

Brandon Special Select Board Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2015

SB members: David Atherton, Doug Bailey, Seth Hopkins, Ethan Swift, Devon Fuller
Also: Blaine Cliver and Wayne Rausenberger

Call to order 8:34

Motion to adopt agenda by Devon Fuller/ David Atherton

Add 1 (b) Consider discontinuance for portion of Old Brandon Rd

Motion passed 4-0

Seth Hopkins discussed starting the process to consider discontinuance of the Northerly portion of Old Brandon Rd based on the 3/27/15 letter from Carol Bertrand. Dave Atherton expressed concern that the adjoining landowners need to be notified. Ethan Swift asked if there were water/sewer lines to be identified. Seth Hopkins stated that there was a survey completed in the 1980's that was recorded in Map Book 1 Page 64 but the actual spot of the lines were unclear. Devon Fuller suggested that we contact BFD#1 and the Sewer dept to research the location of the water/sewer lines. Ethan suggested calling DigSafe as well. Ethan asked if throwing up this portion of the road would make the Bertrand lot conform to zoning lot size? No, it would still need to go to the DRB.

Motion made by Seth Hopkins/David Atherton to proceed with process to discontinue the northerly portion of Old Brandon Rd. Motion passed 4-0

FEMA project discussion

Green Park

Devon Fuller said the DPW director suggest that we write a letter to FEMA that includes the history of the formation of the park (community involvement, brick donations, etc.) And to ask that it be repaired, at least with grass and better fencing so it can be used for the next three years instead of waiting until seg6/bridge 114/ overflow culvert construction. Ethan Swift said lets get it repaired for temporary use. Doug Bailey suggested that we use crushed stone around the gazebo and where the bricks would be. He also agrees that we do not pursue with complete remediation, just repair with grass and stone. He said that FEMA does not want to repair the park just to have it dug up when the overflow culvert is built. Blaine Cliver mentioned that the park will probably be used for a staging area during bridge 114 repair and Seg. 6 as well. But we could also use the lot behind the Mobil station for equipment. FEMA also wondered if we could move the overflow culvert to the southern end of the park. Ethan Swift addressed that there are private landowners on that side and we need to discuss easement issues with them. Doug Bailey mentioned that Warren Kimble does not want to lay the bricks back down until all projects are completed.

Devon Fuller/Dave Atherton motion to authorized Doug Bailey and Seth Hopkins to draft a letter to FEMA for Green Park temporary fix. Ethan Swift added that clarification of the importance of the overflow structure needs to be addressed in the letter. Motion passed 4-0

Kennedy Park Sewerline

Devon Fuller stated that the DWP director suggested that we could use the remaining FEMA funds for Kennedy park to purchase equipment, possibly new Ford F-550. Dave Atherton asked about the FEMA funds we received for the retaining wall and stairs to the parking lot. When is that getting fixed.

Devon Fuller/Seth Hopkins motion to put any remaining FEMA funds from the Kennedy Park Sewerline for equipment purchase. Motion passed 4-0

Cobb Hill

Motion by Devon Fuller/Seth Hopkins to draft a letter stating the scope of work to be changed to coincide with the A&E design proposal. Motion passed 4-0

Bridge 114

Blaine Cliver discussed parapet suggestions and will let the engineers know what the town would like for railings and make it work. Wayne Rausenberger was concerned about the rail/parapet design height. Devon Fuller/Ethan Swift motion to send a letter to the bridge engineers to engineer a rail over the bridge to meet all state and federal codes. Motion passed 4-0.

Wayne was concerned about the scoping study for the bridge surface/ cement slab. Why does it seem like this is a new issue? Dave Atherton stated that is has been discussed before but now they are ready to complete the scoping work. Wayne was also concerned about the funding as is was originally 1.3 million, and are there extra funds for the slab reconstruction?

Meeting recessed at 10:00 a.m. by Doug Bailey

Motion to enter into executive session for the employment of a public officer or employee made by Ethan Swift/Devon Fuller. Motion passed 4-0

Dave Atherton left at 10:10 a.m.

Motion made to close executive session by Ethan Swift/Devon Fuller at 10:57 a.m.. Motion passed 3-0, no action taken.

Motion to adjourn by Ethan Swift/Devon Fuller 10:58 a.m. Motion passed 3-0