



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes

Friday, December 6, 2019

12:00 PM

ROOM 204, ACTON TOWN HALL, 472 MAIN STREET, ACTON

Present: Joan Gardner, Jon Benson, Peter J. Berry, David Martin, Town Manager John S. Mangiaratti, , Recording Secretary Lisa Tomyl, (Dean Charter remotely participating)

Absent: None

Ms. Gardner opened the meeting at 12:00 and read a statement announcing the remote participation of Dean Charter.

Mr. Benson called roll to accept remote participation of Mr. Charter:

Mr. Martin – aye

Mr. Berry – aye

Ms. Gardner – aye

Mr. Charter – aye

Mr. Benson - aye

1. New/Special Business

1. Board to Discuss Special Town Meeting Article 3

Mr. Martin presented to the Board a proposal to the Board to present the sewer article in 2 phases. Phase 1 would be a connection to the twin schools only, phase 2 would connect all other WAV in the district. Mr. Martin conveyed to the Board the reasoning behind splitting the votes – phase 1 for December 10 Special Town Meeting and Phase 2 would be presented at the April 6, 2020 Annual Town Meeting. The WASAAC recommends going for a Phase 1 for December 10th, and Phase 2 for April 6, 2020 Annual Town Meeting.

Christi Anderson, Main Street – questioned if there was a buy-in to the Water treatment plant – Mr. Martin affirmed.

Al Vljinec – questioned on the finances between phase 1 and phase 2. Mr. Martin explained the combined project is the same cost as before. Mr. Vljinec questioned if phase 2 doesn't pass if it would keep coming back at future town meetings. Mr. Martin mentioned only if there is any changes to the plan.

Nancy Waters, 622 Mass Ave – questioned what is the rationale for the need of this project at this time. Mr. Martin explained that in the previous slides answer the question and that the need is to support the local businesses and the environment in the district.

Mike Majors – questioned of the inflation cost with the delay of the project over the next year or wo – Mr. Martin will need to look into it as he did not have estimate.

Nancy Waters, Mass Ave – questioned John Peterson and Mary Brolin about their position on the sewer article and staying “neutral” on their position and concerned about the anger about the sewer article “spilling” into the twin school article.



John Rivers, Arlington Street – questioned why the Board decided to add this change that was originally proposed – Mr. Martin explained this is not a change to the plan but an amendment to the original article motion

Jason Cole, Nashoba Road – questioned the number of properties for Phase 1, and why the betterment for phase 1 is less

Nancy Waters, 622 Mass Ave read from a prepared statement regarding the entire project with requests and suggestions to the Board

Mr. Benson requested the Board to allow comments from Board members about the 3 options for a motion regarding the article. Mr. Benson has concerns about the amendment regarding the phase 1. Mr. Benson stated the School Building committee member Mary Brolin getting hooked up to sewer is not a priority. Has concerns regarding phase 1 gets approved and a phase 2 fail what would be the effect of those affected in the district. Mr. Benson supports the amendment on the motion to bring forward phase 1 now and phase 2 later to allow for more discussion within the community. Mr. Berry concerned about the future of West Acton in 50-100 years and septic systems and supports phase 1 and give the schools the opportunity to decide on sewers. Mr. Charter agrees with Mr. Martin. Ms. Gardner is in favor with phase 1.

Mr. Martin moves to approve phase 1, Mr. Benson seconds. Mr. Benson called roll.

Mr. Charter – aye

Mr. Martin – aye

Ms. Gardner – aye

Mr. Benson – aye

The motion carries, Mr. Martin moves to adjourn, Mr. Berry seconds. The Board voted 5-0, the motion carries.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting

- Article 3 - West Acton Sewer Presentation