Yates Town Park Steering Committee Meeting February 10, 2020

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Discussion of revised drawings and preliminary engineer's estimates with alternative options. Engineering report February 14, full report about 120 pages, this is a snapshot. Department of State and DASNY both will analyze the report, will take several months. At the March Town Board meeting the decision will be made whether to accept the grant. Jim and John met with the governor's group, nine people who made a site visit and provided forms. Jim expressed concern about the 5% match, requested a waiver. There may be other avenues to take to cover those costs, including using some personnel line item of the Parks budget that is already spent maintaining the park. All the usual approvals for new structures will apply to the park.

Also, Jon spoke with two DEC officials about the plans to extend protection, a break wall, into the lake. DEC starting point is no additional structures in the water, so Jon developed a non-jetty option as shown. Final decision on whether a break wall is acceptable is TBD, but the primary alternative the town is considering includes a handicap accessible break wall.

Lyndonville Foundation has awarded the project $100,000.00 to assist in offsetting costs. If we need a 5% bond for match, see page 4. The figures do not include the Lyndonville Foundation funds. Decision on final design will be made by the Town Board at the March meeting and after feedback from the public forum / hearing Feb 13th.

NYSEG contacted the town regarding the sale of the surrounding property. The proposal for park upgrades under discussion does not include addition of any acreage being added to the park. There is a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 12, 2020, but the land purchase is not anticipated to be a swift process.

Reviewing the drawings and descriptions: requested a definition of terms used, specifically rain garden and native plantings. Drawing includes permanent bathrooms, floating dock with ADA path. Safety concerns were raised regarding taking no action in light of the current uneven ground along the shoreline of the existing park. John worried this be made clear, why we need a kayak launch with a jetty to protect any kayakers entering the water. Questions about native plantings in front of the existing pavilion – how tall, will they block the view or be trampled on by those using the pavilion? What about the trees near the Miceli's, also the drive that gives them access/right of way. Not clear when we include the 5% in the budget. Community benefits and other impacts.

Project Schedule: painstaking process, bidding decided by town policy, probably a sealed bid. Phase 1 and 2, seems like it would be more effective if the order is reversed, but not sure about the time the DEC permitting may take. Also questions about sediment not building up, minimizing tree removal for lakeshore work, and why some current plantings not depicted.

Question re costs included

- Highway budget
- Cameras – who monitors (costs?)
- Permanent bathrooms, save on rental but additional upkeep
- Lighting – motion triggered? Dark skies appropriate?
- Septic pumping
- Insurance for playground and facilities
- Current mowing contract versus after upgrades
- Consider tiling rather than plantings
- Consider advertising signs be considered as a revenue enhancement.

For Feb 13th Public Forum and Hearing:

- Town Engineer will provide brief presentation to the public to begin Public Forum (7pm)
- 3 Poster Boards will be on display during 7:00 forum and 7:30 hearing:
    - Project Design
    - Project Costs
    - Project Milestones
- Town Board meeting to follow hearing, but no action on project will occur until March town board meeting.