

**PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2001**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brenda Whitmore, John Sullivan, David Landry, Margaret Stevenson, Chuck Maglaras, Beth Thompson, Pete Lavoie, Dennis Ciotti, Ronald Cole, Anthony McManus, Frank Torr

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jerry Reese

STAFF PRESENT: Steven Stancel, Planning Director and Jacqueline Freeman, Recording Secretary.

Chairman Cole brought the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Chairman Cole explained to the alternates that they cannot sit in for Councilor Reese and although they cannot vote, they can participate in the discussions.

ITEM #1: Approval of minutes of October 23, 2001.

Frank Torr motioned to approve.

Beth Thompson seconded.

VOTE U/A

ITEM #2: Consideration and acceptance of an application for a Minor Subdivision of land for Mark & Terrie Hale, Assessor's Map E, Lot 40, zoned R-40, located on Tolend Road and Watson Road.* (P01-58)

Kevin McEneaney represented the Hales and described the subdivision. He said that Lot #1 will be accessed from Watson Road and they are waiting for State subdivision approval.

Tony McManus asked for a clarification of the easements for the effluent disposal.

Kevin stated that the area has a series of small wetland pockets as well as ledge and the State requires that there be a certain distance from the septic systems from the wetlands and the ledge.

Kevin explained that if they were to move the existing septic system on lot #2 the easements would not be necessary. The existing system is in good condition and it is not desirous to rebuild it at this point so the easier situation is to give an easement.

Frank Torr made the motion to accept the application.

Beth Thompson seconded.

VOTE U/A

The public hearing was opened.

There were no comments.
The public hearing was closed.

Beth Thompson motioned to approve with the following staff recommended conditions:

1. Add both of the owner's signatures to the plat.
2. Provide the Planning Department with a copy of the Department of Environmental Services Subdivision Permit and add the permit number to the plat.
3. Revise the plat to add the minimum building setback lines for each lot.

Chuck Maglaras seconded.

VOTE 6 – 1

Opposed – Tony McManus

ITEM #3: Consideration and acceptance of an application for a Minor Lot Line Adjustment of land for Peter & Donna Vellucci & Leona Penrod, Assessor's Map C, Lot 36, zoned R-40, located at 20 French Cross Road.

Peter Vellucci, one of the applicants, explained that the Lot Line Adjustment is in Madbury at 20 French Cross Road and was done to gain more water frontage. He said because a small portion of the land is located in Dover, it is required that they come before the Dover Planning Board.

Beth Thompson motioned to accept the application.

Chuck Maglaras seconded.

VOTE U/A

The public hearing was opened.

There were no comments.

The public hearing was closed.

Tony McManus motioned to approve.

Beth Thompson seconded.

VOTE U/A

ITEM #4: Consideration and acceptance of an application for a Site Plan of land for Jewett Construction (Owners McIntosh Properties LLC) Assessor's Map 15, Lot 66, zoned R-12, located at 80 Rutland St. (P01-57)

Bob Duval, of Kimbal Chase, spoke on behalf of McIntosh. He said that they are proposing a change of use for the former Bingo Center. He said that they were asked to look at traffic impacts in relation to this change of use. He said that they looked at the AM & PM peak hour conditions at Rutland and Silver St. and Cataract and 108.

Mr. Duval said that the capacity of the facility is approximately 200 students at any one time and typically a community college would have three sessions, a morning session from 8 – noon, an afternoon session from noon – 5 or so, and an evening session 6 – 10 PM. The current intention of the college is to have two sessions, a morning and an afternoon. Nevertheless, they considered the potential total enrollment of approximately

200 students at three sessions for a total of 600 students. They looked at the ITE Manual and it estimated approximately .17 trips per total enrollment for a community college. Just to do a sanity check on that, they did a count on the existing campus driveway just to make sure that the numbers were in line with what is occurring out there. They found a slightly higher rate of about .21 trips per total enrollment at the existing campus. They used the higher rate and multiplied the .21 trip per student x 600 total program enrollment and the estimate is that there will be 126 trips in and out at peak hour. Bob went over the level of service analysis outlined in his report. Bob said that the proximity of the signal at both ends, at Silver St. and Route 108 will actually introduce some artificial gaps. They are looking at relatively low volumes on Rutland and Cataract.

Ron asked if the sessions at all three locations begin at the same time and if COAST visits any of the campuses.

