

Town of Millinocket

Sustainability Subcommittee MINUTES

11/19/2020

4:30 PM - ~~Council Chambers~~ MOVED TO ZOOM

ATTENDEES

Committee Members: Chair Golieb, Councilor Danforth, Councilor Pelletier, Interim Manager, Brittany Grutter (Northern Forest Center), Peter Jamieson (Katahdin Chamber of Commerce), Gilda Stratton, Mike Madore

Public: Councilor Bragdon, Stephanie Jamieson, Jeff Campbell (airport supervisor), Ben Barr

Meeting called at 4:33PM

AGENDA

1. Final review of FBO design proposal for the Town Council
 - a. Chair Golieb reviewed the timeline for FBO project. Committee agreed with summary and accuracy of timeline
 - b. Discussion on previous meeting. Committee members unanimously agreed that the FBO project should continue. Interim Manager expressed concern with moving forward with the project without feasibility study and more data from airport. Jeff (airport supervisor) suggested that Ralph (public works director) would be best contact for data. Councilors Danforth, Pelletier and Bragdon felt that investigation could continue while getting design phase completed, Chair concurred. Chair reiterated that feasibility study cannot be conducted without information received from design study.
 - c. Councilor Pelletier motioned to submit top three bids, as determined in last committee meeting, to Town Council for vote. Second by Madore. Approved unanimously 7-0

2. Discussion on consolidation of the tri-towns
 - a. Recap of discussion from previous committee meeting to update new members. Each committee member expressed their interest in consolidating in various departments. Chair suggested that we reach out to Medway and East Millinocket administrators to ask their departments to suggest areas of consolidation. Committee agreed that we should put it on Managers Report for upcoming Town Council meeting.
3. Introduction of Meagan Collins, intern
 - a. Intern unavailable due to testing. Discussion on Sierra Club-funded intern and the scope of work. Intern would be directed by the committee and required to report weekly to Interim Manager
4. Discussion on Town's needs for additional interns
 - a. Revaluation, code, assessors, front office, other positions discussed. Interim Manager discussed that she will be reaching out to Deb Roundtree about possibility of interns from her institution. Chair suggested using college posting boards to reach specific areas of focus and educational levels (post-bachelor degree, masters, etc). Madore suggested finding students in public administration
5. Discussion on proposing RFP for energy options for the Town
 - a. Chair introduced constraints on grid for local energy production following ReVision's failed solar project (due to Emera). Proposed that the subcommittee put out an RFP to see what other energy providers can do for the town for potential cost savings. Broader discussion on wind and solar energy options for the town, including restrictions on wind. Committee agreed that RFP should be drafted and reviewed at next meeting.
6. Discussion of other initiatives for departmental sustainability
 - a. No other discussion-- to be on next agenda

Open for public comment

none