

BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND SEWER COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

May 4, 2015

Francis Faulkner Room 204

Regular Meeting 7:00 PM

Present: Katie Green, Peter Berry, Janet Adachi, Franny Osman, Chingsung Chang, Town Manager
Steven Ledoux. Lisa Tomyl, Recording Secretary
Chairman Green opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Citizens' Concerns

None

Chairman's Update and Operational Update:

Ms. Green: Not much new since we met last week except that spring has sprung and it is significantly nicer than even a week ago. The MA House has passed their FY16 budget, a \$38.1 billion budget including a \$34 million increase in certain local aid over the FY15 budget and a \$178K increase in chapter 70 aid ; an increase in regional transportation aid but the current funding levels are still not back up to the pre-9C cut levels and there was a cut for the regional bonus aid. The budget is with the Senate Ways and Means and should be in hearing shortly. There is a public workshop on the Kelley's Corner project this Thursday here in room 204 at 7:00. Also a public forum on May 14th at 7:00 PM on the Acton affordable housing Housing Production Plan .

Mr. Ledoux: Last Tuesday, he attended a meeting with other Town Managers and Administrators with the Regional Housing Service Organization which originally was housed by Sudbury and is now housed by Concord. Reviewed the RHSO annual report (which was in the Selectmen's packet). Acton's assessment for FY16 will be about \$25,300 which is paid out by a 2-year appropriation from CPC. The RHSO is a creation of the participating communities and monitors the communities' affordable housing units. The Board will be asked to sign an Inter-Municipal Agreement with all the member communities at the next meeting to allow Burlington to join the RHSO. Met with 3 members of the Economic Development Committee last Thursday to talk about the proposed Land Use Director; EDC wants to be helpful in moving that project forward for the Board's meeting on May 18th. Last Thursday the clerical staff in the Land Use Department had some cross-training as a crucial piece of each department's responsibility to assist customers with a more even and accessible flow. There is a meeting May 5th with the MA Department of Environmental Protection about sewerage at Nagog Park; Health Director Doug Halley will attend on behalf of the Town. The neighborhood's consensus is that they would like to see the Town take over the sewer operation there. The condominium association at Nagog Woods is also interested in taking it over. There may be need to discuss this in a later meeting during an Executive Session since it deals with real estate. Last week was the first meeting of contract negotiations with the Teamsters who represent the Dispatch employees at the Public Safety Facility (Police and Fire); the first session with the police patrol union will be on May 5th.

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Public Hearings and Appointments

1. National Grid Gas Main Installation Petition Ms. Green read the public hearing notice. Town Engineer Corey York has requested that National Grid to contact the DPW before beginning work. Resident Barry Rosen , who also serves on the Acton Water District's Water Land Management Advisory Committee, asked several questions regarding the installation of the gas main: reason for, location of feed line, composition of piping, use of directional drilling, what happens if encounter the abundant ledge. The National Grid representative said the installation was to connect 3 Woodchester Drive, and affirmed the use of directional drilling. Mr. Rosen requested that the Board consider deferring their approval of the installation of the gas main until National Grid provided answers to the remaining questions. Ms. Adachi suggested that National Grid confer directly with the Acton Water District to address any AWD concerns about the proposed installation.

Ms. Adachi moved to continue to May 18th at 7:35 PM. Ms. Osman seconded – All Ayes

2. Amendment to Class 1 Dealer-Seller License, Swanson Buick GMC Truck, Inc. – Ms. Green read the public hearing notice. No applicant representative was present. Neither Mr. Chang nor Mr. Berry was comfortable approving the amendment to the license application without the applicant's presence. Ms. Adachi moved to continue to May 18th 7:45 PM, Mr. Chang seconded. All Ayes

Selectmen's Business

Design Review Board Discussion of Proposed Revisions to Charge – Ms. Adachi gave an overview of the proposed revisions of the DRB charge. The Board weighed in with their comments and suggestions regarding the wording of the suggested changes of the charge. Ms. Green thanked MS. Adachi with the work that the DRB has done in coming up with the suggestions of the change of the charge. Mr. Chang move to the change to the charter, Ms. Osman seconded. All Ayes

Selectmen's Reports:

Mr. Berry: Green Advisory Board: considering broadening their charge to include a range of environmental issues. as opposed to just energy; I encouraged them to do so, in order for the Town to fully use their talents; their input could have been helpful on SMART [Save Money and Reduce Trash].

Kelly's Corner Steering Committee: Cecil Group has put together proposed zoning changes and design guidelines for Kelly's corner; estimating \$8 million for infrastructure improvements; Main street concept; Cecil group worked on similar project in Wayland at the intersection of Rts. 20 and 27, which is completed; public information session is scheduled for May 7; the committee needs a new member appointed and I will recommend a candidate for appointment at the next Selectmen's meeting.

CPA - Recommending appointing a committee to study how the CPA has worked so far and make recommendations for possible changes. I will put together a charge and possible makeup for the committee.

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Planning Board: I explored with the Board putting together a sub-committee to study the feasibility of moving responsibility for commercial site plan approvals from the Selectmen to the Planning Board. This is consistent with Steve's comments and Roland's concerns. I will draft a charge and makeup of the study committee for further discussion by the Selectmen

Ms. Osman: Nothing to report.

Ms. Adachi: TRB, Phase 3 Update, Wednesday, 4/29/2015 – Present: Proponents Vinnie Cuttone, Attorney Lou Levine, consultant Kevin Hurley; Planning Director Bartl, Assistant Planner Kristen Domurad-Guichard; Dave Honn, Design Review Board; Ms. Adachi. Mr. Hurley (former Concord Planner) presented revised conceptual plan. Still proposing mix of shops and restaurants. Latest plan includes changes in CVS site: omit driveway in front of CVS and parallel parking on east side of CVS building; reduce square footage of new buildings and new paving; improve sidewalk connectivity; reduce encroachment on wetlands buffer zone on easterly end of parcel; improve alignment of parking spaces. Feedback from group included suggestion of more compact building arrangement. Next steps: proponents will revise conceptual plan, confer with Town staff and Design Review Board before meeting with Selectmen. Note: Among proposed Kelley's Corner-related changes is recommendation to make Planning Board the permitting authority for all KC development (including commercial site plans currently Selectmen's responsibility).

Acton Boxborough Cultural Council – continuation of Annual Film Series, Fridays, 5/1-5/15, Acton Town Hall, Room 204:

5/1: "A Hard Day's Night" (Richard Lester, 1964) (see flyer)

5/8: "Electra" (Mihalis, Kakogiannis, 1962) (based on tragedy by Euripides)

5/15: "Picnic at Hanging Rock" (Peter Weir, 1975) (mystery based in Australia)

Mr. Chang – nothing to report

Ms. Green: Nothing to report

Consent Agenda

Ms. Osman moved to accept consent agenda as printed in Agenda, Mr. Berry Seconded, All Ayes.

Mr. Berry moved to approve the committee appointment of Kat Hudson to the Kelly's Corner Steering Committee as an Associate Member of Acton 2020, Ms. Adachi seconded. All Ayes (5-0-0). Item was added as a not reasonably expected consent item at the item of the posting of the agenda.

Mr. Berry moved to accept meeting minutes from January 12, 2015, Ms. Osman seconded. 4 Ayes, 1 Abstain (Mr. Chang) Item was added as a not reasonably expected consent item at time of posting of the agenda.

Mr. Chang moved to adjourn, Ms. Adachi seconded. Meeting Adjourned at 7:43 PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa Tomyl, Recording Secretary



Janet K. Adachi, Clerk

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