

February 23, 2009

09-05wksp

8:38 p.m. Workshop Session

1. Review of Planning Board Work on Shoreland Zoning and meeting the requirements of the State mandated ordinance adoption.

Steve Wentworth reviewed the proposed ordinance that meets the State mandated requirements.

- Wording in new document basically remains the same except for some technicalities and addition of wording to designate two areas as wading bird or waterfowl habitats, or “Resource Protection” spots. (section off Old Washburn Road’s forested wetland and area northeast of the Madawaska Stream)
- Shoreland zoning setbacks for general development (25’) - Stream protection (75’) - Resource Protection (250’)
- Ken Murchison working on digital format of updated mapping of wetlands, ATV and snowmobile trail systems, etc. in preparation for DEP approval.
- Discussed at Planning Board level to repeal City’s enforcement of timber harvesting in Shoreland Zone – If 252 municipalities agree, the State would take back enforcement
- Once the mapping, ordinance wording, etc. is completed, the consensus of the Council was to set a public hearing date for consideration of ordinance
- The State’s version would automatically take effect on July 12, 2009 if the City does not act

2. Continue discussion on future amendments to Council pay and the inclusion of Council Workshops for pay consideration.

This item was tabled.

3. Final Review of the Amended Budget prior to Public Hearing.

- Third draft of the Executive Summary was distribute for Councilors to review – they were asked them to consider a presentation of this instead of the traditional power point at the public hearing.
- Clarification that the \$65,000 amount in Budget Scenario #5 accounts for the 10% reduction
- Chief Gahagan and Steve are working on a recommendation for modification of the number of streetlights and a policy for addressing them
- Replacement pages 2, 3, 4 and 44 for the last copy of the Budget were distributed.
- A larger amount for Overlay is recommended for 2009 – topic for future discussion
- Discussion on taking \$100,000 out of A/C 121 Asphalt – PW not doing in town paving in 2009 – MDOT to reconstruct main portion of South Main
- Clarification of City’s responsibility of paving to be ascertained

4. Review of two pending Federal Stimulus Package paving programs.

- Schedule includes Wilbur Avenue to Record Street – Route 89/Rte 1 and continue to West Gate Road
- MDOT being urged to make High Street reconstruction a priority

9:25 p.m. Workshop adjourned.

Judy-Ann Corrow, Secretary

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