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BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND SEWER COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

October 31, 2016

Acton Town Hall

Room 204

Present: Janet K. Adachi, Franny Osman, Katie Green, Chingsung Chang, Town Manager Steve Ledoux, and Shannon Hurley, Recording Secretary

Absent: Peter J. Berry

Ms. Adachi led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen's Concerns

None.

Chairman's Update/ Operational Update

Ms. Adachi- Trick-or-Treating is from 6-8pm tonight. Early voting continues Tuesday – Thursday 7am-8pm until Friday from 7am-5pm. CPR class at the Public Safety Facility Thursday, November 10th 5-10pm. Please contact Tom Matthews at tmatthews@acton-ma.gov. Winter parking ban starts tomorrow November 1, 2016 – April 1, 2017. Board will be meeting tomorrow November 1st at the High School for the continued hearings on Concord Nagog Pond Water Treatment Facility.

Mr. Ledoux- 2 meetings with Capital Community last Wednesday, tour of three fire stations' HVAC systems. Two weeks from today, tour of highway garage. Approached by the MCTA about installing solar panels on parking areas of MBTA, Railroad street lot and own parking lots. Discussing at a later date once plans are set. Grant for this and talked about metering credits for the installation. Made the board aware Insulet Corporation, 100 Nagog, has stalled. Looks like Nagog wants more money.

Public Hearings and Appointments

Site Plan Special Permit #09/01/2016 – 463, 362-364 Central Street, Idylwilde Farms – hearing continued to November 7, 2016 at 7:10pm.

Selectmen Business

Acton Nursing Services Advisory Committee Charge Discussion- Ms. Green explains that she spoke with the Director of the Nursing Service and the charge has been ok'd. Mr. Chang wondered why they would need nine members. Ms. Green clarified that that is what the decided charge was. Ms. Adachi suggests that the committee focused on Nursing services visibility, some component quarterly financial updates now that the Nursing Service is in the operating budget. Ms. Green explains that the town department is not unusual. Nursing Services Director found it was helpful because they are a small staff that does not have time to do all of the advertising. Financial issues related to Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) makes getting financial data tricky, did not think it made sense to have that as the committee's charge since they cannot get that information themselves. Director and Finance can

come together to give the committee quarterly updates. Final report showed that working with finance department when you increase your caseload is good for your budget.

Charlie Aaronson, Hosmer Street – Is it assumed that the current or past committees are all appointed to the new committee or will there be a formal procedure? Ms. Green explained that it will be a formal procedure and that the charge will be posted.

Ms. Osman stated it would be good to know what the difference is between a committee and board. Mr. Ledoux explained the difference.

Ms. Green moved to approve the Acton Nursing Service Advisory Committee Charge. Ms. Osman seconded. All Ayes, 4-0.

Discussion for 4 Cherry Ridge Road- ½ acre lot town acquired for back taxes, property was attached at Juniper Ridge. Mr. Ledoux brought attention to Habitat for Humanity which is interested in this parcel to build. Nancy wanted to see what the Board's sentiment was on this property, and the neighbors', to see if they would approve an affordable unit. Ms. Osman is in favor and was a very good idea since it was not decided to make Morrison Farm a Habitat house. Lack of affordable housing, wants to use the parcel to help bring up the numbers. Mr. Chang did not see a problem with Habitat for Humanity to move forward. Ms. Green thought it is a great opportunity to partner with Habitat and hopes they can make it happen. Ms. Adachi thought it could be a more attractive result for Habitat to build a house since it is walking distance to the Village and on Cherry Ridge Road.

Ms. Osman moved to authorize Mr. Ledoux to hand the process over to Habitat for Humanity. Ms. Green seconded. All Ayes, 4-0.

Discussion on Minuteman Vote by Town of Belmont- October 12, 2016, the Minuteman Regional School Committee received Town of Belmont withdrawal. Towns have 60 days to weigh in on Belmont's wish, if town does not call Special Town Meeting it would look like an approval. Belmont will stay in region but is not responsible for building debt, regional agreement. If allowed to withdraw and Belmont becomes an out of district school and send children to Minuteman, the state regulations say that Belmont will pay tuition for out of district students, authorized to add extra charge for capital cost. Belmont stays in district, shift to other towns. Belmont allowed withdrawing, same as it was. Cost of vote, minuteman paid for it, not the town. Received formal verification today, if we were to do anything it would be 60 days from now. Ms. Green brought to the boards attention that the cost to the town would be \$200 more if Belmont stays. Not worried about the finances, does not want a disgruntled town to weigh in their vote. Mr. Chang agrees that it is not enough for a Special Town Meeting at this time.

Ms. Green moves not to call a Special Town Meeting to vote on Belmont's withdrawal. Mr. Chang seconded. All Ayes 4-0.

Consent Agenda


Ms.Green moved to approve consent items 5-13.Mr. Chang seconded. All Ayes 4-0

Ms. Green maked a motion to adjourn. Ms. Osman seconded. All Ayes 4-0

Meeting ended at 7:33pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


Shannon Hurley, Recording Secretary



Franny Osman, Clerk