

CITY OF LEWISTON
PLANNING BOARD MEETING
MINUTES for January 28, 2019

- I. **ROLL CALL:** The meeting was held in the City Council Chambers on the first floor of City Hall and was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Chairperson, Pauline Gudas, chaired the meeting.

Members in Attendance: Pauline Gudas, John Butler, Normand Anctil, Sandra Marquis, Benjamin Martin and Lucy Bisson

Member Absent: Kristine Kittridge

Associate Member Present: Michael Reed and Paul Robinson

Staff Present: David Hediger, Director of Planning and Code, Douglas Greene, City Planner and Linda Tripp, Administrative Assistant

- II. **ADJUSTMENT TO THE AGENDA:** None

- III. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Handout from Douglas Greene re: Selection Review Committee for Design Regulations Update.

- IV. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

- V. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- a) Planning Board Workshop on the 2020 LCIP

David Hediger noted the public hearing on the LCIP will be scheduled for the February 11, 2019 meeting. Members requested additional information on the following:

- Page 23: How many fire alarm boxes remain? Is this in reference to the boxes/pull stations that used to be found around the community?
- Page 26: More explanation is needed as to why this is only a one-year request and what specifically is looked to be accomplished.
- Page 34: Concerns with the size of the request being made. More details requested.
- Page 36: Should we be spending money on a study for the existing site? Are existing building conditions due to unsuitable soil conditions? Is there a better location for the station to be located? Might this be a better lot for redevelopment? Given the recommendations for new fire stations and upgrades to Central First Station, might a single structure for both departments be a better idea? Might e-911 be housed in the same structure?
- Page 37: Designs for the new stations were supposed to be similar to reduce costs. Why is \$250,000 needed?
- Page 39: Recognizing the request is for 2022, designs for the new stations were supposed to be similar to reduce costs. Why is \$250,000 needed?
- Page 45: Why is this cost so high? More details requested.

- Page 46: This request has been made for several years. An update and more details requested.
- Page 47: More details requested.
- Page 51: Recognizing the request is for 2020, why is a consultant needed? Doesn't PW have the staff and knowledge to complete a feasibility study? More details requested.
- Page 60: Do these projects actually need to be completed in FY20? Which ones may be cut or are of less of a priority?
- Page 61: Why is \$200,000 need each year for the next five years?
- Page 63: Which ones may be cut or are of less of a priority?
- Page 65: What is the process for determining which roads are a priority? Also, specific reference was made to Webster Street from Five Corners to Walnut Street and how that continues to be placed lower on the list.
- Page 78: Might this be delayed? Are their specific timelines required for completion?
- Page 89: Why is this cost so high? It was noted that some of the school requests have been made in previous years. What was authorized in the past? More details requested.
- Page 92: Why is this cost so high? More details requested.
- Page 93: Why is this cost so high? More details requested.
- Page 95: Why is this cost so high? More details requested.
- Page 96: Why is this cost so high? More details requested.
- Page 110: This seems like a lot of money for a short term solution. What is the long term plan? Are we continually funding short term solutions?
- Clarification needed on cutting \$7,000,000: Is this or may it be limited to bonding, operating budget, etc.? What funding source can be cut with having the most and least impact?
- With interest rates threatening to increase, when might it make sense to authorize more than 80% debt and address what's needed in the short-term versus the risk of bonding in the future at higher rates?

b) Any other business Planning Board Members may have relating to the duties of the Lewiston Planning Board.

Douglas Greene approached the board regarding the need for Planning Board representation on the Selection Review Committee for Design Regulations Update. Paul Robinson volunteered to represent the Planning Board on the Selection Review Committee.

The following motion was made:

MOTION: by **Benjamin Martin** to nominate Paul Robinson as the Planning Board representative to serve on the Selection Review Committee.
Second by **Lucy Bisson**.

VOTED: 7-0-1 (Passed – Paul Robinson Abstained)

VI. READING OF MINUTES: Adoption of the January 14, 2019 draft minutes.

The following motion was made:

MOTION: by **Lucy Bisson** to accept the January 14, 2019 draft minutes as presented. Second by **Sandra Marquis**.

VOTED: 7-0-1 (Passed – John Butler Abstained)

VII. ADJOURNMENT: The following motion was made to adjourn.

MOTION: by **Benjamin Martin** that this meeting adjourns at 6:20 p.m. Second by **Sandra Marquis**.

VOTED: 8-0 (Passed)

The next regularly scheduled meeting is for Monday, February 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

John Butler, Secretary