

TOWN OF KINGSTON

Memorandum

Office of the
Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator

TO: Honorable Board of Selectmen

FROM: Jill R. Myers, Town Administrator

DATE: July 1, 2010

SUBJECT: Town Administrator's Report for the BOS Meeting of July 6, 2010

LAND Grant; Calista Property Acquisition

The Community Preservation Committee, through its Open Space Committee and Conservation Commission, requests that the Board of Selectmen authorize and endorse the submission of a LAND grant application (formerly "Self Help Grant") to the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Division of Conservation Services, to reimburse the town for costs associated with the pending acquisition of Calista Farm as authorized by the June 1 Special Town Meeting, Article 2.

Members of the Open Space Committee, Conservation Commission, and Historical Commission, as well as town staff (Conservation and Planning) are collaborating on the application which will make the town eligible for up to \$500,000 in a reimbursement award. Notice of awards will likely occur in October, and a contract will be required with EEA ensuring that the property will be held for conservation and passive recreation in keeping with the town meeting vote. In addition, because of the use of CPA funds, there will be a Conservation Restriction placed on the property. The CPC is working with the Wildlands Trust of Southeastern MA to hold that restriction.

The Board of Selectmen is respectfully requested to endorse the application and authorize the Town Administrator to sign the application (which is actually submitted by the Conservation Commission). The due date is July 15, 2010 at 3 PM. Senate President Murray and Representative Calter are preparing a letter of support.

Open Meeting Law

Reminder that the Open Meeting Law changes are effective July 1, 2010. The Town Clerk's office distributed materials, including sample posting notices which can be emailed to the Town Clerk. Agendas need to be inserted or accompany any posting. Saturdays and Holidays are not included in the 48 hour posting requirement which is important for any Monday or Tuesday meetings. Questions regarding the template, instructions and/or website posting should be directed to Shelley Loring (sloring@kingstonmass.org).

Elm Street Bridge Replacement:

The second Public Hearing was held on 6/30/10. Mass DOT provided revised drawings - copies posted on the Town's website (www.kingstonmass.org) and in the BOS office. This project has been included on the Governor's Accelerated Bridge Capital Program funded by State and Federal funds - \$3,000,000. Because of the Program, there are certain design requirements, such as returning the bridge back to two lanes and removal of the current traffic light. Public comments are due 10 days from the Public Hearing of June 30, 2010 - to:

Frank A. Tramontozzi, P.E.
Chief Engineer
Mass DOT – Highway Division
10 Park Plaza
Boston MA 02116-3973

RE: Public Hearing: Elm Street Over the Jones River Bridge Replacement, Kingston MA
Project File: 24090

Or: dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us

Old Colony Planning Council Regional Transportation Plan:

Old Colony Planning Council is preparing the 2011 Old Colony Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The RTP addresses a twenty-year planning horizon and includes both short and long range strategies/actions that lead to the development of an integrated intermodal transportation system that facilitates the efficient and safe movement of people and goods.

Public workshops for the 2011 RTP have been scheduled and participants will help shape the RTP, the primary means by which federal funds are allocated to the region's transportation needs. The next one closest to us is: *August 18th 2010 from 7 pm at the Plymouth Main Library - 132 South Street, Plymouth, MA*

In addition, the public is invited to participate in RTP survey at:

www.surveymonkey.com/s/2011RTP
www.surveymonkey.com/s/2011RTP_SPANISH
www.surveymonkey.com/s/2011RTP_FRENCH

Senior Center Building Project:

The ground breaking ceremony of 6/29 was very well attended. The event was taped and will replay until July 14:

Monday thru Friday
9:00AM & 6:00PM
Kingston Government Access Channels
14 (Comcast) & 41 (Verizon)

~Town Offices are closed on July 5, 2010 in observance of the Independence Day Holiday~