



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 8, 2019

7:00 PM

ROOM 204, ACTON TOWN HALL, 472 MAIN STREET

Present: Joan Gardner, Jon Benson, Peter J. Berry, David Martin, and Dean Charter

Absent: None

1. Opening

Ms. Gardner opened the meeting at 7:00 PM

2. Regular Business

A. Citizen Concerns

John Richardson – spoke about Citizen Petitions - expressed concern about the 7 Citizen Petitions introduced at Town Meeting and fears “going down the rabbit hole” of running a risk of setting precedence for future meetings and has contacted his representative regarding his concern.

Michaela Moran – School Street- PEL for Piper Road development has been put before the Zoning Board for May and feels that Acton Community Housing Corporation is trying to flip the LIP, and wanted to let the Board know about an informational session by ACHC and would like to come in front of the Board at a future meeting regarding the comprehensive permit for Piper Lane.

Missed name – concerned about the recent town meeting and the future of attendance at Town Meeting. Concerned about specific groups that can’t really attend; such as parents who need to hire a babysitter, and feels that they have to pay for their right for vote, and other people’s work schedules that don’t allow attending Town Meeting. Concerned about accessibility issues for people that cannot leave their homes due to their disabilities. Feels that there should be a change in the representation for Town Meeting such as remote participation.

Jodi Bromberg – seconds the comments made before her. Concerned about special meetings that have a big draw and thinks that the BOS should look into alternative means of Town Meeting.

B. Chair Update/Operational Update

John S. Mangiaratti – municipal monthly available. Housing Forum Wednesday night at 7: PM in room 204, Vernal Pool meeting in EOC. Re-launched Minuteman bike share program. Attended 1st class of citizen police academy – over 35 attendees. Employees of the year honored on the second night of Town Meeting; James MacRae, Veteran Services Officer and Detective Mike Eracleo, Acton Police Department. Detective Keith Campbell received the Exceptional Service Award for 2018 at the Massachusetts Juvenile Police Officers Association Conference last week.

3. New/Special Business



A. Reorganization of the Board

Mr. Benson motions to nominate Ms. Gardner as Chair, Mr. Martin seconds. The Board voted 5-0. The motions passes

Mr. Berry motions to nominate Mr. Benson as vice-chair, Ms. Gardner seconds. The Board voted 5-0. The motion passes.

Mr. Benson motions to nominate Dean Charter as Clerk, Mr. Berry seconds.

B. Selectmen Liaison Assignments

Ms. Gardner reviewed the liaison assignments with the Board and finalized. Ms. Gardner was suggesting consolidating the committees that overlap each other

Mr. Martin suggested referring the Board as the “Selectboard”, Mr. Berry suggested on waiting until the Goal Setting meeting for that consideration.

C. Town Meeting Review

Mr. Mangiaratti did a recap of the 2 night town meeting and the articles that passed and the next steps moving forward. Maple Street closes July 1st, and the Kelley’s Corner Improvement Project next steps. Overall good Town Meeting with great results. Several Board members mentioned that the attendance has been low, but overall improvements are noticeable. Still trying to figure out how more improvements could be implemented. Discussed remote presentation, pros and cons, a representative style town meeting. No real solution at this time, but willing to look into.

Mr. Benson bough up article 38 – would like to see a direct approach and a sit down meeting how to work together on the redevelopment of the parcel (known as the Kmart parcel). BOS should take the lead on the project. Commented on the comprehensive permit for Avalon II and Powdermill projects that put Acton in safe haven harbor for 2 years.

Mr. Martin motions to have Mr. Benson reach out to Stop and Shop to talk about future development, Mr. Berry seconds. The Board voted 5-0. The motion passes. Resident made comment that was displeased that the article was up at 10:25 PM and went to bed so missed the vote due to the understanding that no new articles would be brought up after 10:30 and missed going in to vote on it.

4. Consent Items

Mr. Berry held consent item 13. Need approval from AG’s Office, and would like to get memos when there would be street openings for (gas) leak repairs. The Town Manager will give the Board updates at each meeting. Mr. Benson motions to approve consent items 6-12, and 14-15, Mr. Charter seconds. The Board voted 5-0. The motion passes.

Mr. Berry motions to approve consent item 13 with provisions stated above, Mr. Benson seconds. The Board voted 5-0. The motion passes.

5. Adjournment

At 7:50 p.m., it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.
The motion was approved unanimously.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting



- Selectmen Liaison Assignments
- Accept Gift Memo, Recreation Department
- One Day Alcoholic Beverage License Application, Andrew Wright
- One Day Alcoholic beverage License Application, Friends of the COA
- One Day Alcoholic Beverage License, Ryan DiEoreo and Rebecca Corshia
- One Day Alcoholic Beverage License, Kseniia Lomakin
- Request for Sign Placement, Acton Woman's Club
- Board to Declare Surplus Vehicles and Materials Email, Corey York
- General Bylaw E39, Public Way Obstruction/Destruction Memo, Engineering Department
- Committee Appointment Recommendation, Volunteer Coordinating Committee