

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

January 7, 2019

Francis Faulkner Room 204

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, and Assistant Town Manager, Mark Hald

Ms. Green announce that she is not seeking re-election to the Board, thanking many staff, Former Town Manager Steve Ledoux, revisited many projects during her tenure on the Board, and announced she was getting married in July.

Citizen Concerns

Terra Friedrichs inquired about various separate articles anticipated at Annual Town Meeting, specifically Kelley's Corner and West Acton Sewers

Jim Snyder-Grant, David Martin, and Dean Charter each thanked the Board for their service and announced their candidacies for Selectmen

Operational Minutes/Chair Report

Katie Green – Budget Saturday morning was very productive.

John S. Mangiaratti – MR. Mangiaratti thanked the Board, Finance Committee, and town staff for a successful Budget Saturday.

Appointments

None

Selectmen Business

Update of Acton-Boxborough Farmers Market Location – Debra Simes, Green Acton, described the issues with the current location of the AB Farmers Market and thanked the town for its responsiveness. Ms. Simes evaluated some ideas of a temporary relocation, and felt Gardiner Field (assuming that Pearl Street will be lost, which it might not be), last choice in relocation is behind Town Hall. Ms. Simes had to leave, so turned over the remaining discussion to her fellow board members. The Board heard and discussed various options. Will be revisited at next Board meeting with a final recommendation (from a staff working group).

Update on Acton Leadership Group – The latest budget model was discussed and the Board discussed various budget concerns (Middlesex Retirement, Minuteman), and its options on how to cover the model's deficit. Next ALG meeting is 1/17/19 to follow up. Ms. Green, Ms. Adachi, Ms. Gardner, Mr. Berry and Mr. Benson are interested in using more untaxed levy capacity and less in reserves.

Consent Agenda

Ms. Adachi moved to accept consent items 3-14, Ms. Gardner seconds. All Ayes 5-0

Ms. Adachi moves to adjourn, Ms. Gardner seconds, all ayes, 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Lisa Tomyl

Lisa Tomyl, Recording Secretary

Jon Benson

Jon Benson, Clerk