Bob Saiz, President of McIntosh, stated that COAST stops on Silver Street. He said that the main campus and the proposed facility at the bingo center have the same schedules, but the culinary facility operates on a different schedule. There are no Saturday operations at this time.

David Landry stated for the record, that when this came through he abstained because he was an abutter and it was a larger question but it got narrower so he doesn't feel like it's a conflict. He asked if there was any discussion that took place with the School Department because Woodman Park School is just up the street.

Bob Duval stated that he didn't discuss the numbers with the school. The street falls into the category of urban collector. This will not be pushing the street into any different category of street.

Steve Stancel stated that in the absence of Bruce Woodruff, Chuck Weise was present from SRPC to answer any questions the Board may have.

Ron Cole suggested that looking into hooking up with COAST may simplify things and cut down on some of the traffic.

Tony McManus motioned to accept the application.
Peg Stevenson seconded.

VOTE U/A

The public hearing was opened.
There were no comments.
The public hearing was closed.

Steve Stancel reviewed the plan. He said that nothing is changing on the outside of the building. The reason why this plan came before the Board is because of the Change of Use. Technically, a change of use this size does not trigger coming before the Planning Board, but we did the rezoning previously and because we wanted the public to be

allowed an opportunity to speak on any traffic changes, this was brought in for the Planning Board approval process. He said that they are recommending approval with the condition that if there are any changes in the hours of operation the Planning Department will be notified to determine if the impact warrants Planning Board review.

Brenda Whitmore asked if it would be prudent to state "No Saturday hours."

Steve Stancel stated that his feelings are that there is less traffic on Saturdays than during the week.

Bob Duval stated that he would be happy to take a look at Saturday if it is the sense of the Board to do that, but does not expect to see any critical conditions.

Frank Torr motioned to approve with the condition that if there are any changes in the hours of operation they will notify the Planning Department so it can be determined if the impact warrants Planning Board review.

Peg Stevenson seconded.

VOTE U/A

ITEM #5: Old Business

Chuck Maglaras stated that recently he came out with a statement that he wanted the Planning Board to reaffirm the vote pertaining to the rezoning of the City owned land on Paul Street. He would like to move forward with that this evening, however, a number of Board members weren't aware that he was going to do this evening. He said that he would like to bring it before the Board in two weeks and put it on the agenda so all of the Board members will be aware of it. He said that there is some question from the Board members as to whether he can do this. He said that he would get a legal opinion from the City Attorney to see if it is allowable. Chuck said that he would not be asking that the Board reaffirm the vote this evening but he will have it placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Ron Cole asked Tony if he was supposed to do something under old business because he couldn't find his notes from the last meeting.

Tony McManus said that it was discussed at the last meeting and the previous meeting. He said that it was Frank's request that Ron should look into seeing if there should be alternates appointed to fill the place of the City Councilor and Pete and Beth's slot in the event of their absence.

Ron Cole said that he would do that tomorrow morning.

Councilor Elect Chirstenbury stated that he ran on an Economic Development platform. He said that he would work very hard with the Board. He stated that the old Public Works Facility/Recycling Center must be demolished in order to get the Riverfront development to move forward and the City needs to move forward with a traffic study

regardless of the Aquarium. He said that he is very excited about the development of the waterfront. He said that the City needs to capture any City land and return it to the tax roll.

Ron Cole congratulated Brenda Whitmore for her election to the City Council and congratulated Chuck Maglaras and John Sullivan for their efforts, both of whom brought a lot of interest to the campaigns.

ITEM 6: New Business

a. Discussion of CIP.

Steve Stancel reminded the Board of their important roll in the CIP review process. He said that a copy of the Executive Summary of the City's Master Plan was included because the main purpose of the Planning Board was to equate the needs and priorities of the community outlined in the Master Plan. He said that while cost factors always play a roll, the primary purpose is to be sure that the proposals are consistent with the Master Plan. He said if a project does not have high priority in the Master Plan, in theory, it should not be found in Year 1 of the CIP. He said that the City Council is looking to approve the CIP at the December 12th City Council Meeting. He said that the November 27th meeting is fairly light and we can set aside some time to discuss the CIP further and if the Board wishes to, it can vote on it that night. He said that there is a busy agenda on the December 11th meeting and he suggested that the Board can come back on December 4th to vote on the CIP. Steve that would provide plenty of time to forward the Board's recommendations to the City Council. He said that the resolution shows all of the debt finance proposals in Year 1.

