

BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND SEWER COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

October 30, 2017

Francis Faulkner Room 204

Regular Meeting 7:00 PM

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Present: Janet K. Adachi, Katie Green, Joan Gardner, Chingsung Chang, Peter J. Berry, Town Manager
Steve Ledoux, and Lisa Tomyl, Recording Secretary

Citizen Concerns

Dave Martin, High Street – questioned if there will be time to make comments on warrant articles. Advocated for the zoning articles regarding parking in South Acton. Feels that the description on the warrant article is missing criteria. Concerned about the language doesn't apply to parking - the zoning is more related regarding buildings not parking. Concerned people paving their front lawns for income. Believes it needs much more study and should be pulled from the warrant.

Chairman Update/Operational Update

Ms. Adachi – Senior Center open house today, Mon, 10/30, 1-4 pm, attracted big crowd. Ribbon-cutting and remarks, tours, all sorts of tasty nibbles. Spectacular facility. Not just lots more space but well-laid-out and very nicely appointed. Windows all around to admit natural light, provide views.

Town Manager Search Committee survey: re the major issues and challenges for the Town now and in the next 10 years, and what qualities, experience you think the next Town Manager should possess. Survey is available on Town website—notice and link on home page—acton-ma.gov-- or go directly to the survey page – acton-ma.gov/tmss. Or email your remarks to TMSC@acton-ma.gov. Deadline is Friday, November 10.

AB School District public information sessions re school building proposal are continuing. Please see Town website for complete information, including informational flyer.

Planning Board hearing on proposed article for temporary moratorium on recreational marijuana establishments, Tuesday, 11/7, 7:30 pm, Room 204.

Halloween – tomorrow night. In Acton, the witching hours are 6-8 pm.

Mr. Ledoux – Added that the Human Services Department is also located at 30 Sudbury. Attended the ICMA Conference and received his 40 year award for service with 71 other recipients. Green award signed by the Governor will be presented at a future BOS meeting. Numerous liquor license violations. Chief and TM would like to create a subcommittee of the chair and the Chief to view if a violation has occurred to avoid watching video and going into ES. Chair asked comments and guidance from Board.

Public Hearings

7:10 PM Change in Manager, Not Your Average Joes – Ms. Adachi read the public hearing notice. Representing NYAJ is Gregg Whiting, listed on the application. Ms. Green requested more information regarding the affidavit of the arrest. Mr. Whiting gave his explanation of the incident. Mr. Berry move to deny the application, Ms. Gardner seconded. All Ayes.

Selectmen Business

SPSP #07/10/2009 – 422 Amendment, 107-115 Great Road – Representing the SPSP is owner Leo Bertolami. Mr. Bertolami gave a description of the proposed project which is an addition behind the building at 107 Great Road of a 2 story storage facility. Ms. Adachi questioned what is going in where the addition is going in – currently parking lot. Mr. Bertolami explained that there will be parking inside the building but believes there is ample parking for the entire site. Ms. Green asked if he has reviewed comments that were in the packet. Wanted to check about the original SPSP if the previous building has begun construction. Mr. Bertolami has poured the foundation so that it has been started. Septic is in, and working with AWD. Meeting with the DRB on Wednesday. Ms. Green moves to approve the SPSP#07/10/2009 – 422 Amendment, Ms. Gardner seconded. Mr. Berry suggested a condition to consider and changes in design by the DRB are included in the decision. All Ayes.

Cross Town Connect Update – Doug Halley, Transportation Coordinator gave the board an update on CrossTown Connect. Mr. Haley gave a brief history of CTC. Scott Sedekus from CTC presented to the Board what programs are offered, what large term goals CTC is working on. S. Green commented the great job with the CTC – took shuttle for many years and has seen in increase in ridership. Interested in the Emergency Ride Home services – have you seen an increase in rideshares and car services – not too much, but knowing it is there is comforting as an option to encourage carpooling. Mr. Berry confused with all the different rider services – COA is specific for seniors, minute van is for seniors but allows all ages if spots open, dollar ride is for anyone. Ms. Adachi asked about a size capacity and accessibility. All shuttles except rail vehicle are accessible. Vans utilized are about 14-15 passenger vans.

Danny Factor – impressed as member of COD, and Green Acton wonderful transaction to see the community more green and accessible. Asked about a neighbor who had an appointment in Concord and couldn't get a ride, and the van was not able to accommodate him. Is there specific help that the town can do to get additional vans to accommodate the requests of the residents. Mr. Halley states that they have acquired an additional van and awaiting implementation for the additional service for both commuter service for the train station and for community service. Encourages people if they experience difficulty securing a ride to contact him.

Sarah Coletti Willow Street– inquired about planned service for employees at retail stores (in the evening) to Middlesex Community College – Mr. Halley has put in the request, but CTC doesn't think it has enough resources and to apply for the grant next year.

