning	Planning, Pedestrian Signal @ Broad & Washington Streets	\$25,000
#24	Planning	Planning, Great Esker Marsh Restoration	\$155,000
#25	Planning	Planning, Seach play area	\$100,000
#26	Planning	Planning, Legion Field	\$3,260,000
#29	Police	Card Access	\$75,000
#31	Police	Command Center Shutters	\$50,000
#32	Public Works	Public Works building	\$545,000
#36	Public Works	Resurface school parking & Driveways	\$400,000
#37	Public Works	Sidewalk repairs	\$300,000
#38	Public Works	Road resurfacing	\$1,900,000
#39	Public Works	Seawall repairs	\$4,000,000
#41	PW, Sewer	Annual I/I Programs	\$1,000,000
#42	PW, Sewer	Pump Station rehabilitation	\$100,000
#43	PW, Sewer	Water Tank Rehabilitation,	

		Great Hill	\$650,000
#44	PW, Sewer	Water Main replacement Program	\$1,000,000
#48	Schools, Buildings and Grounds	Johnson, replace roof front Of building	\$240,000
#68	Schools, Buildings and Grounds	Various schools, handicapped Accessibility	\$350,000
TOTAL			\$14,260,000

#54 Ms. Akoury would like it noted that Planning Board suggested that a comprehensive study be done to determine replacing computer with iPads as part of new technology for schools.

#27 Mr. Clarke commented that the turf study does not have a funding source but the town wants to move forward with the design of the fields at Pingree and Legion Field. Last night Town Council mentioned this issue at its meeting. Mr. Clarke requested to have further examination of a turf field at Legion Field. If the town does not move forward with Pingree the town would like to move forward with Legion Field. A soil analysis needs to be done to help evaluate the use of turf. Ms. Akoury asked that the Planning Board add a comment to this item that the town sports leagues try to help with the costs of the turf field. Mr. Clarke stated that the town is currently looking at a better method of fee structure and giving out permits for fields. Mr. Clarke stated that if the town gets Pingree and Legion Fields done it would take a lot of pressure off of the fields at Central.

The Planning Board reviewed the Mayor's suggested priority list of vehicles for FY14 and compared it to Planning Board's priority list to check for discrepancies.

#3	Admin. and Community Services, Emergency Management/ Civil Defense	Four wheel drive pickup truck With plow and crew cab	\$40,000
#5	Fire	Replace 1986 Mack Engine	\$900,000
#9	Police	Police cruiser replacement (7)	\$245,000
#17	Public Works	One 35,000 GVW catch basin Cleaner	\$160,000
#20	Public Works	One vacuum street sweeper	\$220,000
#21	Public Works	Tractor with a flail mower	\$20,000
#21	Public Works	Sidewalk tractor with snow plow Rubber tire	\$110,000

#23	Public Works	Sand spreader units	\$20,000
#25	Public Works	New forklift	\$25,000
#26	Public Works, Sewer	One-ton dump truck with plow Package	\$55,000
#27	Public Works, Sewer	Medium duty dump truck with Plow package	\$85,000
#30	Public Works, Water	Dump truck 55k GVW with Spreader and plow	\$180,000
#33	Public Works	Skid steer loader with Attachment	\$35,000
#34	Public Works	Medium duty dump truck with Plow package	\$85,000
#36	Central Maintenance (Schools)	Bobcat with forks	\$25,000
#42	School	3 Ford high-top sped vans	\$141,000
TOTAL			\$2,346,000

Mr. Chandler made a MOTION to APPROVE the Capital Improvement Plan as presented with two comments to be added, respectfully (1. Research new technology at schools, and 2. Fund raising for turf fields via sports leagues). Mr. Hurley SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENT
- MORATORIUM - MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTERS

Mr. Clarke stated the citizens of Weymouth voted in favor of Question 3 on the ballot in November 2012. The Mayor has been meeting with staff to determine what local action should be taken to regulate these activities. The administration has proposed a zoning moratorium on the permitting of medical marijuana treatment centers until the state develops guidelines and the town can study the potential impacts of these centers.

Ms. Akoury asked why the group picked May 1, 2014 for the review end date. Ms. Akoury further stated that the Department of Public Health's track record is not that great. Ms. Akoury stated she would be interested in a later date so that the Town of Weymouth could get better/more information on this topic.

Mr. Clarke stated that when a town does a moratorium it needs to state reasons clearly and give an end date; it needs to be a reasonable end date. Mr. Clarke stated if it gets towards the end of January next year and the group doesn't feel it has reached a decision, the group can always get an extension on the moratorium.

Ms. Akoury stated this is a dry issue in the town; if the adults cannot accept it, it is not good. One good thing for Weymouth is the Cancer Center in the town. Ms. Akoury stated that she understands the regulations on a moratorium.

Mr. Clarke stated that this is why the town is being careful, so that the town is not challenged. Mr. Clarke stated that Rhode Island passed this measure a year ago and they do not have any treatment centers yet.

Ms. Akoury asked Mr. Clarke what cities have put a ban on the marijuana treatment centers. Mr. Clarke stated he is not sure but can get that information for Ms. Akoury.

Mr. Clarke stated that he wants to make it very clear that Mayor Kay is very concerned about this ballot passing and this is the most logical way to handle the situation. Ms. Akoury asked who is on the panel/board that is studying the best ways to handle situation. Mr. Clarke stated that currently it is being handled internally via; Planning Department, Building Department, Police Department, Health Department and the Mayor's Office.

Chairman Flynn stated Councilors O'Connor and Smart are on board (in favor) of the draft of this moratorium, correct? Mr. Clarke stated yes; both councilors signed in favor. Mr. Clarke stated a ten citizen petition was signed by ten citizens. Mr. Clarke stated that he would have brought the petition before the Planning Board but there just wasn't enough time. The public hearing for this petition is Monday, March 4, 2013; and will be announced in the newspapers next Wednesday.

On Monday, March 4, 2013 the Planning Board will meet jointly with Town Council to hold a public hearing on the petition. Planning Board will adjourn to the Kelly Room, where Mr. Clarke hopes they will reach a decision if there are no outstanding issues, and return to chambers and present their decision to Town Council.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:40PM, there being no further business, a MOTION was made by Mr. Hurley to ADJOURN and was SECONDED by Mr. Chandler. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Callbeck
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

Chairman, Walter Flynn

Date