Mike Joyal explained the importance of the CIP and went over the different types of information that is contained in that document. He said that it is not a wish list, it genuinely reflects the legitimate needs of the City. He suggested that the Board work off of the Resolution.

John Sullivan asked if the Board is bound to getting its recommendations to the Council by December 12th, or can the recommendations be given to the next Council.

Ron Cole stated that we are in an advisory situation with the Council and the bottom line being, if we aren't ready by the 12th, they could proceed without our recommendation.

Police

Chief Fenniman, stated that there are two items for the Police Department. He said that first is \$750,000 in Year 1 for land acquisition for a new police facility. He said that this recommendation is based upon the Master Plan. The Master Plans states that the present Police Dept is operating in a facility that is undersized. There is a lack of both work and storage space. As the City grows, the situation will become more problematic. The existing station only marginally meets the existing needs of the department. He said that

that is why the City Manager put this item in Year 1. Chief Fenniman stated that they rent off-site storage space. The needs study done by an architect has indicated that they need in the vicinity 35,000 sq. ft.

Peg Stevenson stated that last year there was a proposed \$500,000 land acquisition and asked about the increase of \$250,000 and if the value of property gone up that much.

Chief Fenniman stated that the City Manager has proposed this figure. He said that he doesn't know what area of the community he is looking at, but he believes that he's estimated based on the assessed value of those properties.

David Landry said that the Yr. 2004 contemplates a new building. He said that the Master Plan envisioned establishing a task force to evaluate the potential for delivery of more cost-effective services through integration of both the Police, Fire & Rescue in a combined public safety building. He said that it seems to make sense that you do the study first.

Chief Fenniman stated that he thinks that Chief Bibber would answer the question the same as he would. This issue has been looked at by City administration at the request of the Council and each time the answer comes out the same. The City Manager, being a professional City Manager, had an idea where that study would come down so, therefore, he is moving ahead with his plan to build a separate facility. He knows the need of each facility and he feels that it is prudent to move forward.

David Landry said that he has seen the police space and doesn't know how they operate in that little amount of space. He said that, perhaps, the City Manager needs to come forward with an independent study. The idea of a safety building has come up from numerous people over the years but has never quite run its course.

John Sullivan asked if any study was done about utilizing existing space within the City Hall and moving the Police Department up to the second floor or even the third floor.

Chief Fenniman stated that there has not been a study done on that but there was a study to do over the Auditorium for space.

John Sullivan asked if there was any thought given about moving the School Department up to the Old Middle School.

Chief Fenniman did not know of any.

David Landry asked the Chief to comment on if the new police station should be located in the urban core or if that is not particularly a concern.

Chief Fenniman stated that there is a lot of walk-in traffic daily and a need to be somewhere in the proximity of the Court for transporting prisoners. The other aspect becomes political or visionary as to whether or not the Council envisions the Police

Station being an anchor of the downtown area. That becomes a political decision. It is his feelings that they have to be able to accommodate that type of walk-in traffic and be available and be visible. He said that the Fire Department is positioned for response time. They don't have the same needs.

Captain Gary Decolfmacker passed out some photos of the police firing range. Chief Fenniman stated that they had a firing range facility that is located behind the Public Works Facility since 1989. He said that it was very functional until their backdrop or bullet trap disappeared to the point that in August of 2000, a bullet left the range and entered a home in Jensen's Mobile Home Park. They have researched ranges around the country and there are a variety of issues that go with the replacement of a range in the community both from a topographical and geographical location. If you were to vote to put a range in someone's backyard, your constituents would go crazy. He has proposed a range that would cost the City approximately \$500,000 which is a three sided range with a batten system and a roof. That would guarantee that no round would ever leave the facility. This gives the planners and the Council the ability to place that facility in a large number of locations. He said that they have been borrowing Somersworth's range.

Capt. DeColfmacker stated that Portsmouth has their own indoor range. He said that indoor ranges, are falling out vogue. They limit the scope of training that you can do. He said that there are minimum state requirements that have to be met. There is also training in low light conditions, marksmanship training, basic skill training. They have to try to replicate moving targets, etc. He said that he would like to have the range stay where it is because of the people in the neighborhood are accustomed to having the range there. This design hopes to achieve the noise containment issue.

