

**Joint Meeting  
Town Working Group  
& Village Working Group**

January 23, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. – 344 VT15 West

Present: Tim Yarrow, Jim Fontaine, Susan Bartlett, Lucy Hankinson, Dan Young, Ken McPherson, Ron Rodjenski, Carol Robertson

1. Agenda Review, Additions and/or Deletions – Tim opened the meeting at 6:03 p.m. No changes to the agenda.
2. Open Public Comments - No public comment received.
3. Town Working Group, report by the Chair, Lucy Hankinson – Lucy and Tim stated nothing new to report and Tim welcomed Village General Manager Carol Robertson.
4. Discussion with Carol Robertson –
  - Discussed the Better Connections grant application; an award decision is expected February 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - The utility needs will be included in the grant’s transportation corridor planning work which will study the connections within the Village of Hyde Park and economic development.
  - The Village is working on an inventory of village capital assets and an engineering assessment of condition and priorities to repair/replace will be ready soon.
  - The Better Connections proposed grant work period ends in September 2018 and the complete application is posted on the HIGHWAY page of the Town & Village website.
  - Village capital asset repair/replace priorities will be set by the Village Trustees and funding proposals will need to be decided by the voters.
  - A comprehensive and thoughtful planning and assessment approach will be beneficial and necessary before seeking funding approval from voters.
  - The Village is developing a modified plan for the Johnson St Ext & Main St intersection to improve safety, however, the design needs to be based on existing & projected traffic. Limiting projected traffic volume can reduce design standards, for example, reducing travel lane width.
  - As funding is reviewed, it was noted that a series of construction projects over a longer time may not be as cost-effective as doing more improvements at one time.
  - Currently, the village water system assessment is on-going and a separate more comprehensive sewer assessment (with the Dufresne Group) has; a bonding request is possible in 2 years.
  - The Better Connections grant will help the legislative bodies prioritize roadway and surface work with all subsurface improvements.
  - The biggest concern is water service lines and storage which need to be upgraded for fire protection; although the water volume and water quality are good.
  - The village sewer capacity is good but planning for increased treatment capacity now will reduce the risk of a moratorium on new hookups in the future.
  - Existing utility customers, and any new customers, will pay for the capital improvements to the water and sewer systems.
  - The group agreed that it is best to plan on having one entity perform public outreach as the capital investment planning process proceeds.
  - The Better Connections grant is seeking funds to seek public input and conducting hearings.
  - Asset information should be ready this March and costs and priorities from the Trustees should be ready by the end of the calendar year. Everyone hoped the BC grant will be awarded to support the community outreach efforts on these issues.
5. Minutes: Motion by Jim to approve the December 12, 2016 minutes, as written. Seconded by Dan. Discussion: The bullet form was agreed to as a good format to share information with residents, especially when funding requests will be proposed eventually. Voting: 6 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
6. Next Steps: Ron will add a summary of current grants and prior studies with their priority sections and costs, if any, for roads within the Village limits. The community needs to decide if traffic routes and bike/pedestrian routes will be created or amended before engineering work can determine project costs.
7. Next Meeting: Monday, February 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room.
8. Adjourn: Motion by Jim to adjourn, seconded by Ken. Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Submitted by Ron Rodjenski