

Brandon Select Board
Union Street Sidewalk Transportation Alternatives Grant Hearing
October 10, 2016

Select Board Members Present: Doug Bailey, Seth Hopkins, Devon Fuller, Brian Coolidge

Others present: Dave Atherton, Richard Baker

Call to Order:

Doug Bailey opened the Select Board's hearing at 6:00PM and read the following Notice of Public Hearing: Notice is hereby given that the Town of Brandon Select Board will hold a Public Hearing on October 10, 2016 at 6:00PM at the Brandon Town Hall, 1st Floor Conference Room, located at 1 Conant Square, Brandon, Vermont to discuss and take public comments on the Union Street Sidewalk Transportation Alternatives Grant.

Public Comments:

Dave Atherton stated the Town has re-applied for a grant. The Town did not receive the last grant that was applied for. The project has been reduced significantly and will just be to continue the sidewalk on Union Street to the lower Barlow Road. The Town has outsourced the grant writing this time to Susan Schreibman, a grant writer. Doug Bailey asked if the funds from the Town Farm Fund will be used and Mr. Atherton stated those funds will be used towards the match. Seth Hopkins asked where the project will end now. Mr. Atherton reported it will end on the east side of the railroad tracks and the project will need only a couple of easements. The project will be a five-foot wide concrete sidewalk from where it starts on Union Street to Barlow Avenue. Mr. Atherton stated the Town will continue to apply for the grant until it is received. Mr. Atherton noted the State has extended the timeframe for the project and it is hoped that this will save the grant money that has already been spent. Richard Baker reported the Rutland Regional Transportation Council will support this grant application and they will be writing a letter to the State in support of the grant for Brandon. Seth Hopkins asked if this grant follows the logical term. Mr. Atherton advised that the project will provide more people pedestrian access to the Town's amenities. Mr. Atherton stated the Town will also receive letters of support from the Brandon Chamber of Commerce and Planning Commission for the grant. Mr. Baker advised there are only four candidates from Rutland County applying this year. Mr. Atherton stated the total fund request is \$300,000.00 and has an 80/20 match.

Adjournment:

The hearing was closed at 6:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Bryant
Recording Secretary

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