Frank Torr asked if the public would have access to utilize this facility.

Chief Fenniman stated that they would not because it would not be for public use. There would be liability and insurance issues and he asked who would be in charge.

David Landry asked about sharing with other towns and they could pay us to use it.

Chief Fenniman stated that they have not broached that subject because other towns have their own facilities.

David Landry stated that he doesn't remember that the subject ever came up with the contract with the City property, that at some point in the future, we were going to end up eating away at the gravel and ruining our perfectly good shooting range. David said that considering that we get \$100,000 out of that arrangement yearly, and it will cost us ½ million to fix this, from a planning perspective, he has to question how this came about.

Brenda Whitmore said that when she reviewed the Master Plan a firing range was never identified as being a possible problem in the future. Brenda stated that from a planning perspective, that this cost could happen is a pretty serious omission.

Pete Lavoie stated that the new facility would capture all the lead and would not affect the groundwater protection zone.

Fire Department

Chief Bibber stated that they have acquired some land for the Northend Fire Station and have gone through the planning on it. The Chief said that they have an architect and have gotten some costs together for it. The plans came back for a little over 2 million dollars. He said that the City started talking about a northend fire station 27 years ago.

David Landry asked about a combined facility for Fire & Police.

Chief Bibber said that he doesn't think that a public safety concept for Central Station is not doable. He said that we are talking about a northend station right now for response time. The Central Station is over 100 years old and it's probably not the best location but he is not going to get into that. If there was a thought of providing a combined fire and police building, the central station is a possibility. He said that he has a response issue.

David Landry stated that he feels that it is critical that there is a presence in the north end of town. He said that if the City had saved money in the Capital Reserve, there would be plenty of money to build a fire station and buy equipment.

John Sullivan asked for an approximate breakdown of ambulance calls vs. fire.

Chief Bibber stated that they run about 1,800-ambulance calls per year and 20 – 25% of those in the northend. The fires would probably run about 700 – 800 fires per year. He said that staffing is an issue when we talk about a station. He said that he doesn't want to go through what some of the neighbors have gone through. It just doesn't add to the City. If we can't afford it, we can't afford it. He said that he just doesn't want the Northend Fire Station without staff.

John Sullivan asked if there is an obstacle standing in the way of a cooperative station with Somersworth, Rochester, Rollingsford. Chief Bibber said that he came to Dover in 1978 and remembers very clearly that the first thing that he mentioned was regionalization. He said that since that time they have approached regionalization on a number of occasions. He said that they worked through the County at one time and can't get over that hump. They were stepping in someone's border or someone was stepping in Dover's. They are getting into a very key time, there are a lot of Fire Chiefs that are thinking of retiring.

Ron Cole said that the Chief had alluded to the fact that it wouldn't make any sense to approve the station without the staffing. How do the two things work together.

Chief Bibber stated that you get the staffing through the City Council.

Ron Cole said that he is looking at the chicken and the egg. Build it and they will staff it or staff it and they will build it.

David Landry said that, not being the politicians with the money strings, but planners, how are we suppose to deal with staffing which is going to cost a lot more money over time than the building.

Steve Stancel stated that it is always difficult to separate the money issues out with the planning issues. The money issues lay primarily with City Council. What does our Master Plan say, what did the 88 Master Plan say, and how critical is the Northend Fire Station in comparison with these other proposals. He said that in the past the Planning Board has made changes to the dollar amount in their recommendations. He said that he cautions doing that because experts put together these dollar amounts.

Mike Joyal stated that you just don't look at the building, you look at the services that will be delivered from that facility. He said that there are a lot of ancillary pieces that go in that. He said that he feels that in dealing with this item, that he would think that the Board's recommendation would be that there should be services provided in the Northend and you would expect the City Council to staff it. He said that you are not just talking about a building you are talking about a whole range of services that comes with building that facility.

David Landry asked if the fire apparatus for \$450,000 was a single piece of equipment.

Chief Bibber stated that to effectively staff it would be \$800,000 a year for 16 more people and the \$450,000 was a single piece of equipment.

David Landry stated that he will likely recommend that we move forward with the Northend Fire Station but direct it to the Council that they have to have a meeting with our sister cities and have a conversation about the regionalization concept.

Dennis Ciotti asked Chief Bibber if the building were to appear tomorrow, would he have a problem staffing it.

Bibber stated that he could not staff it.

