

Over 20 residents attended the forum on Thursday at 5:30PM at Mrs. Mitchell's.

1) Community Preservation Act -exemption application review

A sample of the application was shared with the group so the required information could be reviewed. This is an annual application that will need to be filed by the homeowner.

2) Apremont Hwy intersection at Rock Valley Road

Our City Engineer Yem Lip reviewed the area and let the committee know that the work involved to correct the area is more involved than he originally thought. It will be a few months before anything will be done to improve the area.

3) Solar application for special permit on Whitney Avenue

An application for a special permit has been filed on the property where a project had been proposed under the old ordinance. It is expected to be taken up near the end of January.

4) Budget / Free cash update

It is expected there will be 2.3M in free cash and that 1.2M will be needed to balance the budget. This leaves a smaller amount of cash to complete the year than has usually been available. The city continues to be in a tight budget situation.

5) Other issues: No water shut off agreement is in place yet for failure to pay sewer bills. It should be in place early in 2017. There have been some vehicle break ins in the Roland Street area at the end of November. No issues were reported by those in attendance. Other issues raised included the need for a "horse sign" on the west side of Mountain Road, making high speed fiber available to residents for internet access, turning off field lights to save \$ when fields are not used, let the public know when and where a fire engine is browned out by using the city robo call.

Thanks for your interest, ideas and participation.

Submitted by,

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Your Ward 5 City Councilor