



BARRINGTON, NH SELECT BOARD STRATEGIC PLANNING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

The Select Board Strategic Planning Session for Tuesday, June 27, 2023 began at 6:32pm. The session was held at Barrington Town Hall, 4 Signature Drive. In attendance were Chair Cappiello, Vice-Chair Saccoccia, Selectperson Mannschreck, Selectperson Gibson, Selectperson Hardekopf, Town Administrator (TA) MacIver, Municipal Office Administrator Caudle, and Facilitator Sarah Wrightsman.

SESSION OPENED & AGENDA REVIEW

6:32pm. The Session was opened by Facilitator Wrightsman, who read the Select Board mission, which was written during last year's Strategic Planning Session. The group discussed prioritization of items for discussion, as well as the concept of high/low effort high/low impact items.

IMPLEMENTATION OF MASTER PLAN

6:41pm. Challenges for the TIF district were discussed, including the belief one would make Barrington less rural. The Board shared what they and other residents would like to see:

- *Preservation of Character*
- *Agriculture*
- *Outdoor Recreation*
- *Use of Town Departments to Foster a Sense of Community*
- *Low Commercial Use*
- *Conservation/Open Land*
- *Tasteful Building*
- *Trail Interconnectivity*
- *Promotion of Conservation Subdivisions/Ordinances*
- *No Big Box Stores*

Selectperson Hardekopf requested and the Board agreed to request the Town Planner compare zoning ordinances from other like-sized municipalities and possibly present to Planning. Henniker, Hollis, Hanover, Gorham, Dartmouth were all mentioned.

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) DISTRICT

7:00pm. Feedback from residents was that it was too abstract, too large, there is a need for a concrete goal. Discussion ensued of potentially pursuing a TIF District in conjunction with the purchase a lot recently for sale in the Town Center. The Select Board agreed to discuss the TIF District and potential goal to purchase 13 acres in the Town Center at the July 10th, 2023 meeting. *All agreed this is a one-year goal.*

MUNICIPAL FACILITIES

7:12pm. Bond costs were obtained through the New Hampshire Municipal Bond Bank in preparation for potential bonds in 2024 (library, public safety building, etc.). Based on a recent library building committee meeting, the new approximate cost of a library is \$6.5million. The group discussed bundling projects together on a warrant rather than individually, staggering larger

purchases and increasing messaging to voters of future needs. The library will be asked to present updated \$6.5million cost at July 10th meeting. *All agreed this is a one-year goal.*

TOWN-OWNED LAND BEHIND LIBERTY TRUCK

7:37pm. The town-owned land behind Liberty Truck was discussed, including potential for a solar array, challenges, and concerns to developing the property, including need for Department of Environmental Services (DES) approval. *All agreed this is a three-year goal.*

INFRASTRUCTURE

7:57pm. How should projects be prioritized? Preparing ahead and completing the design work, especially for dams and culverts, will make grant funds more accessible if they become available. Larger culverts require permitting due to size and location; they are not something the Town's Highway Department can replace. Possibly planning out five years ahead and sharing infrastructure needs with residents over that time. Concerns were raised the Town would be unwilling to approve looking at all projects as a whole rather than incrementally.

COMMUNICATIONS

8:14pm. Communication and messaging were a repeating theme throughout the meeting. Staff were praised for their efforts in increasing communication. TA MacIver requested Select Board consider advocating individually, or possibly having a table of sorts at community events. Discussed joint meetings between boards, inviting all to a Select Board meeting regularly. Outreach with children was a topic all supported, teaching them about civics and local involvement. Also discussed were how to respond to challenging individuals, methods of communication that have succeeded and others that could in the future.

SUCCESSION MANAGEMENT

8:41pm. The consensus was that necessary succession management plans are in place other than for the Fire Chief and Road Agent. Plans for both are in process.

SELECT BOARD – WHAT DO YOU BRING/CONTRIBUTE?

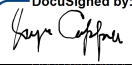
8:43pm. Facilitator Wrightsman encouraged the Board members to consider what they bring to the Board and what they have to offer and contribute.

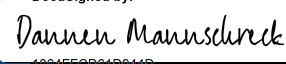
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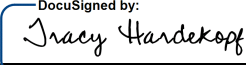
8:45pm. Updates will be offered regularly at Select Board meetings, and there will possibly be another strategic planning meeting in six months.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

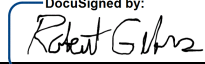
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7/10/23
Date Minutes Were Approved

