

Board of Directors Meeting
January 13, 2014 @ 4:00pm
SSTTDC Town Hall, Conference Room

Directors Present: Joseph Connolly, Chairman
John Ward, Vice Chairman
James Lavin, Clerk
Gerard Eramo
Jeffrey Wall

Also Present: Kevin R. Donovan, Chief Executive Officer,
Jim Young, Project Manager
Steve Ivas, SSTTDC Conservation Agent

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:02pm.

4:02PM-CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING – Conservation Commission, Rte. 18 Widening project
Mr. Fobert, Tetra Tech, identified the optimal location, as per a determination made by Dept. of Environmental Protection and Army Corp of Engineers, to create a wetland mitigation area located within the Town of Weymouth adjacent to Calnan Road. Based on known hydrologic conditions, the previously proposed site located within the Town of Abington was deemed unsuitable. Mr. Fobert noted the trees that would be preserved to help shade out the invasive species and reviewed the grading detail and the proposed access to the site via Route 18. Mr. Wall was informed the site was approximately 40,000 square feet.

Public Hearing Comments

Mrs. Parsons, Rockland, was informed that the Navy's AOC 55C site was located about 200 feet south of the proposed mitigation area.

VOTED: Motion of Gerard Eramo, seconded by John Ward, to close the public hearing

Unanimous vote - The hearing closed at 4:07pm

Board Measure 13-039

VOTED: Motion of John Ward, seconded by Gerard Eramo, to approve the Notice of Intent dated October 10, 2013, as amended, submitted by MassDOT – Highway Division associated with the Route 18 Widening and Reconstruction Project. All conditions of the approval shall be as noted in the Order of Conditions prepared by the Corporation's conservation agent.

Unanimous vote

4:08PM-CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING – Conservation Commission, Amended Notice of Intent (NOI) for TACAN Outfall Drainage Ditch Weir

The Board received comments from the Rockland Conservation Agent, dated Jan. 2, 2014, in their agenda packets. The Project Manager stated the vetting process was ongoing and recommended the hearing be continued to the February meeting to allow time to respond in detail and work with the Rockland Conservation Commission's Agent. Mrs. Parsons, Rockland, submitted her comments in writing to the Project Manager.

VOTED: Motion of Jeffrey Wall, seconded by John Ward, to continue the Public Hearing on the

Amended NOI for TACAN Outfall Drainage Ditch Weir to February 10, 2014 @ 4:00pm
Unanimous vote

FINANCIAL – Snow and Ice Removal

The Board received the year to date budget report and storm costs through Dec. 31, 2013 in their agenda packets. The CEO recommended authorization to over expend and that expenditures in excess of the \$40K appropriation would be balanced prior to the end of the fiscal year.

Board Measure 14-001

VOTED: Motion of Gerard Eramo, seconded by James Lavin, that the Board of Directors authorizes Public Works Superintendent to over expend Program 0620 under the Public Works Department known as Snow and Ice Removal in accord with G.L. c44 section 31D.

Unanimous vote

Status of Response from Starwood – proposed legislation

The Chairman recognized Mr. Ed Kimball, Chairman, Rockland Board of Selectmen. Mr. Kimball stated the project seemed to be at an impasse and he presented a draft legislation that he adapted to benefit the Town of Rockland; he acknowledged the many challenges involved in the project and stated that he was attempting to get some dialog going, get everyone back together. He chose to float his idea first with SSTTDC and then with the full Rockland Board of Selectmen. His ideas included transferring the land back to the towns for control, road maintenance and water/sewer supply within their borders, dissolving SSTTDC, and asking the State to take over parkway debt.

Mr. Ward noted that SSTTDC reached out to Starwood to no avail. He stated that the project is dead in the water because Starwood stopped the development process one year ago. As for options, SSTTDC could sit down with Starwood to move the project forward, or move it forward without Starwood.

Another option is to sit down with the towns and discuss breaking it up.

Mr. Lavin concurred 100% with Mr. Ward that SSTTDC got nowhere trying to have conversations with LNR/Starwood and agreed the project needed to move forward. Mr. Kimball stated he was willing to assist.

Minutes

VOTED: Motion of Gerard Eramo, seconded by John Ward to accept the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on November 4, 2013 and December 16, 2013

Unanimous vote

VOTED: Motion of Gerard Eramo, seconded by Jeffrey Wall, to adjourn the meeting

Unanimous vote

The meeting ended 4:25pm

Mary Cordeiro, Recording Secretary

Joseph Connolly, Chairman of the Board

