



Stratham Public Works Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 07, 2019
Municipal Center, Selectmen's Meeting Room
10 Bunker Hill Avenue
Time: 6:30 PM

Members Present: John Boisvert, Chairman
Michael Girard, Member
Jim Cushman, Member
Joe Lovejoy, Selectmen's Representative

Staff Present: Tavis Austin, AICP, Town Planner
David Moore, Town Administrator

1. Call to Order/Roll Call.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30; the Chairman took roll call.

2. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes.

The Commission reviewed minutes of December 13, 2018. M. Girard motioned to approve minutes as presented. J. Cushman, seconded; motion approved unanimously.

3. Public Meeting Topics

a. Infrastructure Discussion

T. Austin provided a brief update on the events of the Rt. 108 Corridor Study Committee over the past year as well as an update on both the Weston & Sampson Report and the pending Applied Economic Research (AER) Report.

J. Lovejoy briefly discussed changes in the Exeter Select Board and how Stratham may be proceeding with Exeter utility connections.

F. Swift introduced himself to the Commission and provided a brief history on his involvement with the \$24million project to rebuild parts of Hampton's infrastructure. He continued by questioning the proposed location of the intended utilities.

J. Boisvert stated that State monies may still be available, citing MTBE residual, as well as other money sources; specifically as the proposed utilities for Stratham would utilize the existing sleeves under NH 101 and within the 108 right-of-way.

J. Lovejoy noted that the current AER draft and that the Town would need to evaluate the period of time for a project to 'break even,' understanding that such could only be determined after learning of the tie-in costs with Exeter, *if*, Exeter is willing to negotiate such a contract.

J. Boisvert complimented Weston & Sampson for going beyond their contract scope. D. Moore discussed the complexity of two contractors working independently while reliant upon one another for critical data.

1 J. Boisvert briefly discussed the ramifications of Stratham paying “full retail” at buy-in
2 as opposed to paying for infrastructure plus a usage fee. F. Swift noted that, for example,
3 Rye customers currently pay less than Hampton residence, where the infrastructure is
4 owned by Hampton.

5 M. Girard motioned to accept the Weston & Sampson report as complete and to
6 recommend that the Route 108 Committee proceed accordingly. J. Cushman seconded
7 the motion which passed with a (4-0-1) vote with F. Swift abstaining.

8 D. Moore shared with the Commission that he was attracted to working in Stratham by
9 the development potential of the Gateway District and thanked the Commission members
10 for their continued efforts.

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12 **4. Adjournment.**

13 M. Girard made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm. Motion seconded by J. Cushman. Motion
14 carried unanimously.