



BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Goal Setting Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 20, 2019
6:30 PM

ROOM 204, ACTON TOWN HALL, 472 MAIN STREET

Present: Joan Gardner, Jon Benson, Dean Charter, Peter J. Berry, David Martin

Absent: None

I. Executive Session

Ms. Gardner opened the meeting at 6:30 PM with a motion to enter into executive session to discuss litigation specifically, Boutet, et. al v. BOS of the Town of Acton, Middlesex Superior Court No. 1981cv1269 regarding an Open Meeting Law complaint over the consideration of D. Factor for Planning Board where an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Town for this matter.

Mr. Charter moved, Mr. Benson seconds.

Mr. Charter called roll:

Mr. Martin – aye

Mr. Berry – aye

Ms. Gardner – aye

Mr. Benson – aye

Mr. Charter – aye

II. Regular Business

1. Citizen Concerns

Terra Friedrichs – concerned about meeting minutes on the consent agenda and would like the minutes corrected. Concerned about the town's rural character and what the plan is to preserve it.

Isabella Harshberger – update to the Board as current high school senior interning with Town Manager Office

2. Chair Update/Town Manager Update

Mr. Mangiaratti – Mothers Out Front temporary art installation in front of Memorial Library, bike week and opening of Acton Bike Share, parking forum for commuter parking for commuter train parking, June 6th public presentation for the intersection of Hayward and Main Street, Board of Selectmen goal setting meeting on May 13th – 15 goals in total.

III. New/Special Business

3. 7:10 PM Tree Removal Hearing, Stoneymeade Way

Ms. Gardner read the public hearing notice. No objections were received by Municipal Properties. Hearing is not necessary. Mr. Benson moves to take no action, Mr. Charter seconds. The Board voted 5-0. The motion carries.



4. Revised Application for Comprehensive Permit, Powder Mill Place, LLC
Joel Khan representing Powder Mill Place, LLC. Presented to the Board the amended application that would place all units in Acton only. Looking for support from the Board in signing the LIP application. Mr. Berry had question about section 3 – questioned about 2 historic homes in Maynard , Mr. Khan will now not be disturbing the 2 homes. Terra Friedrichs, West Acton – questioned about holding tanks
Jim Snyder-Grant, Half Moon Hill – suggested using air source heat pumps versus natural gas for the development
Judith Aronstein – encourages using alternative heat sources
Mr. Benson moves to follow the ACHC and sign the LIP application with the corrections, Mr. Charter seconds. The Board voted 5-0. The motion passes.
5. Presentation for Electric Aggregation for Acton Power Choice Program
Representing Peregrine Paul Gromer and Joe Shortsleeve presented the 2019 Acton Power Choice
Jim Snyder Grant, West Acton – explained to the Board the pricing and urging to use the 100% renewable energy program design.
Mary Smith – GAB – approves the Acton Power Choice
Judith Aronstein – urges Board to go towards a higher percentage for additional MA Class 1 RECs
6. North Acton Fire Station Update
Chief Robert Hart and Town Manager Mangiaratti updated the Board. Held meeting with the Design Review Board, hearing with Conservation Commission, will be writing updates on regular basis to the Board of Selectmen and any other Boards and Committees that would like the information.
Fire Chief updated the Board on the location of the property and working on the programing stage on the size of the station. Asked for input from the entire fire department (members). Plan on moving ladder truck and an engine and ambulance to the new location, and the shift commander and ALS coordinator. Doesn't plan on adding staff at this time, but possibly in the future. Mr. Charter was concerned about the intersection of Harris and ‘ ‘ and the concern about possibly redesigning that intersection. Plans to bring the funding for construction at the December Special Town Meeting. Mr. Berry would like public forums to engage the abutters and the residents and to provide input for the final design.
7. Kelley's Corner Update
Mr. Mangiaratti updated the Board that MassDOT is now investing more into payment for the final design. Mr. Benson read from a prepared statement regarding an update on a meeting on May 3rd with representatives from Stop and Shop, and a representative from the Engineering Design company of Hudson Stein Howard to bring them up to date on the redesign of Kelley's Corner.
8. Veteran Service District Update



Mr. Mangiaratti updated the Board in regards to the new Veterans Service District we have a draft agreement with Boxborough and have it ready to begin on July 1, 2019. Will plan to bring it to the first June meeting of the Board. Preliminary discussions are very favorable. Trial basis for one year.

Jeff Bergart – would like the preliminary draft for the Finance Committee for guidance and comment.

IV. Consent Items

Mr. Berry held consent item 9. Mr. Berry moves to approve consent items 10-15, Mr. Benson seconds. The Board voted 5-0. The motion passes. Mr. Berry requests to amend the meeting minutes on April 22nd with comments made during citizen concerns to reflect a more accurate statement made and to list who made the motion to adjourn on the April 30th meeting. Mr. Benson motions to accept minutes with amendments on April 22 and 30, 2019, Mr. Charter seconds. The Board voted 5-0. The motion passes.

Mr. Charter motions to adjourn, Mr. Benson seconds. The Board voted 5-0. The motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting

- Tree removal hearing public notice
- Revised application for comprehensive permit, Powder Mill Place, LLC
- Acton Power Choice presentation
- Written report from Jon Benson regarding Kelley's Corner Update
- Draft Veterans Service Agreement with the town of Boxborough
- Meeting Minutes April 20 and 30, 2019
- One day alcoholic beverage license, Cindy Rogers
- One day alcoholic beverage license application, Nashoba Valley Neighbors Club
- Committee appointment, Aaron Moore, Land Stewardship Committee
- Accept Gift, Recreation Department – Acton Pharmacy
- Accept Gift, Planning Department, Seal Harbor LLC
- Accept Gift, Natural Resources- Yuuta Aoki
- Selectmen Reports