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August 26, 2020

Present: Paul Dalida, Lori DeGrandis, Marie Gamache, Jake Lewon, Harold Simmons, Leo Tometich; Town Administrator Brian Palaia.

AB virtual meeting called to order at 6:09 p.m. via Zoom Meeting ID: 829 7733 0857.

Affordable Housing in MUD District

1. Some review of the proposed MUD affordable housing development discussion with the BOS and Affordable Housing Committee meeting earlier today.
2. Concerns about a negative 40B affordable housing project are not a good enough reason to do this MUD affordable housing project if there are significant costs to the town.
3. Each project should stand on its own merits.
4. Some AB members have estimated the potential increase in students of this proposed affordable housing project and associated costs to Dunstable.
5. Discussion about how to present these cost concerns to the BOS and Affordable Housing Committee resulted in a consensus to draft an email to them outlining these concerns.

The Advisory Board received a motion to approve drafting an email outlining the potential cost impact of the proposed MUD affordable housing project - Jake, 2nd - Marie. Vote: Unanimous to approve

FY22 Budget Calendar

1. Brian plans to send out the FY22 budget memo to town departments in September requesting initial department FY22 budget proposals be returned by Thanksgiving.
2. Initial budget from the Town Administrator by the middle of December.
3. A FY22 budget proposal from the Town Administrator to the Advisory Board by the middle of January 2021.
4. One goal is to try and see if the projected budget indicates an override will be needed and how much support there is for an override?
5. To better understand the budget needs of the various stakeholders and how we can support their needs with available funds, we will try having AB liaisons to various groups.
6. We hope this will increase communication and help manage expectations on both sides as we work together on the budget.

Miscellaneous Topics

1. The McLoon house restoration costs estimate is \$350,000. This restoration is being funded by \$100,000 from the CPC Historic account and the remainder by the Dunstable Rural Land Trust.
2. The CPC is considering purchasing the historic well off of Pond Street.
3. Proceeds from the town timber logging operations are restricted and can only be spent for certain uses.
4. The Route 113/Main Street state highway project is moving along.
5. The old MBC fire truck and blue van were sent to auction.
6. Tentative date for the next Advisory Board meeting is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday September 15, 2020.

Motion to approve the AB July 15th and July 30th meeting minutes - Leo, 2nd - Jake.

VOTE: FOR: Harold, Jake, Leo, Marie

OPPOSE:

ABSTAIN: Paul, Lori

Motion to adjourn - Leo, 2nd - Marie. Vote: Unanimous to adjourn
Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.