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NEW LONDON PLANNING BOARD

CIP Subcommittee Meeting
Capital Improvements Program (CIP)

Thursday, July 13, 2017
7:30AM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Dietrich, Janet Kidder, Paul Gorman, Bill Berger and Rob Prohl.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michele Holton

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Hallquist, Town Administrator

Call to Order: Paul Gorman called the meeting to order at 7:30A.M.

Discussion:

- ✓ Reviewed current Capital Improvements Plan (as approved by the Planning Board on September 26, 2016).
- ✓ Goose Hole Bridge Engineering: Transfer Station Study: it was noted that this project is underway now.
- ✓ Paul Gorman questioned whether the town has adequately considered housing for aging population. Rob Prohl observed that workforce housing is identified in the Master Plan.
- ✓ Discuss Whipple Memorial Town Hall – all agreed that knowing what will happen with the police and recreation departments is needed before any decisions can be made on Whipple.
- ✓ Paul Gorman observed that sidewalks are an issue for the town; they are often raised at Planning Board meetings.
- ✓ Paul Gorman noted that alternative energy has been discussed with regard to possible zoning amendments. Also, the potential for solar arrays on town property. Bill Dietrich notes that future changes in federal laws may make solar less feasible due to economics.
- ✓ Discuss bridge projects – Pingree Road, Brookside, Goose Hole. The Goose Hole bridge project may be able to get included in the State's ten-year plan for possible financial assistance from the State. This issue will be discussed with Public Works Director Richard Lee.
- ✓ Rob Proh; inquired about the status of the Master Plan. Bill Dietrich noted that the Planning Board is soft peddling at this point due to summer and lack of staff. Rather do it right than fast – want to do it in a way that engages people early on. What will the town look like in 10 years? Paul Gorman agreed and noted that this process will ignite conversation around town; it will likely start with a questionnaire for townspeople.
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- ✓ Discussed the value of having department heads fill out forms that detail projects they believe should be considered in the CIP. These forms were used in the past and they were helpful. Ms. Hallquist will forward some forms to Mr. Gorman for his review. The subcommittee agreed that asking department heads to submit the information will be helpful' a decision can then be made as to whether or not staff will be asked to meet with the subcommittee for additional discussion.

Next meeting scheduled: Wednesday, August 2, 2017, 7:30AM.

Motion to Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:30AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Hallquist, Town Administrator