School Department

Nick Skaltsis presented the School Department request. He thanked the Planning Board for funding the Alternative School. He said that with regard to the schools, space needs has been an issue. He said that in 1997 they had a school population of 3600 students they now have a population of 4,100 students. He said that there is no new school in the 6-year plan that no new school appears on the horizon. This particular school board has made a decision that they can improve and expand their existing school and accommodate the growth in population that we see now and for the foreseeable future. He said that Horne Street was built in 1960 prior to the advent of so many extras that are

needed. They are looking for 3 classrooms and cafeteria renovations. Right now the gymnasium is shared with cafeteria needs.

He introduced Joe Powers who was doing the power point presentation.

Mr. Skaltsis explained the overcrowding of several of the rooms at Horne Street School showing that the dividers consists of books and file cabinets.

Tony McManus stated that he would like to address what the money is going for and not the condition of the School.

Nick Skaltsis stated that they would get to that. He said that the Planning Director asked them to give this presentation. Nick stated that there is an average of 25 children in each of the third grades and they would like to have a level of 20 students or less.

Nick Skaltsis stated that the costs at Horne Street are just slightly in excess of \$900,000. That includes the cafeteria, three additional classrooms and two additional bathrooms. He said that the reason that you only see a figure of \$365,000 is that they have just over \$600,000 left in CIP money.

Nick Skaltsis stated that a total of 500 students is the maximum number of students that the State would prefer and they now have about 350. We would still have the opportunity to expand Horne Street further but we would have a core gymnasium, cafeteria and facilities to be able to continue adding classrooms. Nick said that there is a redistricting that has to go on. The huge impact of elementary school children is happening at Garrison. There has to be shift northward, not by huge blocks of neighborhoods but by streets and new developments.

Mr. Skaltsis stated that they are proposing to build three standard classrooms that are close to 1,000 sq. ft. ea. He said that they are going to take those classrooms and divide them to more adequately provide space for all of these extras that are going on. They have yet done any expansion to Woodman Park or any expansion to Garrison. He said that they are lucky at Horne St. School because they have the minimum 10 acres required by the State.

Nick explained the boiler issue at the High School and stated that they want to create more classrooms in the mezzanine area above the cafeteria. The high school is showing a significant increase in population. The need is there for the additional classrooms. He said that there is \$365,000 requested for Horne St. They have in capital funds, cash in hand, over \$600,000. The total project is \$900,000 at Horne St. The Dover High improvements are one million seven. He said that Building Aid has not been calculated in the figures.

Nick spoke about the huge amount of work that has to be done at Woodman Park – the plumbing replacement, complete drainage and heating replacement. They are either going to do it when it's occupied or shut the building down for a year and renovate the

entire building. That is the choice. The costs go down dramatically when all things are worked on at the same time. It's easier, reasonable and less expensive. The other issue is that there is some asbestos in the floors and the ceilings. To do that with the school occupied was a concern. The thought process was that we might be able to relocate the Woodman Park children for 1 year and put them in the Old Middle School for the 12 month period and do the complete renovation at Woodman Park. He said that Exeter was renovating their elementary school while occupied and they stopped, it was a disaster.

Tony McManus asked if the \$600,000 that is being used for Horne Street is money that the Planning Board and the Council previously approved in the CIP to use for Woodman.

Nick Skaltsis answered yes and they chose not to spend it.

Tony stated that he doesn't know whose responsibility it is for the Middle School study and can't understand why it is taking so long for somebody to figure out what to do with that building.

Steve Stancel stated that everyone is familiar with the history of the Old Middle School and how the District Court, at the last minute, decide that they were not going in there. He said that we are very close to determining whether or not the school can utilize the front portion of the building. It would be a matter of months before they are ready to propose something for the rear portion of the building. He said that he is not convinced that there is a big rush to determine exactly what needs to go in there. He said that we may be needing the building for Woodman Park School. He said that he thinks that it would be bad planning to rush forward.

Nick Skaltsis said that he wanted it to be clear on surplus funds. They basically had \$500,000 funded to Woodman Park over the last three years. They spent some of that money and they have about \$632,000 of money that they simply were not comfortable moving forward with the project this past summer other than the parent drop off road. They were not comfortable beginning the excavation inside the building.

Tony McManus asked if the CIP money was used for the construction of a right turn lane into the parking lot.

Nick Skaltsis stated that safety was the issue.

