

**PLANNING BOARD
RECORD OF MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS
NOVEMBER 16, 2004**

The Planning Board of the Town of Weymouth held a public meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2004, at 7:30pm at McCulloch Building, Whipple Center Conference Room, 182 Green Street, Weymouth, MA.

Present: Paul Dillon, Chairperson
Walter Flynn
Paul Hurley

Staff: Rod Fuqua, Principal Planner
Jim Keefe, Procurement Officer

Recording Secretary: Janet Murray

Paul Dillion called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

CAPITAL BUDGET

Administrative and Community Services – Caroline LaCroix, Director

Rod Fuqua spoke regarding the Veteran's Memorial Wall adjacent to the Town Hall. He noted that this memorial includes "all" veterans, not just those who died. Mr. Fuqua noted that Weymouth's Civic Center includes the Memorial Wall, as well as the Town Hall, the former Weymouth High School, the Ralph Talbot Amphitheatre, and the Cross of Grey. This area received renovations in 1999. Brick walkways, lighting, and landscaping were replaced or added.

The Vietnam Era plaque was installed in 1972. There are 600 veterans' names on the plaque at this time. Nine hundred names need to be added. There is \$10,000 available to complete this. Franklin Fryer, the Town Clerk, is the only surviving member of the original committee. An additional \$15,000 is available from a fund set up by this committee.

The World War II plaque needs to have 90 veterans' names added.

The WW II and Korean War plaque needs to have 9 veterans' names added.

The Korean War plaque needs to have 30 veterans' names added.

The total budget request of \$30,000 has been sent to the Mayor. The Mayor has sent it to the Town Council who in turn has referred it to committee.

Mr. Fuqua noted that in addition to the above-mentioned plaques, there are plaques honoring veterans of the Civil War, World War I, and the Mexican American War. He informed the Board that the Mexican American War plaque was stolen and needs to be replaced. He also noted that there would be a request in the future for plaques for veterans of the Indian Wars and the King Phillips War.

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Caroline LaCroix, Director of the Administrative and Community Services Department appeared before the Planning Board.

As Rod Fuqua had already discussed the Veteran's Memorial Wall, Ms. LaCroix spoke in regards to Building and Grounds. There are two projects currently scheduled. The sub floor at the teen center needs to be replaced and the carpet replaced with tile. The common areas of the McCulloch building need to be air-conditioned. There are AC units in each classroom. The common areas are the hallways, the kitchen, and the gymnasium. AC is a top priority of elder services. As part of the study for AC in the common areas, it was recommended that the cost of the putting AC in the entire building be researched.

Ms. LaCroix noted that meals on wheels provide seating at the McCulloch building for approximately 25 seniors. The rest of the meals are delivered.

An unscheduled project is the renovation of 55 Hollis Street. This is an old water department building. Emergency Management and Civil Defense use this facility. The restrooms, ceilings, lighting, and kitchen need work. It was noted that the public area could serve as temporary shelter for a small number of displaced people. This may be put in as a CDBG request.

Paul Dillon questioned the reasoning behind continuing to put money into an old building. Ms. LaCroix noted that Civil Defense has used volunteer services to do minor repairs.

Walter Flynn questioned the existence of asbestos condition of the building. It was noted that there is no carpeting, and the floors are made of cement. The casings and piping are sure to have asbestos.

With the proposed reuse of the former Naval Air Station, it was noted that there might be a police sub-station at the old base security building. If this were to happen, the Civil Defense could relocate there.

This request would need to be reviewed by the Construction Steering Committee.

Library – Joanne Lamothe, Director of Tufts Library

Joanne Lamothe, Director of the Tufts Library, appeared before the Board. She stated that the Library had three unscheduled projects:

1. Central AC at the North Branch of the Tufts Library. In hot weather the temperature builds up in the building because it is basically a glass box with a flat roof. This branch is open one full day and two half days.
2. Boiler at the Main Library on Broad Street needs to be replaced. A review of this needs to take place. A three year history of maintenance should be submitted.
3. Elevator at the Main Library has failed inspection. There is a faulty hydraulic jack. It would take six to eight weeks to get the part and have it installed. The cost is \$25,000. This project could potentially tap CDBG funds.

She stated that FY05 projects currently in process are as follows:

1. Fogg Library restoration project was assessed in 2003. There is water damage, the roof needs repair, and stones need repointing. Funding is in place from funds remaining in the Town Hall restoration project. The Town Hall project came in under budget. Ms. Lamothe impressed upon the Board the need to make the building weather tight before beginning any renovations on the inside. Rod will review this project for CDBG funding potential.
2. The Main Library is looking to replace the carpeting, install a new circulation desk, and provide new seating and tables. This is from Article 24 from Town Meeting in 1999.

The McCulloch stage and ADA upgrades as well as the Pingree elevator are tentatively scheduled for construction next summer through CDBG funds.

Acquired vehicles include a van (line #15) and a wheel chair lift (line #9).

Requested vehicles are as follows (these have been scheduled out):

- Mini van for Elder services. The 1995 Windstar has 106,000 miles on it.
- Utility vehicle for Civil Defense.
- Mini bus with wheelchair lift. The 1999 Aerobus has 74,530 miles on it.
- 15 passenger van for recreation. The current 1994 van has 74,061 miles on it.
- Standard van for book delivery for the library.

Paul Hurley spoke regarding the potential use of alternative fuel vehicles such as natural gas.

It was noted that the Weymouth Educational Telecommunication Channel (WETC) will be moving into the lower level of the Pratt Library building. The prior tenant was the Decisions program of the Weymouth Public Schools. This program has since relocated to the new Weymouth High School on Pleasant Street.

FORM A

Liberty Street

Liberty Street. Jim Bristol has purchased land and is requesting zoning changes to match property.

There will need to be a joint meeting with the Town Council in order to make any proposed zoning change.

Paul Dillon made a MOTION to APPROVE the request for Form A and was seconded by Walter Flynn and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED. Paul Hurley abstained from voting.

Martin Street

The Sportsmen's Club at the end of Martin Street next to Reed's Cemetery is looking to subdivide. There would be one lot off Front Street and one lot off Martin Street. They will return to the Board for road conditions.

Paul Dillon made a MOTION to APPROVE the request for Form A pending a note on the plan that the lot off Martin Street would need roadway conditions and was seconded by Walter Flynn and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Wolcott and Fort Point Streets

This is a request for a land swap. This is needed for deeded purposes.

Paul Hurley made a MOTION to APPROVE the request for Form A and was seconded by Paul Dillon and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

At 8:45 pm, there being no further business, a MOTION was made by Walter Flynn to adjourn and was seconded by Paul Hurley, and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Paul M. Dillon
Paul Dillon, Chairperson

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