

BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS MEETING

August 6, 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, Assistant Town Manager Mark Hald, and Recording Secretary Lisa Tomyl

Citizen Concerns

Terra Friedrichs, West Acton – bill in formal session H4290 Housing Choice Bill to get more affordable housing and encourage Board to look at the language of the bill. Concern of turning lane at proposed Kelley's Corner and potential re-zoning. Water situation – Town Meeting voted to fund a water study – wondering where that is going after the Concord Water Decision.

Kim Kastens, Pope Road – upcoming water event with Green Acton Water Committee sponsoring a panel on the 1-4 Dioxane plume with 3 experts at the Public Safety Facility on October 25th 7-9 PM.

Operational Minutes/Chair Report

Katie Green – National Night Out at PSF on August 7. Paving at South Acton Train Station on 8/18 and 26. On town website. Maple Street parking lot carpool program on 9/17. Releasing accessibility study early in September. Concerts at NARA – check Recreation Department website.

John S. Mangiaratti – GFOA awarded town for Financial Report for 2017 – 4th year in a row for this award. Mark Hald certified as a public purchasing agent. Water safety event in association with Acton PD, FD and District Attorney Marion Ryan's office. Selectmen Goals to be published on town website. Town offices closed for Employee Development day in September. Acton police civilian police academy coming up.

Appointments

7:10 PM Pole Installation, Eversource – Christine Cosby representing Eversource. Ms. Adachi moved to approve the pole installation as stated in application with the request from the DPW Director from the Engineering memo request. Ms. Gardner seconded. All Ayes.

7:15 PM Transfer Station and Recycling Facility Fee Recommendations – Corey York, director of DPW gave a presentation of the transfer station and recycling facility fees. Only change in the fees is a recommendation to increase the non-Acton resident fee for full access stickers to \$180.00.

Terra Freidrichs – program in NH recycling regular batteries and kitty litter and down to less than a pound of trash per week.

Charlie Aaronson – gratitude of the re-sizing of the large trash bags.

Ms. Adachi moves to approve the transfer station and recycling fees, Ms. Gardner seconds. All Ayes.

Selectmen Business

Board to Call for a Special Town Election for a Ballot Question on the Ban of Recreational Marijuana –

Ms. Adachi moves to call for a special Town Election for a ballot question on the ban of recreational marijuana on November 6, 2018, Ms. Gardner seconds. All Ayes.

OARS Drought Resilience Presentation – Allison Field-Juma from OARS gave a power point presentation on building a drought resilience community. Ms. Adachi questioned about Sudbury in regulating private wells if it was for irrigation or all purposes. Ms. Field-Juma commented that it is a complicated process – Wayland made residents not allow irrigation on town water supply – use decreased quite a bit but the number of private well drilling increased – so most for irrigation only. Mr. Berry commented regarding 53 River Street – the state recommends the dams be removed – just learning how complicated the studies are. Commented on the West Acton Sewer Study Committee and failing septic systems in South Acton and building more tie-ins to sewer system.

Terra -

Kim Kastens – wanted to know more about Net Blue study – Ms. Field Juma noted that Acton was the only town on the study – referred to Matt Mostollar from AWD that has more information on that.

FY 19 Sewer O+M Rates – Steve Barrett, Town of Acton Finance Director. Gave a brief history of sewerage in Acton. More budget goes into repairs and maintenance. Requesting a 4% increase in sewer rate – single family home at \$.1295 cents per cubic foot for an average single family residential bill estimated at \$823.00 for FY 19. Ms. Adachi moves to approve the FY19 O+M rates, Ms. Gardner seconds. All Ayes.

Preliminary Plans for Site Plan Parking Garage for Insulet Corp – John Necum CEO for Insulet gave an overview of the parameter of the parking structure. Ms. Adachi questioned about the design and a requested a walkthrough of the design. Chris Ladd, Architect for the project and gave an explanation of the design for the Board. Total of 312 additional parking spots. Ms. Gardner questioned about the protection from car headlights for the abutters, and requested an overview of the storm water runoff. There will be a new well to provide a cooling tower only instead of town water.

Kim Kastens, Pope Road – questions about the additional parking and the increase in traffic and carbon emissions an plans for carpooling, etc. to cut down on number of cars and traffic. Mr. N – had initial discussion with the shuttle service – felt it was too far out to do something concrete but plan will have another discussion in the next quarter. Employees are interested in utilizing public transportation. Chris explained they are installing electric car chargers in various parking locations. Existing well is currently in process of being decommissioned, and relocating to a different location and working with the Board of Health.

Terra – light leakage hopes there is an enforcement put in the permit. No increase is stormwater discharge condition in permit. Mentioned about hiring local employees. John commented they have been very aggressive about hiring opportunities in the surrounding communities.

Ms. Adachi moves to approve the Amendment to #03/17/17- 464, 100 Nagog Park Drive with conditions regarding provision of landscaping, modification to stormwater design, use of lowering security lighting, Ms. Gardner seconds. All Ayes.

Town Volunteer Application Discussion– Mr. Berry brought issue regarding citizenship and residency requirements on applications. Review done by town counsel. Recommendations regarding members of some committees be a registered voter and resident of the town which requires member to be a US citizen. BOH, BOA. Suggests limiting those requirements to the 2 committees. Greg Hutchins, Chair of the Voluneer Coordinating Committee states the CPC at large be legal residents of the town. Read the MGL regarding the requirements of membership of BOH and BOA. Acton bylaw requires members of the CPC be a legal resident of the Town of Acton. Ms. Adachi suggested adding language to application regarding the requirements for the BOH, BOA, and CPC.

Mr. Berry thanks the committee for doing an outstanding job. VCC requesting boards and committees to do a video about their board/committee with Acton TV. Notification of new committee members of the length of their term. Janet suggests that not filling an unexpired term, but rather make it 3 years regardless. Mr. Berry recommends that as liaison, the liaison should recommend to Lisa Tomyl the current expiration date of an unexpired term.

WRAC Workshop Update- Ms. Gardner updated the Board on the upcoming WRAC workshop. The Board was given a draft workshop agenda. Ms. Green wanted it to be brought to Board to let WRAC know that it is coming up shortly and asking folks to volunteer for a full day workshop is a lot to ask. Make sure people confirm that they plan on inviting. Ms. Adachi comment that people need to prepare and guidance on what they expect to talk about. Terra – urges full participation with the workshop.

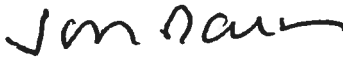
Consent Agenda

Ms. Green held item 11 and pulled item due to applicant pulling application. Ms. Green held item 13. Mr. Berry corrected the appointments to appoint Ms. Duquet and Mr. Peter Hocknell, Ms. Gardner seconded. All Ayes. Ms. Adachi moved to approve consent items 9,10,12,14-22, Ms. Gardner seconded. All Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa Tomyl, Recording Secretary



Jon Benson, Clerk