

saving will remain in the Gateway Parks and many other types of trees and shrubs will be planted in order to create a buffer between Whole Foods and Baltimore Avenue. Each park will provide bioswales which will capture runoff rainwater and filter it back in the ground.

Mayor Tabori asked that the team contact Town Hall approximately one week prior to beginning a particular project in order to keep the citizens updated.

8. DEPARTMENT AND COUNCIL REPORTS

A. MAYOR'S REPORT ~ *Mayor John Rogard Tabori*

A reminder that there are two upcoming events related to the possible acquisition of Riverdale Presbyterian Church:

Saturday, January 18, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at Riverdale Presbyterian Church, Special Session/Public Hearing - Community Conversation

Monday, January 27, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at University Park Elementary School, Council will hold a Special Session to vote on the possible acquisition of Riverdale Presbyterian Church

9. REPORT FROM THE TOWN ATTORNEY ~ *Suellen Ferguson*

The Comcast Cable franchise will soon expire and Comcast will be sending a template resolution and a letter agreeing to continue the current franchise agreement in the interim until a new franchise agreement is reached. Ms. Ferguson recommended that the Council adopt the resolution that will be presented at the February Council meeting.

10. REPORT ON POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES ~ *Chief Wynnyk*

December 2013 report was distributed.

11. COUNCIL REPORTS

A. Public Facilities and Services Committee Report on the possible acquisition of Riverdale Presbyterian Church - Mr. Carey, Chair

Mr. Carey stated that the Public Facilities and Services Committee has worked very hard for the past several months to get as much information on the Church as possible and have looked at the following options: Town Hall remains where it is, the Church is possibly sold and becomes unavailable to the community, the site is developed; the Committee looked briefly at a lease/purchase; and most of the attention looked at was to buy and renovate with lease back of the sanctuary, the offices behind it and shared use of the fellowship hall for 5 to 10 years.

On December 17, 2013 a draft construction cost estimate which would include renovating the Church and Annex and bringing the entire building up to code came to approximately 6.95 million dollars.

The Committee is recommending to the Council that the Town buy the property for the value of the property. Lease back to the Church for up to 10 years. Retain and use the current Town Hall for the police department and public works. Demolish the annex and build in its place a community building of 8,000 square feet. The uses would include

Town administrative offices, Council chambers, civic use, and an elder care village office and before and after care which would require a rental fee. The estimated cost would be 3.2 to 4.1 million dollars to raise the annex and building the structure.

The Committee recommends that the Council release all of the documents related to the Church including the appraisal contracted by the Town, the construction cost estimate, and the cost of demolition and construction of an 8,000 community building.

Mr. Carey encouraged that everyone review the following studies that are available on the Town website:

- Environmental and Hazardous Substances
- Building Systems
- Structural Analysis

The Church will be listed for sale on January 22, 2014 and their asking price is 2.3 million dollars.

B. The Police Traffic and Public Safety Committee - Mr. Alvarez

The Committee had a meeting on December 11, 2013 on the traffic study and the notes can be found on the Town website.

12. CONTINUING BUSINESS

A. CONTRACT FOR AN INITIAL SUSTAINABILITY ANALYSIS OF RIVERDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND ASSOCIATED PROPERTY.

This motion is tabled.

Motion: To approve the contract and award the bid to Sustainable Design Consulting, LLC for \$5,865 to conduct an initial sustainability analysis of Riverdale Presbyterian Church and associated property.

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| Moved by: | Seconded by: | |
| Yea: | Nay: | Abstain: |

Motion: To lift and remove item 12.A from the agenda.

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| Moved by: Mr. Carey | Seconded by: Mr. Gekas | |
| Yea: 6 | Nay: 0 | Abstain: 0 |

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. POLICE DEPARTMENT SURPLUS VEHICLE

Motion: To declare the 2004 Chevrolet Impala Police Department vehicle as a surplus vehicle and authorize the Chief to auction this vehicle with VIN # 2G1WF55K159145196.

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| Moved by: Mr. Cron | Seconded by: Mr. Carey | |
| Yea: 6 | Nay: 0 | Abstain: 0 |

B. RESOLUTION 14-R-01 DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO DEVELOP AN ORDINANCE FOR THE POSSIBLE ACQUISITION OF RIVERDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TO BE INTRODUCED ON JANUARY 13, 2014.

Motion: To adopt Resolution 14-R-01 to direct the Mayor and Town Attorney to draft an Ordinance to authorize the acquisition of Riverdale Presbyterian Church and to mail an informational letter to residents by January 15, 2014.

Moved by:
Yea:

Seconded by:
Nay:

Abstain:

Motion: To adopt Resolution 14-R-01 to direct the Mayor and Town Attorney to draft an Ordinance to authorize the acquisition of Riverdale Presbyterian Church.

Moved by: Mr. Carey
Yea: 6

Seconded by: Mr. Cron
Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

C. RELEASE OF DOCUMENTS FOR RIVERDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Motion: To release the appraisal, the construction cost estimate, the other estimated costs of demolition and of construction of an 8,000 square foot community building and that these be published in the appropriate folder on the Town website.

Moved by: Mr. Carey
Yea: 6

Seconded by: Mr. Cron
Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

14. ADJOURNMENT by consent at 10:00 p.m.