



UEB Meeting Minutes, March 16, 2022

Meeting Time and Location: Began at 4:30pm. Held remote via Zoom meeting.

Attendance: Jim Kerr, Lee Hall, Larry Quinn, Mike Jackson, Chris Cope, Chris Meline

Staff: Aaron Caplan

Liaison: Mark Browning (Asked by Mike Karavas to substitute for meeting)

Guests: None

1. Amendments to Agenda

Approved with addition of Planet Bluegrass utility discussion after 7.

2. Approve Minutes from March 2, 2022

Approved Unanimously with minor change of “at” to “to” in the item 3, first paragraph, last sentence.

3. Audience Business.

None.

4. Upcoming Meetings

- CAMU meeting this Friday
- MEAN annual meeting March 22-24
- MEAN Finance, Power Supply and Risk Management available online, March 31
- MEAN Board meeting, May 18-19
- SFC having work session including building codes and Ithaca Green New Deal Electrification Plan, April 12
- Comp Plan mtg last week. Kerr and Quinn attended and suggested better utility goals.

5. Updates

a) Board of Trustees, Mark Browning

General:

BOT working on new wildfire task force that delivers specific goals and recommendations to follow previous effort that made general recommendations.

Planet Bluegrass Farm

BOT held their conditional use review public hearing last night that completed the quasi judicial aspects that restricted members from discussing with staff and boards and commissions.

BOT approved site plan for the Farm area with several changes from input from town staff, boards and public. However, the BOT would like input from UEB on several utility issues which will be discussed further at the April 4 BOT meeting. Mike Karavas and Mark Browning are the subcommittee that will work on the utility issues. Would like to define requirements now prior to the building permit stage. Open issues include:

1. Water shares – How many are required?
2. Wastewater connection – existing house on septic system. Code says that it needs to connect to town sewers if property is within 400 feet.
3. Wastewater base rate – what rate will be required.

There will be at some undetermined future date a bathhouse constructed for over 1300 campers with porta potties in the interim. There is a question regarding if and when the existing house and future bathhouse needs to be connected to the town sewer system with appropriate connection fees.

The existing house has been on town water since 1973 and a tap fee paid for a ¾ inch tap. No water share was provided.

b) Staff, Engineering. Aaron Caplan

- Longs Peak finishing up storm sewer and hope to be paving by first week of April. Electric lines were removed.
- Longmont pump station project under construction. Their water line was offset somewhat from their anticipated location. They are temporarily adjusting some town storm sewers. Project to be completed by July.
- Cost sharing for Longmont and Lyons water line removals looking at about \$48,000. Probably cheaper than bidding and doing on own.
- 4th Ave Pedestrian Bridge was delivered but will not be installed until April.
- Storm sewer in front of McCain property along 4th street was found to have deteriorated so replaced.
- Summit moving slowly and blasting permit not yet issued.
- Solar electric RFP in preparation and UEB input will be solicited.

c) UEB Chair – Jim Kerr

None

d) Other UEB Members

None

6. Solar Farm and Battery Storage Status

Aaron, Jim and Lee will meet to discuss the draft RFP and the technical issues as well as delivery options. After they have consensus the draft RFP will be given to the full UEB for information and comment.

7. Spirit Hound Distillers compliance with BOT resolution 2021-58

Spirit Hound Distillers has not yet complied with purchase of the required 1.4 water shares and is apparently requesting to be relieved of this requirement.

LMC 17-14-10(g), which provides for additional charges of \$2.75 per 1,000 gallons if a water user exceeds the volume covered by water shares submitted to the Town. Spirit Hound has not yet been charged for these fees.

Aaron is planning to have a staff memo for the March 21 BOT meeting that addresses this issue.

BOT Resolution 2021-58 (6/22/21) dictated that Spirit Hound was to provide these water shares and it does not appear to be confusing. The BOT did allow the purchase of Lake McIntosh water shares instead of CBT which saves them over \$50K.

Motion – The UEB recommends that Spirit Hound be required to submit the 1.4 shares of Lake McIntosh water shares as outlined in BOT resolution 2021-58.

Approved Unanimously (Mike Jackson stepped aside due to conflict)

Added Agenda Item – Planet Bluegrass Utilities

There is a scheduled meeting on March 28 with the BOT subcommittee (Browning and Karavas) with Planet Bluegrass and the UEB subcommittee is invited to attend.

There appeared to be UEB consensus that the 'property' referred to in town code for required connections to town water and sewerage systems refers to the land and not the structures or other facilities located on the land.

There appeared to be UEB consensus that the existing home should be connected to the town sewage system when the bath house is constructed. There are options to connect both by gravity or by pump station. There appeared to be UEB consensus that the bath house should be constructed as soon as practical and that appropriate tap and other connection fees should be collected. These fees and water shares delayed from annexation time frame should not be further delayed.

The UEB did not have enough time for a detailed discussion or motion on these issues. Jim Kerr and Chris Cope will attend the March 28 meeting with Planet Bluegrass as the UEB subcommittee. The UEB will have a special meeting on March 30 to provide a detailed recommendation. This will likely substitute for the April 6 regular meeting.

8. 2021 Utility Financial Reports (continued discussion) – Aaron

See detailed comments by Aaron on all funds.

Postponed due to time

9. Miscellaneous Utility Fee Issues

Postponed due to time

Meeting ended: 6:10 pm. Minutes Submitted by: Larry Quinn