APPROVED
ANDOVER SELECT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
March 21, 2022

Members Present: Todd Goings, Chair; Michelle Dudek, James Delaney

Also present for duration of appropriate item: Shawn Upton; Timothy Dunn, NH DOT; Kent Hackmann; Hans Weber, NH DOT; Rita Norander; Bob Norander; John Sargent, NH DOT; John Kinney; Ronald Grandmaison; Myra Mayman; Alex Bernhard; Andrew Perkins; Don Moyer, Friends of the Northern Rail Trail; Bob Mickle; Ricker Miller; Donna Duclos, Planning Board; and Lisa Meier, Secretary

Being the senior-most member, Goings opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and a reorganization of the board was done.

Goings made a motion nominating Dudek to be the Chairperson. Delaney seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously in favor of Dudek becoming the Chairperson. The board voted to have Dudek be the Ex-Officio to the Planning Board. After some consideration, Dudek declined the position and Delaney was voted in to the Ex-Officio to the Planning Board.

Non-Public Session

Goings made a motion to enter into a non-public session at 6:08 p.m. per RSA 91-A:3(a). Delaney seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously via roll call to enter into non-public session at 6:08 p.m. The board entered back into public session at 6:12 p.m.

DOT Presentation regarding the Bridge in East Andover on Route 11

Dunn gave a video presentation of two options to replace the bridge between Dyers Crossing and Last Street in East Andover on Route 11. A brief history of the project was given as it has been in the works for several years. Weber gave a presentation of the two new proposals and advised that the bridge over Sucker Brook is eligible for the National Registry of Historic Places. The current road has 11' wide lanes with 4' shoulders. The northern alternative is to shift the roadway to the west of the existing land which would impact 1.43 acres total. There would be a temporary bridge with one-way traffic just north of the new bridge. The new concrete tunnel for the rail trail would be longer than the existing tunnel. This would be a 3-year project costing $9,600,000.00. The southern alternative would shift the roadway to the east side of the existing land with a single, longer IBC bridge over the rail trail and Sucker Brook with a 22'5" clearance. The current roadway would be maintained while constructing the new road and bridge. This proposal would only impact one property at 1.90 acres. This would be a 2-year project costing $7,400,000. This option would allow the rail trail bridge to be repaired / replaced. There would be no trail closures during the winter and there would be temporary trail closure on weekdays only for summer traffic. Advance notice would be given to trail users.

DOT is in favor of pursing the south alternative. Kinney asked what the caring, feeding and maintaining of the bridges would include as well as the longevity of the bridge. The response was that the northern option would include two new bridges and the southern would be a single bridge; therefore, the single bridge would have a larger expanse. Moyer asked if the existing bridge over the rail trail would be removed and the response was yes. Bernhard asked if for the southern option would the telltale be impacted and the response was yes. Bernard stated that due to this, it would be good to leave it in place and restore it. He also stated he has concerns with water runoff as it funnels to the rail trail with no exhaust and this is a point to be sensitive about during construction. Grandmaison asked if there would be a significant reduction in traffic impact and the response was yes. Duclos asked when the decision regarding which option they would be going with would be made and the response was there would be more meetings and a decision would not be made until a public hearing was held. Norander stated that the speed limit in this area is 50; however, typical speed is between 60 and 70. The response was that the current roadway was not constructed to withstand the current 50 mile-an-hour speed limit. Miller asked if the area in the culvert could be paved as sled traveling causes "waves" in the snow and the response was this would be discussed.

Review of February 8, 2022 Minutes

Motion to approve – Goings
Second – Dudek
Unanimous – Vote to approve

New Business

Road Agent Report – Given by Michelle Dudek

Town roads have been posted. The F550 has had rear brake, u-join and front-end work done. Roads are receiving touch-ups. The plow and wing are off the grader. The highway crew will start sweeping the roads shortly. Patching was started today.

Time Clock for the Highway Department

It needs to be reiterated to the employees that they must punch in and out. Champagne is still signing off on the time cards / sheets.

Trustee of the Trust Funds Vacant Position

The board needs to appoint someone to the vacant position on the committee. Dudek asked Hackmann if he would be willing to be appointed to the position and he agreed. Dudek advised that as he will be appointed, it is only a one-year term and if he wishes to retain the position, he would have to run for the remaining two years at the 2023 election.

Andrew Perkins

Perkins stated that he had submitted and received a grant for a self-loading system for the ambulance. It is a $34,000 grant and includes a 7-year warranty. Perkins asked the board if he could move forward with this. Dudek asked for a motion. Goings made a motion to approve. Delaney seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously in favor of allowing Perkins to move forward with this.

Shawn Upton

Upton stated he had left a packet with Town Administrator Marj Roy and inquired whether it is attached to the December 18, 2021 minutes. The board was unsure. Delaney and Upton opted to meet to bring Delaney up-to-date on this item. Duclos asked if this was legal and Goings and Dudek indicated they are okay with them meeting to discuss this.

Old Business

Town Meeting Review

The board indicated they were satisfied with the meeting and the residents got a lot of their questions answered ahead of time. Hackmann stated that the Moderator was very good.

Crosswalks – State Project

Goings stated that Proctor would like a new sign system and started working with DOT last year; however, they cannot petition the state as crosswalks are a municipality item. A list of the crosswalks was presented to the Select Board and the board needs to indicate whether they accept each crosswalk individually. The State would like to relocate the crosswalk at the Fire Station 20' to the west. Goings indicated there would be new street lighting; however, it was not on the plan the he received at Proctor. The board reviewed each crosswalk individually and Dudek signed each one. Dudek made a motion to accept each crosswalk. Delaney seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously in favor of accepting each individual crosswalk.

Budget to Date

The 2022 budget-to-date was distributed and reviewed. Dudek stated reviewing the budget at each meeting is her goal.

Correspondence / Signatures

1. Notice of Intent to Excavate for Lenny Caron was received. The board did not sign it due to questions they had pertaining to dates
2. An agreement between the State and Andover indicating that the State will be doing work on Route 4 was received.
3. Road postings
4. A pole license for Peg Shop Lane
5. Current Use Tax Change

6. Notice of a public hearing on Funding for Teamsters to be held on March 11, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. was received.
7. Invoice for Town Report was received
8. Milton Cat and Pike Industries documents were received
9. Veterans Credits were signed

Non-Public Session

Dudek made a motion at 7:55 p.m. to enter into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3(a). Delaney seconded the motion and the board entered non-public session at 7:55 p.m. via roll call.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Meier
Secretary