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PLANNING BOARD
Minutes 12/13/2021

1. Call to order: 6:00

Declaration of quorum: Present: Ed Hummel, Peter Devine, Nathan Pitts Ursula Bernier, Robert Goings. Guest: Phil Stevens

2. Approval of minutes of 11/09/21: Moved and accepted
Motion: Nathan Second: Ursula Vote 5 / 0 / 0
3. Communications: Email from Karen Stone (Administrative Assistant) re: budgeting for legal services. Also email from Karen re: possible broadband collaboration with Exeter.
4. Meeting with Phil Stevens: Phil explained the challenges related to E-911 coordination including limited state support, inadequate training, increased requests for E-911 addresses, and limited access to Windows 11 software required to access the e-911 system. Phil met recently with the select board to review the situation. They agreed to research the best way to provide Phil with the resources to do the job. Printing any E-911 maps may involve piecing together sections of the town. Phil also reported that as Garland does not have a building code and has more than 1000 citizens, new buildings may be subject to state regulations requiring construction to be built to state building codes.
5. Report by Nathan on possible grant proposals: Nathan discussed four potential projects:
 - a. Transfer Station: improvements to possibly include a wood chipper, new compactor, composting and glass crushing. Next steps waiting on state to publish Requests for Proposals
 - b. Water Supply for Town Office: The Wellhead Protection Program looked to be a possible source of financial aid. Tom Todd and Randy Webber might be good sources of information.

- c. Millet Rd. Bridge: New bridge might be as long as 50' - 60' because water currently running behind abutments. Engineering needs to be done to design replacement. DOT might fund up to 50%.
- d. Elderly Housing: Community Development Block Grants (Community Action) may be a source of grant funding.

Nathan will explore forming a "Grant Committee" to do further research and pursue grants.

- 6. Report on E-911 map and road name project: on hold awaiting Phil being able to access system (see item #4 above)

- 7. Update on Broadband Initiative: Karen Stone had forwarded an email inquiry from the town manager of Exeter about collaborating with Garland and possibly Stetson to pursue a grant application with Premium Choice Broadband. Ursula (with support from Robert) will follow up.

- 8. Solar Initiative: Ed will see if there is interest by the Select Board in re-visiting a solar initiative by the town before connecting again with Vaughn Woodruff

- 9. New Business: Ed will follow up with the Select Board to ensure they are moving forward with a Public Hearing for the proposed Subdivision Ordinance.

Ed will also get back to Karen re: budgeting for legal services next year. Possible needs might relate to any collaboration with other towns around broadband grants and non-profit entity headlining pursuit of elderly housing

10. Public Participation: None

11. Adjournment: 8:01 pm

Motion: _Peter___Second: _Ursula___Vote: 5/0/0