

BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND SEWER COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

October 5, 2015

Francis Faulkner Room 204

Regular Meeting 7:00 PM

Present: Katie Green, Peter Berry, Janet Adachi, Franny Osman, Town Manager Steven Ledoux, and Lisa Tomyl, Recording Secretary. Absent: Chingsung Chang.

Chairman Green opened the meeting at 7:00PM

Citizens' Concerns

None

Chairman's Update and Operational Update:

Ms. Green: Next Monday is Columbus Day so town offices will be closed.

Mr. Ledoux: Attended International City/County Management Association annual meeting in Seattle this past week. At the meeting, Acton and other communities received a community award for CrossTown Connect. Very well attended conference – about 5000.

Public Hearings and Appointments

7:10 PM Ed Bouquillon, Superintendent, Minuteman Regional Vocational High School Building Project:

Ed Bouquillon gave a slide presentation regarding the feasibility study for the proposed new school building. Also present were Assistant Superintendent Kevin Mahoney; Pam Nourse, Acton's representative on the School Committee; Building Committee Chairman Ford Spaulding. The proposed schematic design will go to 2 estimators and then finalized next month. The annual cost impact on the median Acton homeowner would be \$32.30. Minuteman considers the proposed increase in enrollment to 580, by 2018-2019, or an increase of 1/10 of 1% per year, to be realistic. As of 3/2015, Minuteman may require non-member communities to pay toward capital. In response to Ms. Adachi's questions, Mr. Bouquillon said details of the bonding proposal would be worked out, including the timing, and accounting for changes in District membership; current enrollment was down about 7%; the State's warning about the school's accreditation would be on hold during construction of the new school; the District owns the 66-acre parcel. .

Mr. Berry was impressed with the proposed program, , expressed concern about the enrollment numbers. In response to Mr. Berry's question about a marketing plan, Mr. Bouquillon said Minuteman had hired someone to put together the marketing plan, which would aim to increase parents' understanding of the potential opportunities for students, for example, the junior high "exploratory" days, and not simply about generating a fancy website or fancy brochure. Mr. Berry also asked about other ways to reduce costs to member towns, such as repurposing the existing campus. In response to Ms. Osman's questions about combining with other alternative school programs and building expansion

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options, Mr. Bouquillon said LABB (Lexington-Arlington-Bedford-Burlington) operates within Minuteman, and Minuteman in the Afternoon is available for 11th and 12th graders who have finished MCAS and attend Minuteman vocational-technical classes in the afternoon; the presence of wetlands limits lateral expansion and Lincoln's zoning bylaw limits upward expansion. In response to Ms. Green's question about the response of non-member communities, Mr. Bouquillon said he and the Assistant Superintendent were pursuing, noting that 2/3 of non-member students came from Waltham, Watertown, Medford and Boston, which lack their own vocational education programs. 40 communities east of Worcester have no vocational programs; Newton has 5 but would like more. Mr. Bouquillon noted that Burlington a few years ago considered forgoing accreditation due to the expense, but forgoing accreditation also would forfeit quality-assurance.

Board members expressed support for the building project, which to move forward would require the unanimous approval of all 16 member communities via town meetings or majority approval via District-wide ballot. Once the School Committee voted to recommend the proposal, District members would have 60 days to call special town meetings to oppose the proposal, if any member voted down the proposal, there would be a District-wide ballot. Mr. Berry said he would prefer to hold a Town Meeting to decide the building project.

Ms. Green would prefer not to have another Special Town Meeting . Move to support building project – Ms. Adachi moved, Mr. Berry seconded. All Ayes (4-0).

Move to support having the district wide vote –Mr. Berry moved, Ms. Adachi seconded. All Ayes (4-0).

7:40 PM Use Special Permit #08/18/15 – 454, Increase Seating, Legend Café, 5A Spruce Street: Present were Ms. Jingbo Li and Mr. David Herbert, owners of Legend Café, and Town Planner Roland Bartl and Assistant Town Planner Kristen Guichard. Requesting approval for 36 seats in the café for 7 days, instead of the 3-5 days, with seating potentially increasing to 50; seating includes the 12 seats outside. Ms. Adachi moved to approve application for Use Special Permit with increased seating up to 50 as described in draft decision, Ms. Osman seconded. All Ayes (4-0)

7:50 PM Common Victualler, Legend Café, 5A Spruce Street: They have experience in catering. Eventually will redo the floors, and have new tables.

Ms. Adachi moved to approve the application to Legend Café for a CV license, Ms. Osman seconded. All Ayes (4-0)

8:00 PM Acton Nursing Services Task Force Report: Charlie Kadlec, Chair, and Task Force member Adrian Hancock gave a slide presentation about the activities and findings of the Acton Nursing Services Task Force. The Task Force has been working since 2/2015. There still is a lack of knowledge of the ANS, including in Acton. ANS provides not just home care but public health services; not all services receive reimbursement, for example, the wellness clinics. The marketing efforts seek to expand the target audience, of which ANS is capturing only a small segment, by introducing ANS to the health community and others, providing Q&A and other information on the Town website. Most ANS patients are elderly.

Of the 60+ population in Town, 1500 live alone. Use of home care services will increase. Revenues also lag services by sometimes long periods. Due to patient-privacy protections, the Task Force and even the Finance Department do not have access to certain details about ANS services; but new software should allow greater access while also abiding by the privacy requirements.

Ms. Osman suggested more educational outreach about ANS to explain what is available and noted that the Council on Aging mentioned ANS in their newsletter. Mr. Berry commended the efforts to dispel a lot of the misinformation and the new computer program.

Ms. Adachi asked whether the Steinberg-Lalli award money still were available. Mr. Kadlec explained that the award was for 120K at 40 K per year for residents that have a problem paying for the service. The ANS receives other donations for similar purposes. ANS Director Heather York said there was about 20K left and Steve Steinberg had indicated he would donate more.

Ms. Green thanked the Task Force and also Friends of Acton Nursing Service for all their work. Jason Cole, Finance Committee member— Some questions, including about the amount of the ANS "subsidy" in the budget and the number of visits of patients.

8:30 PM WildAware! Presentation: Bettina Abe, Conservation Department and Paula Goodwin, Conservation Commission, gave a presentation about WildAware!, a new program to educate the general public about the wildlife that resides in the Acton area. The Board endorsed the program.

Selectmen's Business

Special Town Meeting Warrant Discussion - Mr. Ledoux reviewed the matters to date that might warrant a fall Special Town Meeting, noting that the Board would have to call a STM tonight if there were to be one, : Stormwater bylaw; citizen petition with over 100 signatures regarding Common Core standards, Mark Donohoe property and a couple of other land acquisitions as well. Also a potential petition to the legislature for an increase for in alcohol licenses, which would help with Kelley's Corner development.

The Board voted to call a STM for 11/10, with the continuation on 11/12 if necessary.

Selectmen's Reports: The Selectmen Reports were included in the Selectmen packet and there were no questions.

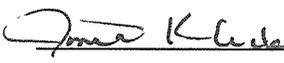
Consent Agenda

Item 9 held by KG

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa Tomyl, Recording Secretary



Janet K. Adachi, Clerk

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