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PLANNING BOARD
Minutes 10/12/2021

1. Call to order: 6:00

Declaration of quorum: Present: Ed Hummel, Peter Devine, Kandie Cleaves, Nathan Pitts Ursula Bernier. Alternate: Robert Goings. Guests: Gina Fick (selectperson), David Carmichael

2. Approval of minutes of 9/14/21: Moved and accepted as ammended
Motion: __Kandie__ Second: __Nathan__ Vote 5/0/0

3. Communications: Lori Major from the Oliver Hill Road contacted Ed and informed him that they had gotten in touch with Phil Stevens, that he had looked over the lot changes, and said that things looked fine.

4. Update on E-911, town roads status and official names (CEO/LPI/E-911 Coordinator Phil Stevens invited)

Peter reported that there was no new information. Karen (admin. assistant) still had the E-911 map and notes from Justin Gudroe and there have been no communication from Phil Stevens in response to Planning Board invitations to attend the Planning Board meeting. Concern was expressed that town presently didn't appear to have access to the E-911 database or the current Garland E-911 map as Phil is the only one authorized to access the database and reportedly lacks adequate training and appropriate personal technology to do so.

ACTION (as amended): Ask the Select Board to invite the E-911 supervisor at the Emergency Service Communication Bureau to attend the Planning Board's November meeting (in person or remotely) to help us improve access to Garland's E-911 database and map.

Motion: __Kandie__ Second __Ursula__ Vote: 5/0/0

5. Update on Broadband Infrastructure Initiative: Ursula reported that there were currently 24 responses to the survey. All 24 reported that they didn't have broadband, were interested in obtaining it, and provided contact information so that they be kept up to date on the initiative. Telemedicine was frequently checked as a potential use if residents obtained broadband service. Ursula suggested and Nathan echoed the idea of using the contact information from the survey to attempt to improve involvement and communication. Next steps: If Select Board authorization is given at their 10/13 meeting, Kandie will contact Premium Broadband to initiate the grant process. Depending on the outcome of that communication, Ed may convene a special Planning Board work session focusing on Broadband.

6. New Business: Nathan suggested that the Planning Board do more planning for the future and reflected on the success in a prior community raising \$3 million through grants. He suggested that the town had a number of needs and limited resources and that there were a variety of grants available to assist us in meeting some of our needs. Some needs mentioned in addition to broadband infrastructure were: an obsolete compactor at the Transfer Station, a culvert replacement on the Campbell Rd., some housing needs for elderly on fixed income, access to a community computer for job searching and telemedicine, upgrading the municipal building as an emergency shelter, trails and community gardens, etc. Possible grants mentioned were from the DEP, USDA, Economic Development, etc.

ACTION: Ed asked Nathan to begin making a list of needs.

7. Public Participation: None

8. Adjournment: 7:23 pm

Motion: __Kandie__ Second: __Nathan__ Vote: 5/0/0