

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting
February 24, 1998
Raymond Town Office; 7:00 PM

Present: S. Bubier, A. Brown, E. Allen, B. McDermott, N. Poore (Town Manager), and Karen Martin (GPCOG Staff). Several members from the public were also present at the meeting.

1. S. Bubier called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. Review and consider the first draft of a Tax Increment Financing District encompassing the area of the proposed natural gas pipeline corridor and certain parts of the Route 302 commercial corridor. Karen Martin of the Greater Portland Council of Governments presented the draft of the TIF.

After discussion, the Board decided to have Karen and Nathan make the following changes to the TIF:

Add road projects as an eligible project;
Add specific CIP projects to the project list; and
See if the current fire truck proposal could be funded through the TIF.

The Board decided to not place the TIF proposal on the March 21, 1998 Town Meeting Warrant as a vote but rather as an Article to present information about the TIF concept and to explain it will be placed on a future special town meeting warrant later in the year.

3. Other Business and Communications.

The Board reviewed an application for a CDBG general purpose planning grant that focuses on the RT 302 commercial area. There was a motion, second and unanimous vote to accept and submit the application as written by Karen Martin, GPCOG representative. Nathan Poore and Stephanie Bubier will sign the grant application later in the week.

Nathan reported that he had denied a request to fund the Comprehensive Plan Committees request to provide information that supports defeat of the proposed comprehensive plan and land use ordinance changes. The Board agreed based on the proposed dissemination of information was taking the form of a political campaign. Also, Nathan reported that the Comprehensive Plan Committee did not follow standard recommendation format for a Town Meeting Warrant article. They voted to recommend "defeat" of the article rather than "does not recommend". The Board stated that only the standard language would be permitted.

4. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.