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**EXECUTIVE SESSION
6:30 P.M.
DECEMBER 17, 2012**

Present: Ms. Barrat, Ms. Adachi, Mr. Gowing, Mr. Clough, Mr. Sonner and Town Manager Ledoux, Recording Secretary; Christine Joyce. Mr. Halley, Ms. Hurley and Finance Director Barrett. The meeting was not televised

Ms. Harting-Barrat - Moved to go in to Executive Session for the purpose of Conducting Strategy Sessions in Preparation of Negotiations with Non-union Personnel
and

To consider the purchase, Exchange, Lease or Value of Real Property
Mr. Sonner – second. Clerk called Roll, All Ayes UNANIMOUS VOTE

Mr. Gowing - Moved to allow Heather Hurley, Doug Halley and Steve Barrett to sit in on the Executive Session. At the conclusion adjourn in to public session for the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Adachi – second. The Clerk took Roll call, All Ayes.

DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL MERGING OF THE ACTON NURSING SERVICE WITH PARMENTER HEALTH CARE

Doug Halley spoke about the different strategies and is there a way to share services. Heather spoke with Parameter and they discovered there were different things to share and they could obtain some financial benefits.

They were discussing changes at Parameter which services 22 communities
We started initial investigation. We will need to share documents and information with them as we progress with the process.

Doug said we should go through the details to see what happens, and it may take us 5-6 months to come back to the board to say this is what we have accomplished. He feels we need to include them in our metrics and look into whether we need a RFP and do we need to offer to home cares that are not compatible with Acton.

Heather spoke about ACO's and there are a lot of big services out there.

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Ms. Harting-Barrat asked, do we move ahead, and we need to continue to fund service to provide same level of service to the residents of town. If the answer is no, then we move on and maybe consolidate with another agency but we still need to spend the time to investigate.

Mr. Gowing asked how they envision this, is it the purchase of assets. They are interested in our name, and Parameter likes that.

Ms. Adachi discussed what is best for the residents. Part of issue is finance. She said she would be supporting this and move forward and have them come back to the Board.

They have been exchanging conversations and are looking in to it with Parameter; they are not yet at the point of RFP.

Steve Ledoux noted we would need to have two votes on the Town Meeting Warrant to dissolve the Nursing Service and Enterprise funds.

Mr. Sonner asked about the financial arrangements. Doug felt if we are going to reach an agreement that the subsidy should be lower.

Mr. Gowing asked about having a Public Health Nurse to cover our obligations.

Ms. Harting-Barrat said the number of people who don't have insurance and need the resource to pay for those services. If Parameter could help us maintain that it would be wonderful, and we need to investigate this further for the citizen's of Acton.

Heather noted they have hospice care and that will be available to us.

Mr. Gowing said we are selling our good name and good will, and what would happen if they change up the game and we get little or no service under the Acton Nursing Service Name. Doug noted that they would have to report to us and we would decide after review if we are getting what we negotiated for.

Steve Barrett noted that this project will take a stronger stance and to be sure the Board wants us to proceed.

Mr. Gowing -- Moved to come out of Executive Session into the Regular Session. Mr. Sonner--second -- The Clerk called Roll call, all Ayes, session closed

Adjourned 7:00 p.m.

CMJ
Christine Joyce
Recording Secty

MG
Michael Gowing, Clerk
1/4/13
Date