

AGENDA
10-Year Strategic Planning Committee
Wednesday, September 10, 2014 @ 7:00pm
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members Present: Trish Danka, Jen Magri, Bruce Baker, Don Smith, Jeff Dussetschleger, Kristen Harmeling (7:42 PM)

Members Absent: Kathie Vrlík

Others Present: None

Item #1 - Call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM

Item #2 - Pledge of Allegiance

All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Item #3 - Public comment

There was no public comment.

Item #4 - Approval of minutes

A motion was made to table the minutes.

Motion: Jeff Dussetschleger **Second:** Bruce Baker

Vote: 5-0

Item #5: - Efficient Effective Local Government plan

Trish – We need to keep moving forward and finish this section up. Additional suggested are need prior to meetings if you cannot attend. Kathie had suggested that we have more workshop type meetings like we did at the beginning and then tweak things afterwards.

a. Measurements – finalize page 1, continue if time allows

Bruce – I don't know that I think strict measurements are necessary. It would be better to let the department heads assist in their development.

Don – I'm concerned that we're going too in-depth.

Bruce – We really need to review and take action on the Town buildings. We should revise the plan that was already put forward and get the Board of Selectmen's blessing before we undertake it. We should probably spend approximately \$10 million over the coming years. If we do one-off repairs, we'll end up wasting money. We need to have a professional come in and tell us how to do it.

Trish – If the Board of Selectmen doesn't accept the plan again, I can't imagine the Board of Finance will approve it.

Bruce – If we don't, what we're doing now is a waste of time. I think we need to figure out where we want to be in ten years and then go from there. We need to agree that

we need to formulate a new plan and the Board of Selectmen needs to be prepared to accept it. Only then can we put it in the long-range plan.

Trish – So priority one is going to be to get a new report, then to get it approved.

Bruce – Correct.

Jen – You have to get the support first.

Trish – It's pointless getting their commitment beforehand because that's what we did last time.

Jen – Getting the buildings up-to-date is fine and I think you can get the commitment, but in terms of space usage I think it's unlikely. A capital plan is a lot more realistic.

Don – The same as they're doing for the roads needs to be done for the buildings.

Bruce – 98 Bank was mostly ignored during the last study. We need to commit to the long term or not. There is a 20-year lease we're committed to as is.

Trish – What's a reasonable amount for us to expect it to cost to get this done?

Jen – There are cost projections in the original study.

Don – Like any study, it's how much do you want to spend? Do you want broad or specific? The original study gives us the long-range space usage.

Trish – Rory, can you get me on the first Board of Selectmen meeting in October?

Don – Maybe we need a permanent Town Building Committee? I would put that as a whole separate goal.

Jeff – Maybe under an infrastructure management plan.

Bruce – It needs to be stressed that it will be a major undertaking and it needs to be very qualified individuals.

Trish – Can we add a goal for adding a tracking mechanism for the deliverables?

Jen – For example, HR should be keeping track of all professional development and training attended.

Bruce – We'll leave it to the First Selectman and department heads to assign responsibility and track.

Item #6 - Open discussion

Trish – Don and I met with the Conservation Commission. They filled out a form and prioritized their ideas. They want to have a consultant come in every few years to do a forest management plan. That could be cost positive.

Don – They also want to clear the downed trees near the Great Hill Reservoir because it's a fire hazard.

Jen – It's up to them to put it in their budget. We can include it in ours as support, but it needs to be their own.

Trish – The other item was putting money aside for an open space fund.

Don- There are 400 acres of forest among 10 parcels. They're looking for public access onto the river and emergency access to the river if there should ever be a need.

Trish – We really need to get Economic Development finished by December. Rory, could you work with Fred on that?

Jen – In terms of public engagement, could we put the word out for a public meeting at the roads bonding issue on October 21?

Trish – We'll have to have some kind of online presence and some kind of control to ensure that it's only people who utilize Seymour's services in some way.

Jen – We can use the classroom clicker system.

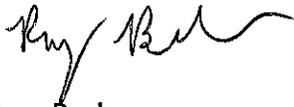
Don – Planning & Zoning is 7:30 tomorrow and we're on the agenda.

Item #7 - Adjournment

Bruce, Kristen

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Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rory Burke", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rory Burke

Recording Secretary