



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 7, 2019

7:00 PM

ROOM 204, ACTON TOWN HALL, 472 MAIN STREET

Present: Joan Gardner, Jon Benson, Peter J. Berry, David Martin, Town Manager John S. Mangiaratti, Assistant Town Manager Mark Hald

Absent: Dean Charter

I. Regular Business

1. Citizen Concerns

Alyssa Nichol, School Street – changes made from the consulting firm hired regarding the parking rates went from \$100 to \$200, firm recommendation to reduce the rate from remote lots to encourage use have not happened and sees empty spaces in the remote lots. Terra Friedrichs, West Acton – EDC meeting discussion about housing and consultants report to pursue more housing; (Matthew) “Selby” considers residential growth to be economic development; hasn’t found a change in the policy to seek increase in commercial tax base. WRAC engaging in buildout analysis, wishes town government will submit proposals for both pros and cons – businesses are nervous about this in West Acton – thinks (the town) should wait until the numbers come out.

Michaela Moran, School Street – requests the Town hire independent legal counsel to argue on behalf of the Town before the ZBA in the proposed 40B development planned for 4 Piper Lane and read from a prepared statement.

2. Chair Update/Town Manager Update

Ms. Gardner- Friday Employee Professional Day at NARA and very successful, Tuesday Mr. Mangiaratti gave the Acton Looks Good Award at the Acton Garden Club meeting, and attended a ribbon cutting ceremony today at the 19-21 Maple Street town-owned parking lot.

Mr. Mangiaratti – commends the Board of Health staff on acting on the statewide ban on vaping products with all stores that sell vaping products; Town Clerk office doing outreach with other area Town Clerk Offices regarding some fee changes this fall; Manufacturing Day was this week – Selby brought some local tech school students through; ribbon cutting ceremony at Minuteman High School on Friday; submitted application for Tree City USA Designation today; received 2 grant awards recently – Green Communities for energy efficiency for our buildings and a Planning Grant for the Powdermill corridor and working with (the town of) Maynard on the happenings with that corridor and handling and providing infrastructure with them; recently issued a request for information for the (3) School Street property and received interest from a few people; celebration at the Forest Cemetery on 10/17 which was recently listed as a historic cemetery (Historic Registry Certification); Tri-Board meeting scheduled for November 12th.

II. New/Special Business



3. SPSP #08/30/2019 – 474, 1 Discovery Way
Katie Enright from Howard Stein Hudson presented the SPSP application proposing to expand within an existing structure to the rear of the building. Mr. Benson spoke in favor of granting the Site Plan Special Permit. Mr. Martin asked a few questions regarding total area space and what it will be utilized for. Ms. Enright stated for office space. Mr. Benson moves to approve Site Plan Special Permit #08/30/2019 – 474, Mr. Martin seconds. The Board voted 4-0. The motion carries.

4. Discussion on Municipal Leader Carbon Pricing Support Letter (2019-2020)
Topic was passed on and will be discussed at the October 21, 2019 meeting.

5. Discuss Notification of the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission Regarding KENO License Application for Beijing Tokyo, 103 Nagog Park
The Board will take no action.

6. Update Regarding Dog Park Committee Recommendations and Discuss Site Visit
Mr. Mangiaratti updated the Board on the ADPC's two proposed dog park sites at NARA that were presented to the Board on September 23rd. A staff working group was formed and is still working on it. Mr. Benson suggests sending invites to the Land Stewardship Committee and the Miracle Field people to attend to give their input as well. Mr. Martin suggests engaging with the DPW people as well for their input. Mr. Mangiaratti is looking into the financials for the parcels and the cost of tree removal, moving loam, etc. and also looking into the Town Clerk increase in dog licensing fees, maintenance costs as listed in the pro-forma from submitted by the Acton Dog Park Committee, but didn't have everything ready for the meeting tonight, but wanted to update the Board on the progress. Site walk will take place on Thursday, October 17 at 10AM.
Mr. Berry would like a clearer understanding from the Miracle Field people feel how he children will react to the dog park. Clear picture of revenue taken in and not from a revolving fund.

III. Consent Items

- Mr. Martin moves to approve consent items 7-11, Mr. Benson seconds. The Board voted 4-0. The motion carries.
- Mr. Martin moves to adjourn, Mr. Berry seconds. The Board voted 4 -0. The motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.

IV. Executive Session

7:45 PM Ms. Gardner read the motion to enter into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to potential litigation concerning class actions against manufacturers and distributors of opioids, as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body. Mr. Benson moves, Mr. Martin seconds.



Mr. Benson called roll:
Mr. Benson – aye
Mr. Martin – aye
Ms. Gardner – aye
Mr. Berry– aye

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting

- Meeting Minutes, September 23, 2019
- Committee Appointment Letter, Michael Brandt
- Committee Appointment Email, Hema Santhanakrishnan
- Committee Appointment Email, Chris Hardy
- Accept Gift Memo Request, Planning Division
- Letter from Michaela Moran