

BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND SEWER COMMISSIONER'S SPECIAL MEETING

June 18, 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 Steve Ledoux, Recording Secretary Lisa Tomyl

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

Citizen Concerns

Terra Freidrichs, West Acton – thanks Steve and staff for the docushare folder. Concern of survey put out and that the town hired a consultant trying to bring in more high density housing. Put up her own survey to be more non-biased.

Operational Minutes/Chair Report

Katie Green –

Steve Ledoux – Thanked the Board for the past ten years. Feels lucky for the boards support and is looking forward to the next chapter of his life. He is planning on working on a Habitat for Humanity building. Noted that there have been issues with bikes not stopping on the BFRT – PD is stepping up monitoring the trail crossings. A historical house near State Police barracks was awarded a historic preservation grant to get cleaned up.

Appointments

7:10 PM Traffic Rules & Order, Parking Prohibition, Strawberry Road at Great Road to Esterbrook Road – Corey York presented a request for a parking prohibition from Strawberry Hill Road at Great Road to Esterbrook Road.

Terra Fredrichs, West Acton - likes parking on the road and that it preserves the rural character – need to do what we can to help local business owners.

Nihar, 39 Strawberry Hill Road – concerned about guests of residents and where they can park on Strawberry Hill Road – Mr. York stated it was from 39 Strawberry Hill Road on the curve to Great Road.

Ms. Green will look into special parking permits and write that into the parking rules and order.

David, 25 Lincoln Drive – need to do whatever we can to support small businesses in Acton. Thinks there is a case for a study on traffic conditions. Thinks it sends the wrong message.

Peter Daniels, Rapsallion – agrees about safety – his employees have to cross Great Road and Strawberry Hill Road to go their cars parked at Donelan's lot. Would like to be able to use the parking on once or twice a month. Has employees that monitor the parking lot and assist with parking.

Terra Freidrichs, West Acton - suggested assigning some spots on Strawberry Hill Road either on one side or the other.

Ms. Gardner questioned why both sides why not one side – Mr. York commented that the PD is concerned about one way traffic getting through and FD concerned about turning radiuses getting out of the apartment complexes.

Ms. Adachi commented that she would like to see parking on one side of the street but be conscious about the winter months due to snow banks. Would like to take some time to study the parking situation and weigh in with residents and business owners.

Mr. Berry questioned of there having been a traffic count – Mr. York confirmed back in 1975 and the average speed was 37 MPH and approximately 2000 cars. Stands by the PD Chief, but feels there isn't enough backup data to initiate the probation on parking. Need more information. Perhaps initiate a special parking permit on the road.

Ms. Green would like to go back to the PD and FD chiefs to get more information before deciding on the parking prohibition.

Corey will bring back to the PD and FD Chiefs regarding the request of the BOS for possible compromise on a temporary parking ban.

Selectmen Business

Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Ann Herbst from MAPD presented the draft Acton Hazard Mitigation Plan. Once public comment is complete then plan goes back to FEMA for approval. Final plan will be back with the board for approval and signature.

Jim Snyder-Grant –

Terra Friedrichs, West Acton - had questions about future development – particularly Gates school, questioned about continuing development in flood zones, feels draft is reactive to events rather than long term effect.

Transfer Station Bag Replacement and Cost

Terra Friedrichs, West Acton – concerned about composting by right for the 2000 housing units, questioned about how many times the program has been diverted. Ms. Green commented on utilizing the transfer station for composting.

Ms. Adachi moves to approve, Ms. Gardner seconds. All Ayes.

Appraisal Discussion for 252, 252R, and 256 Main Street

Selby gave an overview about the history of getting the appraisal for the property. Ms. Green stressed this was as a result of Town Meeting non-binding resolution as a fact finding purpose to find out the actual appraised cost of the property currently is.

Mr. Berry moves to approve the appraisal, Ms. Adachi seconds. All Ayes

RHSO Amendment and FY19 Budget

Liz Rust presented the FY 18 year in review, explained the FY 18 amendment, and the FY 19 budget.

Terra Freidrichs, West Acton - concerned about the info graphic. Concerned about the demographics at 24% of residents are low income.

Ms. Adachi moves to approve the amendment for FY19, Ms. Gardner seconds. All Ayes.

Committee Reappointments

Ms. Gardner held Betsy Kristl for reappointment to the Dog Park Committee. Ms. Adachi moves to approve committee reappointments with the exception of Betsy Krystl, Mr. Benson seconds. All Ayes

Consent Agenda


Ms. Green held consent item 18. Jim Snyder Grant commented on the gas main connection on Liberty Street and Anthem Village have the largest gas leaks but noted that the gas company is working on replacing main. Huron Road hopefully will be considered on replacing the gas mains and heating oil with heat pumps.

Ms. Adachi moves to approve consent items 7-19, Mr. Berry seconds. All Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa Tomyl, Recording Secretary



Jon Benson, Clerk