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LEGISLATION & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
APRIL 25, 2016

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The clerk called the roll and recorded it as follows:

Present: Enrico Costantini, Chairman, Jack Testani, Vice Chairman, Joseph Pifko Edna Colucci, Jason Marsh, Thomas Whitmoyer, and Mark Block, Alternate.

Absent: William Mecca, Alternate.

Also Present: Town Council Chairman Carl A. Massaro, Jr., Economic Development Director Rina Bakalar, Parks & Recreation Director Stuart McCarthy, Town Attorneys Barbara Schellenberg, Esq. and Jared Schwartz, Esq.

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1. RESOLUTION TC26-52: Moved by Pifko, seconded by Marsh
BE IT RESOLVED, That \$60,000 is hereby appropriated from Golf Course Retained Earnings 21-315200 to Capital Outlay 21100000-581888 to purchase two new 3250 Q triplex specialty mowers.

Mr. McCarthy explained this is a request to purchase two (2) new greens mowers for the golf course. The mowers that are being replaced are 14 and 20 years old. The greens mowers currently in use will be moved to be used as tee mowers. The money for this purchase is in the bank, it was received from the trade in of golf carts from E-Z-Go, (a copy of the check was included in the back up). The purchase will have no impact on the golf course Retained Earnings account. The financial outlook for the golf course is very good.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

2. RESOLUTION TC26-53: Moved by Marsh, seconded by Testani

BE IT RESOLVED, That submission of the funding application for the Long Hill Green improvements under the Main Street Investment Fund Program is hereby authorized and Timothy M. Herbst First Selectman, is hereby identified as the individual authorized to sign the application and all subsequent amendments, reports and related documents in order to administer and implement the project. (Full Resolution Attached)

Mr. Massaro introduced Ms. Rina Bakalar the new Economic Development Director to the committee. Ms. Bakalar stated she has been with the Town for two weeks and looks forward to working with all present.

The grant is from the Department of Housing and is specifically designed for communities like Trumbull, smaller communities that are STEAP eligible (Small Town Economic Assistance Program). The grant is targeted for greens, commerce corridors, pedestrian access, green space, attractiveness that would make a downtown area more attractive to consumers to make it more economically viable. The Town can apply for up to \$500,000. The submission of the grant is due May 31, 2016 in Hartford. There is no match required from the Town. The State does like to see leverage funds (other investment dollars) in a project to ensure they are not the only ones investing in the area.

Ms. Bakalar distributed and reviewed the attached document with the committee, the document outlines the elements of this grant. They are in the process of costing out the elements.

The elements are as follows:

- Extend the sidewalk from Whitney Avenue to Dunellen Road - *The extension of the sidewalk would connect the neighborhood to the commerce area in a safer way and would be the first leg to connecting the trail access from Whitney Avenue down to Indian Ledge. There is not enough money to do it all so this would be one element.*
- Improvements to simplify the green space at Long Hill Green - *The simplification of the green space seems to be the general consensus. Improvements are as follows: Simplify the plantings, improve the paver pad, install granite benches to tie into the granite around the green space, replace the gazebo with something more structurally sound and inviting and scaping of the grass to connect the area.*
- Gateway demarcation in three areas as noted in the POCD - *When this is cost out if there is enough money per the POCD, demarcation of the Long Hill Green could be considered. This was identified in the POCD with three stars. For the grant how it will be demarcated does not have to be specifically identified.*
- Traffic Calming - *There has been thought to traffic calming in the area. Ms. Bakalar had previously reviewed the traffic studies done for the area. The amount of traffic in this area does not warrant what the State requires for a traffic light. There will be a natural calming to the traffic as more people start to use the green area.*

Ms. Bakalar confirmed for the committee that \$500,000 was the most they could apply for, there are no matching funds required, but the State does like to see leverage funds,

(other money that would go into improvements in the area). The Town has already seen some of that with all of the improvements being made to the Long Hill Green area currently.

Ms. Bakalar indicated to Mr. Testani she is aware the police commission supports closing Broadway and understands there is a proposed development next to where Franco Gianni's, (a dentist office and the reconfiguration of two (2) lots). The ZBA recommended closing one end of Broadway if that development was to go forward. The traffic studies support this as well. There has not been a final decision on this to date.

