

Joint Connect Pelham Taskforce and Board of Selectmen Meeting Agenda

Tuesday March 26 2019, 6:00 pm, The Training Room (under the Pelham Library, enter from the Amherst Road side through the 'Police entrance' and take the left door).

Present: Stan Swiercz, Karen Ribeiro, Alicia Pearson, Lee Halasz, Emily Marriott, Abbie Jenks, Wendi Weinberg

Minutes:

1. New MVP action grant application

- We have the green light from the SelectBoard to work on a new MVP grant.
- There is lots of information about the initial MVP process in the Google Drive.
- MVP action grant is due on April 19, we want succinct ideas and cost estimates.
- A draft will have to go through the SelectBoard on April 17 meeting.
- The new grant will have the same three parts - Resilient Roads, Resilient Campus and Connect Pelham.
- The Energy Committee has submitted a grant for \$250K (associated with a new HVAC system for the library), which would be excellent match for a large MVP grant. This Match could apply to the grant as a whole, not just the Resilient Campus section.
- The School is budgeted for a new roof in 2025 (\$610K), but it is already leaking. Will apply for a new roof through this MVP grant associated with installing a solar array on the school, which will also help to keep the school cooler.
- School is looking to invest in window box air conditioning (say \$70K), after the high temperatures last September. It would make sense to divert this investment in old technology into contributing to a whole new HVAC system for the School that will cool and heat. Electrical load could be an issue with just adding individual box AC units to rooms.
- R.W. Hall (engineering firm) could probably do a study on school HVAC needs for around \$2K (?).
- School regionalization issue: It is highly unlikely that there will not be an elementary school in Pelham, it would presumably be a safeguard in any regionalisation agreement.
- It may be possible to reduce the need to use town funds by applying for MVP funding.
- A parking lot canopy solar system would likely cost around \$1M.
- There is an aim to cut total energy use in the campus library by 50%.
- In this MVP grant, we should apply for money to do more studies and get quotes (which also cost to obtain) associated with campus energy use. We would need to go out to bid to get the work done.
- Resilient Roads:
 - Only one culvert has been assessed, the one that has resulted in North Valley Road being closed. The other 5 (?) have not yet been done.
 - Karen to talk with Rick about culvert assessment/replacement/engineering studies/process, we are not quite sure on the status/situation.
 - Water quality:

- It is important to work out how water and sewer provisioning could happen in the town center. Perhaps apply for funds to hire professionals to do a study. Stormwater bylaws for town center will be going to Fall town meeting.
- 2. **Community Concert** - all looks to be organized.
- 3. **6th grade - elders project - list of elders** - The list is looking good, we should keep contacting people and adding contact details. Lee to coordinate with Margaret Light and the elders to organize a classroom gathering.
- 4. **'Connect with your community' postcard** - Let's leave this until after the new MVP grant is submitted.
- 5. **Saturday May 4 event - plant sale/yard sale/fix it facility** - Lee is still contacting fix-it groups, but it does not look promising to have this facility at the plant sale/yard sale. We need to coordinate with Emily Marriott to promote this event.
- 6. **Time reserved for topics that were not reasonably anticipated** - Abbie reports that Steve Botkin would like to be involved with Connect Pelham, especially a door-to-door campaign, and an assessment of water use/needs/emergency access.
Karen reports that there will be a Selectboard meeting at the school on April 24, 2-3 pm.

Next Connect Pelham meeting: Tuesday April 9, 2019