



**Master Plan Implementation Committee
Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 6:30p.m
Room 116, Town Hall**

Minutes

Attending Members: Dick Power (Vice Chairman), Al Goetz, Dick Nottebart, Bruce Norwell, and Dominick Ianno. Staff Present: Stephanie Mercandetti and Maura Therrien. Guests: Denise Maleiko and Ray Bishop of Crane Materials International/Gator Bridge.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:45pm by Mr. Power.
2. Approval of Minutes: As there was no quorum, no vote was taken on the minutes. This item was held until the next meeting.
3. Ongoing Business:
 - a. Spring Brook Trail/Park Project (Mr. Nottebart):
 - i. Project Updates:

Mr. Nottebart provided an update on the work being done by the NUASCE students. There is a concern still being addressed by the NUASCE students as to the position of the bridge in the floodplain. Mr. Nottebart suggests the benches and lights at Memorial Pond be the template for what we use in Spring Brook Park. They will be part of the design plan. Mr. Power will give a bench. Greg Sands has an idea for signage naming the project Spring Brook Park built in cooperation with NUASCE, Bay Circuit Trail, and the town. The Department of Parks and Recreation will clean trash from the brook's sides prior to Walpole Day. Ms. Maleiko believes that the fencing by the condo will avoid folks wandering onto private property, no post and rail please.
 - ii. Bridge Specifications:

Tonight with us, we have Mr. Ray Bishop who has been assisting in the development of the specs for the bridge. Mr. Bishop showed some pictures of pedestrian bridges similar to what the MPIC may have in mind for passage over Spring Brook. Mr. Nottebart said that because the aluminum decking is noisy, ipe wood is a better option. A curved deck with powdered rails will look fine. The bridge will be six feet wide and sixty feet long with concrete footings on solid ground. Mr. Nottebart suggests that the specifications state the bridge should carry 10,000lbs. That will allow a bit of movement in the plan. It's good to include details in the plan so as not to have to reapply to the Conservation Commission later. Mr. Bishop adds that using bids from competent builders and

adhering to AASTHO standards for load bearing limits, structure and technical design is advisable. Mr. Nottebart notes that the bridge must be above the riparian level and that the sides are not level requiring the footings be adjusted. Mr. Bishop should be able to provide the details for the specifications for bidding a week from this Friday.

b. Municipal Facilities RFP Committee Update (Mr. Power):

Mr. Power reported that the Committee has been reviewing the proposals submitted in response to the RFP. They have received a number of proposals from firms with the requisite experience.

c. Revised 2012 Work Plan:

- i. Identify specific activities for the MPIC to undertake in 2012: There is a need to identify specific projects for the MPIC coinciding with elements of the Master Plan. Mr. Goetz spoke to natural resources and open space. Mr. Power asked about economic development and Ms. Mercandetti responded that she would get back to the group.

4. Correspondence: None

- i. Spring Annual Town Meeting: Ms. Mercandetti reminded attendees that May 7th is the first night of Town Meeting.
- ii. Appointment with the Board of Selectmen – October 16, 2012: Selectmen have scheduled appointments for certain boards and committees to appear before them for updates. The MPIC has been scheduled for 7:00pm on Tuesday, October 16th.

5. Any Other Business:

- i. School Committee Appointment to the MPIC: Mr. Desmond has resigned from the School Committee so there is an opening for a school committee representative on the MPIC. Members felt to wait until after the Town election on June 2nd to send a letter to the School Committee as two of the other members are also not seeking reelection.
- ii. Mr. Nottebart has spoken to Matt Fearnley. He is a videographer who produced a video of the old library. Mr. Fearnley would like to do a production about the MPIC. He stated that there is funding available for his idea and that Mr. Amaral might have some ideas for a video too. Mr. Nottebart will get in touch with Mr. Fearnley about attending the next meeting.

6. Next Meeting: Second Tuesday of the month – May 8, 2012. The meeting will be held in the Community Room of the Walpole Public Library.

7. Adjournment: A motion was made by Mr. Power and Mr. Ianno to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY