

CITY OF LEWISTON  
PLANNING BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES for January 30, 2017

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- 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 5:20 p.m. Chairperson, Bruce Damon, chaired the meeting.

**Members in Attendance:** Bruce Damon, John Butler, Normand Anctil, Paul Madore, Pauline Gudas and Michael Marcotte

**Members Absent:** Sandra Marquis

**Associate Members Present:** Sonia Taylor and Zachary Pettengill

Zachary Pettengill was appointed full voting member for this meeting.

**Staff Present:** David Hediger, City Planner, Linda Tripp, Administrative Assistant, Paul LeClair, Fire Chief and Bruce McKay, Assistant Fire Chief

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

- III. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Email from Paul LeClair to David Hediger dated January 29, 2017 re: Pumper Request forwarded to Planning Board

- VI. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

- V. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- a) Request by the Lewiston Fire Department for a capital expenditure not included in Lewiston's annual capital program for the purpose of purchasing a new pumper.

Paul LeClair presented his recommendation and summarized the request for capital expenditure then welcomed any questions from the board.

The following motion was made:

**MOTION:** by **John Butler** pursuant to Article VII, Section 4(f) of the Zoning and Land Use Code to send a favorable recommendation for the City Council's consideration the Lewiston Fire Department's capital expenditure not included in Lewiston's annual capital program for the purpose of purchasing a new pumper. Second by **Michael Marcotte**.

**Discussion Followed.**

Paul Madore questioned the salvage value. Bruce Damon inquired if it is reasonable to repair the Ford Expedition when it proposed to be traded in 2017.  
Bruce Damon opened the discussion to the public.

Dennis Theriault, 21 Margurette Street stated he is in favor of the purchase and of Pierce as a manufacturer. He feels it is the best interest of the residents of Lewiston to have the best of equipment if and when the need arises.

Norm Anctil inquired if salvage items to be obtained from the damaged pumper were for immediate use or to be warehoused for future use. Paul LeClair stated they would primarily be for immediate use.

Paul asked about Fire's accident record. Paul LeClair said they have a safe record. Michael Marcotte asked if this would delay the replacement of Engine #3; no.

**VOTED: 7-0 (Passed)**

**MOTION:** by **Bruce Damon** to send a favorable recommendation for the City Council's consideration the Lewiston Fire Department's request to purchase the 1995 Pierce Pumper from Minuteman Trucks Inc., Walpole, MA for \$32,000 for use as a spare unit. Second by **Pauline Gudas**.

**VOTED: 7-0 (Passed)**

Note: the Board acknowledged this last motion was not required by ordinance with the amount of the capital expenditures costing less than \$100,000. However, the Board felt it was important for the Council to be aware of their support of the Fire Department's request.

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

The Board noted they would like more information for the LCIP public hearing: Page 115: more clarification is needed on the authorized and unissued debt (see page 3 below):

Total on the bottom of the page does not include FY15; why? And why do the debt numbers differ each year (i.e. 2014 debt in FY18 LCIP is different from the FY14 debt noted in FY17 LCIP).

Clarify the note regarding \$4 million guarantee bond to Bates Mill LLC and the reference to which "we never intend to sell".

Last year the LCIP had a request to replace parking meters with digital meters. What's the status of this?

Request that a copy of the Bates Mill agreement be provided (ideally prior to the LCIP hearing), in reference to the parking agreement.

Board wants to know specifically which parcels were promised to Platz as part of that agreement.

Page 28: More specifics needed as to what issues may arise if this item/the parking garage is delayed to FY19.

Related to the unreserved balance (in light of the recent request for the replacement pumper), what amount of bonds has been issued and what has not been used.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT:** The following motion was made to adjourn.

**MOTION:** by **Paul Madore** that this meeting adjourns at 6:20 p.m. Second by **Norm Anctil**.

**VOTED: 7-0 (Passed)**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is for Monday, February 6, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sonja Taylor, Secretary