Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Date: November 22, 2011

Time: 7:09 p.m.

Members present: Peter McMurray, Dan Meunier and Joe Casey

Hearing for Community Development Block Grant Application FY12. (Kevin Flynn)

Hearing opened at 7:10 p.m.

2nd of 2 required meetings. Ashby and Ashburnham are being grouped together which will improve the score. The projects being looked at for funding are Street Projects, Housing Rehab Projects. The grant totals being asked for are \$982,006.00. The cap for 2 communities is \$1,000,000.00.

Questions: Are there any matching funds required? KF states not in this instance.

Grange Hall is falling apart. Is this something that this grant might be able to help with? KF states it is possible to include Town buildings in this request and they will take a leak at it.

take a look at it.

Mr. Flynn requested that a copy of the minutes of this meeting be e-mailed to his office.

2) Motion to approve and sign on Endorsement Strategies for Community Block Grant.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Joe Casey Vote: Unan

3) Motion to approve and sign on Endorsement Application for Community Block Grant.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Joe Casey Vote: Unan

4) Motion to approve and sign on CDBG FY10 Modification of Mortgage Case #5 (MRPC).

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Joe Casey Vote: Unan

5) Motion to approve minutes of October 24, 2011 as recorded.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Peter McMurray Vote: PM/DM - Aye

JC - Abstain

6) Motion to approve minutes of November 9, 2011 as recorded.

Motion: Joe Casey Seconded: Peter McMurray Vote: PM/JC – Aye

DM - Abstain

7) Warrant #W21P approve and sign Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$45,109.60 subject to further review.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Joe Casey Vote: Unan

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8) Warrant #W22B approve and sign Vendor Warrant in the amount of \$69,427.78 subject to further review.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Joe Casey Vote: Unan.

9) Warrant #W22B1 approve and sign Vendor Warrant in the amount of \$53,661.42 subject to further review.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Joe Casey Vote: Unan.

Conservation Restriction (Al Futterman, NRWA): Al is looking for the BOS approval and signatures at the next meeting when he puts the Conservation Restriction before them. This will expedite the process. The landowners will be accepting \$150,000.00 for property valued over \$400,000.00. JC asked what the compatible use area was and how it would be dealt with. A sketch was presented to the BOS to explain better what was going on. Also asked about the Baseline Assessment. AF states it is in draft form at this time. JC states maybe we should be giving the landowners some consideration for what they are giving up. JC asked if the public will have some access to this property. AF states yes after the landowner has been approached. Doug Briggs spoke from a financial standpoint on this issue. There needs to be a procedure in place for disbursement of the funds and he will be looking to the BOS for guidance on this issue. Must be completed by December 31, 2011 for homeowners to benefit from Federal Tax Deduction. Terry and Kate are looking at it from their respective jobs. PM states that hopefully they will have an answer for the Mickola's by the Dec. 7th meeting. Representive Bastein has meet with DB and is pursing some leads that he may have on resolving this.

10) Motion to approve and sign on Conservation Restriction for the Mickola property, subject to further review.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Joe Casey Vote: Unan.

Representative Bastein gave a brief report on what is happening at the State House in Boston. One major issue is the bottle bill expansion. He is against this and states that people will again go to NH for their water and soda.

Town received 9 applications for the position of Land Use Agent (Alan Pease). TA and Land Use Committee already conducted interviews and recommend Mark Archambault for the position.

JC asked Mr. Archambault for a brief summary of his skills and background.

11) Motion to appoint Mark Archambault as Land Use Agent.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Joe Casey Vote: Unan

12) Motion to appoint Joseph Laszlo as Broadcast Technician, Employee-at-Will.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Joe Casey Vote: Unan.

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Cultural Council Members to be appointed as Special Municipal Employees (Kathy Becker).

JC asked why the other committee members don't fall under the same category.

13) Motion to appoint members of the Cultural Council as Special Municipal Employees.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Joe Casey Vote: Unan.

14) Motion to approve and sign on 2 Disclosure of Financial Interest by Special Municipal Employee Forms (2 Cultural Council Members).

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Joe Casey Vote: Unan.

15) Motion to approve and sign on a One Day Liquor License for the Fitchburg Rod and Gun Club.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Joe Casey Vote: Unan.

Any other business not reasonably anticipated by the Chairman:

Doug Briggs informed the Board that they do have a signed lease agreement with the AES. He is looking for a new IT group to work with the town on their computer issues that need to be evaluated and addressed. BOS agreed with him and told him to go ahead and contact a group that he uses and finds to be effective with this.

JC requested Bridge Inspections Reports from DB. Doug has asked but Superintendent has been out. He will ask again.

Assistant to the Board of Selectmen's Report: Town still looking for volunteers for the senior assistant program. Volunteer appreciation day will be held on Dec. 1, 2011 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Ashby Public Library. BOS extended a Happy Thanksgiving to all citizens of the Town of Ashby.

Public Comment (If any): Lillian Whitney read a letter from the North Middlesex Pop Warner concerning their involvement in the National Championship in Florida. Donations are being asked for in order for the girls to attend. It is going to cost \$20,000.00 for the team to attend. Donations need to be in by Friday, December 2, 2011.

16) Motion to adjourn at 8:32 p.m.

Motion: Joe Casey	Seconded: Peter McMurray	Vote: Unan
Signed by:		
Date Minutes Approved by Board of	Selectmen:	