

TOWN OF WEBSTER
April 16, 2019 Specially Called Joint Meeting



The Board of Commissioners for the Town of Webster and the Town of Webster Planning Board met for a Specially Called Joint meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the Webster Town Hall, 1411 Webster Road, for the purpose of discussing the Jackson County Municipal Grant Project.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Tracy Rodes; Vice-Mayor Leigh Anne Young; Commissioners Billie Bryson, Kelly Donaldson, Allan Grant, and Danell Moses

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Sara Stahlman, Walter Turner, and Eric Myers

PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Kelli Rhoads, Shawn Paulus, Krissy Mabry

OTHER PRESENT: Justin Woodard of Elite Landscaping; Town Clerk Debbie Coffey

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rodes called the Board of Commissioners to order at 5:30 p.m.
Sara Stahlman called the Planning Board to order at 5:30 p.m.

PROJECT DISCUSSION

Mayor Rodes reported to the boards that she met with James Rogers of Duke Energy and a representative from Booth Electric. Mr. Rogers stated that a new light could be added to the existing pole over the sign at South River Road (South Sign) to add down-lighting above the sign. The cost of the additional light would be \$8 to \$9 each month according to Mr. Rogers.

At the monument, he said a short pole could be added with above-ground lines coming from an existing pole. A second pole (very short) would be added to hold the meter and the flag light. From this pole underground wiring would be installed to light the monument. Additional costs and requirements are not sure at this point. No option was discussed for running underground wiring from the school to the monument for hard-wired lights. The existing solar flag light is old and does not do a good job of lighting the flag. The Booth Electric representative stated that higher quality solar lighting was very expensive, and frequently does not produce the amount of light advertised. Another issue with the solar lights is they do not have a long life-span. Both boards do not wish to add additional poles and wires to the sight lines of the flag and monument.

Solar lights are the only option at the sign located near the DOT workshop. DOT officials also told Mayor Rodes that the sign and any improvements could be removed without notice should they interfere with drainage or traffic movement. Mayor Rodes also stated that she did not want volunteers working at this location because it is in the highway right-of-way. For these reasons, it was the consensus of both boards that minimal funds be spent on this sign with a couple of shrubs and some colorful flowering plants.



Mayor Rodes invited Justin Woodard of Elite Landscaping and Ben Graning of BH Graning to attend the meeting to answer any questions about the bids that have been received. Following discussion of best plants and mulch applications at each location, it was agreed that Commissioner Young will meet Mr. Woodard at County Roads Nursery to choose plants and shrubs for all locations.

Jackson County does require pictures for the final report showing the project before and after completion. The final grant amount approved by the county was \$2,200. Mr. Woodard feels with the work day, the project could be completed within that budget. June 1st is the target date for completing the entire project.

Mr. Turner recommended to spend minimal funds on lighting, add minimal landscaping at the DOT sign location, and put most of the effort and funds into enhancing the monument’s landscaping, and repurpose and improve the existing landscaping at the South River Road sign. The Planning Board members recommended contracting with Elite Landscaping for the project.

Mr. Woodard gave a loose estimate for work at the DOT sign of \$500, which included approximately 3-man hours and plants and materials. He agreed to donate equipment and labor for the monument project for the community volunteer workday on May 4.

MOTION: Ms. Stahlman moved to adjourn the Planning Board Meeting at 6:20 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Grant moved to contract with Elite Landscaping for the grant project. Commissioner Bryson seconded and the motion carried.

The Board agreed to pursue long-term lighting solutions later but to use solar lights as the component of the grant project. The Board of Commissioner discussed the merits of a workday and value of community involvement. May 4th was decided to be the best date for work at the monument project. Mr. Woodard and Commissioner Young will meet at County Roads on that day at 8:00 a.m. The workday will begin around 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Moses moved to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Next Meeting
Regular Meeting – Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 5:15 pm

Tracy Rodes, Mayor

Debbie Coffey, Town Clerk