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BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND SEWER COMMISSIONER'S SPECIAL MEETING AUG 07 2018

July 16, 2018

Francis Faulkner Room 204

Regular Meeting 7:00 PM

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Present: Katie Green, Joan Gardner, Jon Benson, Peter J. Berry, Janet K. Adachi, Town Manager John S. Mangiaratti, Recording Secretary Lisa Tomyl

Mr. Berry arrived at 7:30 PM

Ms. Green opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Citizen Concerns

Terra Friedrichs, West Acton – commented she led a charge to get the new TM hired. Town staff hired a consultant that has done a survey. Listed the RFP of what the consultant was hired to do.

Jim Snyder Grant, 16 Half Moon Hill – requesting to pull the consent item for the street cut.

Operational Minutes/Chair Report

Katie Green – First meeting with new Town Manager – started two weeks ago. ACHC public forum next Tuesday at 7:30. League of WV for candidates forum. 7/19 Indian Hill at NARA. Next BOS will be August 6.

John S. Mangiaratti – Thanks to the Board to welcoming him to Town – great to get to know everyone. Looking forward to continue meeting everyone. Goal Setting meeting later this month working with staff to prepare a list of goals from last year and seeking input from last year's goals.

Appointments

7:10 PM Change in Operating Hours and Common Victualler, Concord Brewery, Inc. – no one present from Concord Brewery, Inc. Ms. Green has concerns about extending for just special events. Ms. Gardner moves to approve, Mr. Benson seconds. All Ayes.

Selectmen Business

Request for Support of the Massachusetts Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (PACE), Green Advisory Board – representing GAB is Mary Smith. Ms. Smith gave the board an overview of exactly what the program is intended for – mostly commercial and would be tax bases betterment.

Jim Snyder Grant- hopes the Board will seek the most appropriate language to seek avoiding the use of natural gas.

Debra Simes, Concord Road – encourage the Board to add the language regarding natural gas similar to Northampton's requirements. Thinks the program is very good.

Terra Friedrichs – likes the use of the Finance Department being used as a "public bank". Had questions about how the program runs in terms of funding, money, etc.

Ms. Green questioned the board if they would like to come up with language regarding discouraging the use of natural gas, or put in a vote tonight.

Mr. Mangiaratti read from a statement from counsel that the board could approve the program but have an option to opt out of natural gas at a later date. Ms. Gardner moves to approve, Ms. Adachi seconds, all ayes.

FY 19 O+M Rates – held and removed from agenda due to lack of material. Will hold for August meeting.

Board of Health Fees – Ms. Gardner moves approve, Ms. Adachi seconds, all ayes.

Preliminary Plans for Site Plan Parking Garage for Insulet Corp – Roland Bartl – explained that Insulet is growing much faster than expected and is looking to add more parking. Looking for direction from the Board and which direction the Planning Division should go towards in granting the amendment. Ms. Adachi would like to see the ability to have staff comments and concerned about abutters and the potential for headlights that might interfere going in and out (of the parking garage) by headlights shining into the abutters windows. Hoping there would be a fence to prevent it. Ms. Green agrees with Ms. Adachi on notifying the abutters as this has been a concern in the past public hearings. Doesn't think a full hearing is necessary. Supportive of option 2.

Terra Fredrichs – didn't know that multi-level garages are allowed in Acton. Questioned about the tax break.

Roland will go back to Insulet with the suggestions from the Board.

Local Regulation of Recreational Marijuana: Proposed General Bylaw Ban and Zoning Bylaw

Regulations – Ms. Adachi gave an overview of the draft article and proposed zoning bylaw in preparation of an upcoming special fall town meeting in the event that the ban on recreational marijuana article does not pass. The town can regulate where such a business may operate. Robert Hummel from the Planning Division presented a power point presentation. Ms. Green questioned about the different areas in town retail vs. manufacturing and testing. Preference is to vote on the ballot language to move forward for special fall town meeting.

Dr. John Blute 11 Barton Road – AMA rejects the use of recreational MJ. Wants know if the zoning be more challenging if the ban vote does not pass. Ms. Green explained that under state law zoning cannot be discriminatory on the types of retail that come into town.

Could not understand next speaker – questioned about number on liquor licenses (for package stores). Questioned about the 500 ft buffer around schools.

Dave - Wampanoag Drive – questioned about signage for facilities and parking. Ms. Green explained it is under zoning requirements for each district.

Bill Bebee, Bellows Farm – concerned about the drug problem in Acton. Briefly discussed a slide that was presented at the Citizen's Academy sponsored by the Police Department about medical marijuana that looks like candy. Concerned about it being in Acton.

Terra Friedrichs, West Acton – respects petitioners but supports recreational marijuana. Hope the ballot language is agreeable to petitioners. Ms. Adachi stated that counsel writes the language. Wants a bid to ban pizza shops, nail and hair salons and weed killers, also to go as far and banning alcohol and cigarettes.

Discussion for Potential Dates for Special Fall Town Meeting – Ms. Gardener moved to have special town meeting December 3 and 4th, Ms. Adachi seconded. All Ayes.

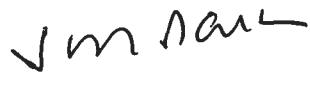
Consent Agenda

Ms. Green held item 13, Ms. Gardner held item 11, Ms. Adachi held item 18. Ms. Adachi moved to approve item 18 with condition over 50 guests to provide proof of TIPS certification, Ms. Gardner seconded. All Ayes. Ms. Adachi moved to approve items 8-12, 14-17, 19, Mr. Benson seconded. All Ayes.

Ms. Adachi move to adjourn, Mr. Berry seconds. All Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,


Lisa Tomyl, Recording Secretary


Jon Benson, Clerk