

March 25, 2010

Special Meeting

Minutes are subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen.

Present: First Selectman Mark E. Lyon, Selectmen James L. Brinton and Nicholas N. Solley.

Press: Ann Compton-VOICES, Jack Coraggio-Litchfield County Times.

Presenter: Peter Talbot

40-50 townspeople.

Call to Order:

Mark Lyon called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m. by welcoming and introducing Peter Talbot, Architect. Mark explained that Peter would be making a presentation, entitled Mill Race Road Project that involves the Town-owned property at 16 Titus Road – the old town garage site.

Mill Race Road Project Presentation by Peter Talbot:

Peter thanked all those attending and began by explaining that his work on this project evolved from the 1993 Plan of Conservation and Development and his being hired in 1995 to complete a study of this property. Despite a technological glitch and Peter's disappointment in not being able to give his power point presentation, he gave a very informative explanation of the Mill Race Road Project he has spent countless hours on.

Peter explained he has received letters of support from the Town's Housing Commission, Conservation Commission and Planning Commission. He is requesting support from the Board of Selectmen for funding for engineering and survey work at the site that would determine flood plains and flood ways. This would be for a cost of approximately \$16,200. Once these studies are completed and results in, the community can begin to think realistically what can be done with this property and it's being incorporated into the Town's villages.

Peter has spoken with various Commissions, Town organizations and abutting landowners about his project ideas that could include housing and recreational areas. He further mentioned that his reason for working on this now is that it gives the Town and it's townspeople time to think and plan for the growth of the Town. FEMA is currently working on a remapping of flood plain areas for flood insurance maps, therefore making this a perfect time to do the aforementioned studies. This work could possibly incorporate the Primary School grounds as well.

Several attendees asked questions of Peter and several spoke in favor of his ideas and commended the work done. There was overwhelming support for the Town's expenditure of funds for the studies from those present at this meeting.

Nick Solley explained that the 16 Titus Road Committee and Board of Selectmen have made a request to the Planning Commission to request their recommendation to use funding that was remaining from the Depot Study that would allow \$16,000-\$17,000 to be used for engineering and survey work at 16 Titus Road.

No formal motions were made or acted upon.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Selectmen's Secretary