Kathleen Sullivan 117 Split Rock – wondered if they are in conversation s with Insulet Corp. Scott has had an introductory meeting and encouraged them to join. If over 1000 employees it triggers the ride sharing program. Waiting to hear back with their decision and consider the conversation.

David Martin, High Street – asked about the various services and where do you advertise them. – Doug explained on both the CTC network/website and the Town website.

CPA Project Application Prioritization – RHSO is a 2 year application approval for funding.

53 River Street – assurance that they are not making any pre-determination of what the site would be – Mr. Berry stated that they would work with the committee on the future design and use.

Kennedy Building – the building would have the rehab – Bill Klauer talked about the historical significance with the building and that it has no accessibility availability for all 3 cemeteries.

North Acton School Project – future uses for the property is unknown at this time – depends on the use of the Fish and Game property/North Acton Fire Station. Ms. Green commented that the main purpose is to save it for now.

Recreation Message Board – request for electronic message board similar to the one at PSF

Skate Park – Boxborough is going back to CPA for funds – question if there are plans in place in case it does not pass in Boxborough. Ms. Fochtman stated that the Boxborough Recreation is putting in a \$20,000.00 request in a warrant article. Acton Recreation plans on fundraising to raise the money if needed.

Mr. Berry commented that he would have no problem moving the applications forward for consideration. Ms. Adachi questioned Ms. Fochtman regarding the accessibility ramps and if ambulatory people could get around them – Ms. Fochtmn commented that the ramps are portable and can be set up and broken down.

Ms. Green moves to send the town applications forward to the CPC, Ms. Adachi seconded. All Ayes

Board of Selectmen Immigration Policy – Katie gave a brief overview of the town immigration policy as drafted in conjunction with the current police department policy. Mr. Berry inquired if the comment on the volunteer application regarding immigration status should remain on the application. Ms. Green commented that the Community Services Coordinator by law has to gather that immigration and residency status when filling out paperwork for fuel assistance or housing. She helps the resident fill out the paperwork and gives the original back to the resident and destroys the copy. She does not keep information on file. Feels that the question on the VCC form should be removed as well.

Paul Garver, 266 High Street. Thanks that Board for working on the policy. Concerned about the word “regulation” in the policy and concerned about potential override of the policy in the future.

Danny Factor, 11 Davis Road – concerned with preserving the police policy – no town should be opening the door allowing ICE to come into the community that allow the town staff to give that information up
Terra Friedrichs – concerned about laws and regulations and how binding they are for a town, and having to pay for things on the internet that used to be free such as environmental aspect information, but is being censored by the Baker administration and now people have to pay for the information.

Ms. Green feels comfortable in removing the term “regulation” in section 3.

Ms. Green moves to approve the Board of Selectmen Immigration Policy, Ms. Gardner seconded. All Ayes.

Townwide Sustainability Policy – Ms. Green gave an update on the Sustainability Policy and comments received for various committees and the goal tonight was to get feedback and revise the policy and bring it back to a greater group of people for further comment. Feels that we should have a more focus on environmental sustainability.

Mr. Berry suggested beefing up the prologue – smart growth – discussion of development being green. Mr. Chang commented about not liking the word “every” used in the beginning of the document and that it is too binding. Ms. Adachi is supportive of the whole motion. Figure out a way to incorporate all the suggestions in the next draft.


Terra Friedrichs – something about R factor and carbon footprint of new houses is so high compared to older houses made from older wood. Would like to do a metrics of measuring our carbon footprint – requested to put 500 year flood map on GIS.

Debra Symes – small group of editors in Green Acton on the sustainability policy and plan on listing bullet points in the beginning of the policy. Ms. Green will take the policy back to edit and bring it back at another meeting.

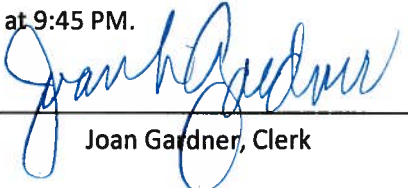
Special Town Meeting Vote to Close the Warrant – Mr. Ledoux – reserved article 3 for citizen petition, received the petition around 3:30 this afternoon and has been turned into the Town Clerk. Article 4 is the purchase of a property on Newtown, several zoning articles, few consent articles , article 9 questioned in court without a bylaw the ACO has the power to enforce the ACO bylaw, and abandoning easements. Main issue is the school articles, moratorium and the citizen petitions. Ms. Green moves to close the special town meeting warrant, Ms. Gardner seconded. All Ayes.

Consent Agenda

Ms. Green moved to approve consent items 8-14, Ms. Gardner seconded. All Ayes. Ms. Green moved to adjourn, Mr. Berry second. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.



Lisa Tomyl, Recording Secretary



Joan Gardner, Clerk