Chairman Cole called a 5-minute break.

Chairman Cole called the meeting back to order at 9:40 PM.

Community Service & Public Works

Pete Lavoie started with *Item #5 General Street Improvements* - He said that that is a level where they continue maintaining the streets and be able to do a good job. He said that they are still very busy paving and still have many streets to do. Locust, Atkinson, parts of Belknap and parts of Middle Road.

Item #6 General Sidewalks Improvements – Pete said that number has been increased from \$300,000 to \$400,000 to complete the Central Avenue sidewalk from Oak Street to Merry Street. That is part of Central Avenue that needs complete rebuilding.

David Landry stated that he thinks that Pete's department and the contractors that he is using are doing an excellent job. He said that he is hoping to get out another year or two of debt financing after that then start reducing the debt and moving it more into the operating budget rather than the debt finance.

Item 7 Demolish Old PW Fac/Recycling Center and build a new recycling center – Pete said that they have hired Underwood Engineering to come up with a plan. He said that what they have come up with has a \$628,000 price tag. He said that they have been trying to reduce that number. They have some money left over to do the demolition of the public works facility they need approximately \$50,000 more. He said that out of this \$500,000 it would leave \$450,000. He said that they have been working on reducing the numbers of this center. He said that rather than hiring a contractor they would do it in house

Ron Cole asked if there are pollution issues with the site.

Pete Lavoie answered that it is a Brownfield site so there are still some issues to be resolved. They are probably not where the existing Public Works building is, but where the old wastewater treatment plant was located.

Pete Lavoie stated that they would not be taking hazardous waste because of the responsibility that goes on with regard to storing that type of chemical. He said that residents don't even know what it is that they are bringing in. At the last hazardous waste day someone brought in some mercury and it wasn't marked. Pete explained that \$50,000 of the \$500,000 per year will be put aside but they do have other funds. They have \$12,000 in one fund and some \$23,000 in CDBG funds that were never used for that purpose. Estimates run from \$60,000 - \$75,000.

Item 9 Tolend Landfill Remediation – Pete stated that that is going along real well. They have heard from EPA that they are going to go along with the City's plan. There is quite a large savings.

Item 10 Lights – LED Signals – That is replacing the light itself. The new light is a lot more expensive - \$200. They are used exclusively by the State. He said that just with the Silver Street intersection they realized \$1,000 savings per year. There is a huge payback so we need to go through the whole City.

Item #12 Butterfield Gym – Foundation improvements – he said that recently the Council gave them \$100,000 to go in and secure the footings. He explained that the building was built on a lot of peat moss and it has settled out from underneath the footings and the floors. They are screwing rods down into ledge and pull that into place and the building will be secure and they will be able to use it again.

Item #16 Water Meter Replacement – He stated that they have been using a new radio water meter that allows them to walk by the house with a hand held unit like PSNH does and get a reading from the cellar to the meter. They have recently purchased the updated version of that and now they can drive down the street and automatically read the meters in seconds. He said that the cost is \$700,000 and Jeff Harrington recommended that it be spread out in two years so he put \$350,000 in Year 1. He said that they will save money in the long run.

Item #17 Water Main – Sixth Street Extension - This is the water main extension of Sixth Street.

Item #23 Sewer Main – Sixth St. Extension - Pete explained that there are a lot of septic systems that are failing and people are on wells and the residents are asking that the department come before the Board and propose this item. He said that there will be tie in fees but it will be cheaper than \$10,000 for a new septic. Pete said that there were about 15 houses.

Item #18 Water Main Dover Point Road – He said that last year they spent on the design. The water main would go from the Weathervane all the way down to Cote Drive. They have had a lot of dirty water and air complaints.

Item #19 Water Main – Broadway Area – He said that they have done Hill Street, Ham Street and they still need to do all of the cross streets that have 4” mains.

Item 20 Sewer Pump Station Equipment Replacement – He said that they are behind the 8 ball on that. He said that he needs \$150,000. These are items all over \$10,000 and that’s why Jeff Harrington put it into a replacement category. They are pumps and motors and those types of things.

Item #21 Sewer Pumpstation Upgrade – Charles St. He said that that is the oldest station. He said that they would be getting 20% funds from the State to help with this project.

Item 22 Sewer Heavy Equipment – Loader - He said that it has been in the works for a few years. He said that he wants to replace the loader. He said that working with compost is a corrosive environment.

