

BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND SEWER COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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December 18, 2017

Francis Faulkner Room 204

Special Meeting 7:00 PM

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Present: Janet K. Adachi, Katie Green, Peter J. Berry, Joan Gardner, Chingsung Chang, Town Manager
Steve Ledoux, Lisa Tomyl, Recording Secretary

Citizen Concerns

Kim Kastens, 294 Pope Road – gave a written statement regarding a follow-up from the recent decision of the modified SPSP decision by the BOS, and water withdrawl of Nagog Pond.

Terra Friedrichs, West Acton – attended WASAAC meeting and wanted clarification if there is a need for sewers before they move forward selling sewers. Ms. Adachi explained what they are charged with doing, and looking at all aspects regarding a need for sewerizing. Ms. Friedrichs was concerned about the consultant having a vested interest in getting sewers in West Acton. Questioned about the hearing before a judge on the Concord water treatment plant.

Questioned about the CPC law suit and who is paying for the legal fees – the Town is out of the General Fund. Commented about the Acton Power Choice and choosing the green power choice.

Chairman's Update/Operational Update

Ms. Adachi – no report

Mr. Ledoux – no report

Public Hearings

Class II Auto Dealer License, Alpha Cars – Ms. Adachi read the public hearing notice. Dymtri Vaycowski has been involved with car sales since 2001 and currently has a building in Boxborough. Mr. Chang move to approve Class 1 and II Auto Dealer License, Ms. Green second. All Ayes.

Town Manager FY 19 Budget Presentation – Mr. Ledoux gave a power point presentation regarding his FY 19 (and last of his career) budget presentation. Mr. Ledoux listed several accomplishments from this past year including the relocation of the Recreation Department to 50 Audubon and the new combined Human Services and Senior Center at 30 Sudbury Rd.

Kim Kastens – how do you handle legal expenses – been questioned by people that state that the town has too high of a legal budget, so he builds it in. The municipal budget is a bottom line budget and can move money around if something comes up like a legal crisis or other crises.

Terra Friedrichs – been very transparent and fair. In past, there has been a difference in what was actually in the budget and what was actually used. Appreciates Mr. Ledoux's transparency regarding spending.

Susan Mitchell-Hardt – thanks the Town Manager in the purchasing in the multiple properties for conservation purposes. No further questions from the Board or from audience.

Selectmen's Business

Presentation of Monetary Gift for 161 Newtown Road, Acton Conservation Trust – Susan Mitchell-Hardt, and Hart Millet on behalf of the ACT presented the BOS with a check totaling \$32,500.00 toward the purchase of lot 1 and 3 at 161 Newtown Road so as to not use free cash as was approved at the December 2017 Special Town Meeting.

Vote on Access Easement Agreement, 161 Newtown Road – Mr. Chang moved to approve, Ms. Gardner seconded. All Ayes.

Consent Agenda

Ms. Adachi held consent item 7, Mr. Berry held Meeting Minutes from November 13, 2017, Ms. Green held consent item 5 and questioned about a possible conflict of interest. Mr. Chang explained that there is a current member of the HDC that is a real estate agent, and doesn't feel that there is a reason for a possible conflict of interest. Ms. Green moved to approve consent items 4-6, and 8-15, Mr. Chang seconded. All Ayes. Ms. Green moved to approve consent item 7 for a refund and not a credit, Mr. Berry seconded, All Ayes. Ms. Green moved to approve consent item 16 for November 20, 27, 29, and December 11, Ms. Gardner seconded, all ayes.

Mr. Chang moved to adjourn, Mr. Berry seconded, all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Lisa Tomyl, Recording Secretary


Joan Gardner, Clerk