If there were some funds identified for a particular part of a project that would need to be reallocated they could as long as it was within the scope of the project. They would explain to the State there had been a modification to the project. To date they have not spoken with the businesses regarding closing the road. There are other scenarios/options to the closing the road as well, (i.e. one-way traffic). Ms. Bakalar indicated to Mr. Block by priority closing the road would be #3 of the four components. The sidewalks would be #1, and the most expensive, #2 would be the improvements to the green space and demarcation would be #4.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

3. RESOLUTION TC26-54: Moved by Colucci, seconded by Pifko
BE IT RESOLVED, That Town of Trumbull is hereby authorized to accept five (5) pieces or parcels of land, piece or parcel no. 1 located on the easterly side of Colonel Henry Mucci Highway (CT Route 25) containing 6.1 acres, more or less, for Open Space and Recreational Purposes, piece or parcel no. 2 located on the southerly side of Colonel Henry Mucci Highway (CT Route 25) containing 16.3 acres, more or less, for Open Space and Recreational Purposes, piece or parcel no. 3 located southwesterly of the Pequonnock River containing 3.6 acres, more or less, for Highway Purposes, piece or parcel no. 4 located easterly of Parcel No. 3, on the northeasterly side of Colonel Henry Mucci Highway (CT Route 25), containing 30.9 acres, more or less, for Open Space and Recreational Purposes and piece or parcel no. 5 located on the northerly side of Main Street (CT Route 25) containing 27.9 acres, more or less, for Open Space and Recreational Purposes from the State of Connecticut for the consideration of \$1,000, file number 144-110, serial number 038A.

Attorney Schwartz explained this is a proposed land acquisition from the State. The properties consist of 84 acres of land spread out over 5 separate parcels. The parcels were acquired by the State through the construction of RT 25. The first area is adjacent to Twin Brooks Park, area 2 is adjacent State land north of Whitney Avenue, area 3 consists of Old Mine Rd. and Tungsten Circle, area 4 is south of Old Mine Park and the Pequonnock River Trail, and is the largest area, area 5 is located between the Monroe Turnpike and Spring Hill Road and the Pequonnock River Trail.

They had conducted meticulous title work. P&Z had their 8-24 hearing on the parcels and the Public Works has signed off as well. Atty. Schwartz confirmed the \$1,000 would be paid to the State for the deed of the 5 parcels, 84 acres in total. Atty. Schellenberg stated she is not aware of what the long term use is for the parcels is. Parcel #3 is for highway use and is along Old Mine Road. This could be used in connection with a thruway and travel. Atty. Schwartz indicated he is not privy to the intended use of these parcels. The Town would incur the maintenance costs. Atty. Schellenberg stated she did not see a down side to this acquisition.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss the L&A Committee adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. Mastroni, Town Council Clerk

FULL RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION TC26-53: BE IT RESOLVED, WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut, Department of Housing offers competitive grants through the Main Street Investment Fund Program, and

WHEREAS, grants are to be used to improve commercial centers in order to attract small businesses, promote commercial viability and improve aesthetics and pedestrian access, and

WHEREAS, grants cannot exceed \$500,000 and shall be used for improved lighting, sidewalks, new signage, expanded recreational and green space and other related improvements or renovations, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Trumbull will submit an application for funding to support improvements to Long Hill Green, and

THEREFORE, the Trumbull Town Council authorizes the submission of the funding application for the Long Hill Green improvements under the Main Street Investment Fund Program and identifies, Timothy M. Herbst, First Selectman, as the individual authorized to sign the application and all subsequent amendments, reports and related documents in order to administer and implement the project.

Attachments;

Distributed at the 4-25-16 L&A Committee meeting

Main Street Investment Fund – Application due 5/31/16

Tighe & Bond is assisting in costing out the following elements for consideration in the grant application:

1-Sidewalk extension from Whitney Avenue where the new sidewalks end just at the boundary of the new development, to the corner of Dunellen Road. This will create pedestrian access to the neighborhood and begin the connection to the Pequannock Trail.

2- Improvements to simplify the green space including clearing random plantings and increasing grass area, replacing the Gazebo, creating a paver patio area with granite benches for business patrons and residents to enjoy, and connecting the green space as the end of Broadway is closed.

3- Gateway demarcation in three areas as noted in the plan of conservation and development.