Item 24 Sewer Main on Mill St. – Pete said that there has been a lot of pipe bursting in the sewer main in front of the Ten Commandments. He said that it’s impossible to put in a new main right down the center of the road and they are going to try to replace the main in its existing location.

Item 25. Sewer Main – Berry Brook Upgrade – He said that there is a lot of pipe bursting. He said that they will get 20% matching funds for that.

Item #26 Sewer inflow/infiltration Mitigation – He said that they will be getting 20% matching funds for this item also.

Item 27 WWTP – Blower Building – Pete said that is the vibration problem that is existing. This is in litigation.

Ron Cole asked if the litigation was ongoing.

Pete Lavoie said that the offers that they've gotten from the engineering firm are that they'll come in and fix it but if it doesn't solve it, they wash their hands of it.

Item #28. WWTP – UV Unit Upgrade – Pete said that is the final treatment and that is part of the consent decree. That will extend the life of the plant.

Item #29. – Primary Clarifier Upgrade – Some of that should come out of Capital Reserve. The UV System is a 20% match also. He said that the City will get some State funds but you have to put the money up front.

Item #8 – Silver Street Center Lane – Steve Stancel said that this project entails the widening of the ramp area as it curves near the entrance of the former Holiday Inn. This was considered a high priority in the Master Plan and the City Council indicated that they wanted this completed as part of the Woodman Park Bus Loop. The total cost to complete the project including engineering, which we still yet have to see, is approximately \$140,000. We are receiving \$40,000 from McIntosh College as a contribution toward the project and there may be State turnpike funds. Steve said if an additional project adjacent to McIntosh move forward next month, there may be a fair share portion toward this item.

Item #11. Urban Core/Riverfront Traffic Analysis - Steve Stancel said that this was also a high priority in the Master Plan. This is to review the feasibility and location of a bridge over the Coheco River for the Riverfront redevelopment.

David Landry asked would this include where the pedestrian bridge will be moved to should it be determined that Washington Street makes the most sense.

Steve Stancel said that this study would provide the information to help the City create that rapid transit bus loop. Steve explained the TIP Program on pages 27 and 28

Peg Stevenson stated that she observed when a class at the culinary school let out, about 7 – 9 people walking across that curve. She felt that the addition of another lane would create a more dangerous situation. She said that she has observed tractor-trailers pulling into the eastbound lane, parking and going across to the convenience store. She said that there is a telephone pole on the edge of the road that extends 14" into the road. She said that if this lane goes in, we would be creating an even worse situation on Silver St. She was concerned that there is no crosswalk.

Steve Stancel stated that he has heard nothing but good comments about the Woodman Park project. He said that he has gotten many phone calls from people who were opposed to the project and were amazed that the project works slick. He said that there may be some enforcement issue with regards to the tractor trailer pulling into the Woodman Park lane. Steve said that that area is definitely safer today than it was before and this turning lane will make this even safer. Steve Stancel stated that the location of the current crosswalk is probably at the safest area that it could be.

Frank Torr said that he shares the same concerns as Peg. He walks that area and he cannot believe how fast the traffic is moving. He said that he doesn't believe that that area that was built in the 1950's would meet the engineering standards of today and he feels that adding a middle lane will compound the problem.

Steve said that the concept plan was created back when Motiva and McIntosh went through the approval process. The State had concerns with the turning lanes and that is one of the reasons why we boosted the cost up from their original projection. The lanes on the off ramp will be widened to meet their standards.

Dennis Ciotti stated that that it took him about 8 minutes to take a left out of the culinary school at 2:45 PM. He said that that is something that needs to be addressed.

Steve Stancel said that the lane would create something close to a T intersection, which would make it easier and safer to turn left. Obviously, the full fledge fix is a traffic signal which would be at a significant cost.

Ron Cole asked Steve if we are on line for addressing the Motiva situation for the first meeting of December. Ron asked Steve to notify him if the study was not in by the 15th. Ron asked the Board to comment at the next meeting on the following: a) what do you think about having a citizen's forum every meeting and b) he would like to set it up so that we would have committee reports at every meeting.

Dave Landry stated he has talked to Steve about this but he would like to get a heads up on major items that are coming through TRC so they don't get surprised with it.

ITEM #7: Adjournment

Chuck Maglaras made the motion to adjourn.

David Landry Seconded.

VOTE U/A