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BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
January 31, 2011

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Acton Town Hall
Francis Faulkner Hearing Room
Meeting begins at 7:00 P.M.

TOWN CLERK, ACTON

Present: Ms. Rosenzweig Morton, Mr. Gowing, Ms. Friedrichs, Ms. Harting-Barrat, Ms. Adachi, Town Manager and Recording Secretary Christine Joyce. The meeting was televised

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

CHAIRPERSON'S UPDATE

Ms. Rosenzweig Morton spoke about the budget to be presented to the Finance Committee and mentioned problems with the Acton Train Station that need to be addressed. The Winter Carnival, Chinese New Year and Acton's 275 Anniversary celebration will be on February 19th.

OPERATIONAL MINUTE

Mr. Ledoux reported that we have expended our snow-and-ice budget and are now in deficit.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPOINTMENTS

ALG/BUDGET DISCUSSION

The ALG members met to discuss our revenues for FY12. There is a set of numbers from House Bill 1 but the legislature has not yet weighed in on them.. ALG members looked at the assumptions and proposed budgets. The Schools and Town agreed to a level funded budget for this year.

Ms. Rosenzweig Morton reported on her meeting with the Police Chief and representatives of the School Committee and Superintendent Mills regarding the Cops in Schools funding. The Schools have decided not to fund one of the officers in the schools. The funding is in the Schools budget and could be moved over to the municipal side.

The Town side is in deficit for snow removal and has asked the Schools to think about shifting monies to the Town as the Town did for the Schools last year.

ALG recommends that the Town look at targeting 5% below House Bill 1 numbers.

Ms. Rosenzweig Morton asked that the Board vote this particular budget forward.

Mr. Ledoux noted that the ALG consensus was to bring level funded budgets forward for the time being.

Ms. Harting-Barrat noted we did well last year. She would be more comfortable with a higher amount than 5% because of Chapter 70 and local revenues. She thinks ALG made a sound decision.

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Ms. Friedrichs asked if the ALG talked about override. Ms. Rosenzweig Morton said they have discussed different scenarios to avoid needing an override until far into the future.

Ms. Rosenzweig Morton noted that ALG is developing a 3-year plan.

Mr. Ledoux noted that the budget should be voted in the amount of \$28,177,903 minus \$30,000 or \$28,147,903.

Mr. Gowing - Moved to accept the budget presented by the Town Manager in the amount of \$28,147,903. Ms. Harting-Barrat – second. UNANIMOUS VOTE

UPDATE / DISCUSSION ON SOUTH ACTON TRAIN STATION

Chairman Rosenzweig Morton outlined the history behind this plan and the Town's efforts as well as those of SATSAC, which has been very involved with this project. One of the issues with the station is that it was determined by the Massachusetts Historical Commission that the train station is in proximity to historical structures and needs to have a Section 106 review under federal law which could hold up the funding and have an impact on the project.

Kathy Acerbo Bachmann, Chairman of the Historic District Commission, introduced the members. Ms. Acerbo Bachmann said that the HDC's strategy is to move forward to meet with the MBTA's engineers and come up with a plan. Work on changing the design of the station and work to get landscaping compatible with the Historic District and more like the other properties in the area or a combination of both.

Ms. Rosenzweig Morton noted that the MBTA is willing to work with the Town and will be as flexible as they can be; she also noted that there are not a lot of monies for this project.

SATSAC Chairman Peter Berry introduced the members.

Ms. Friedrichs noted that the South Acton Village is very important to us and thanked the volunteers for their work.

Anne Forbes discussed the HDC and wanted to know if more accurate cost estimates could be obtained, whether an independent cost review were possible. Peter Berry suggested that the MBTA get an independent review and Paul Hadley has noted that the MBTA has staff that will be getting the review.

Claire Ciska 14 Stow Street noted an issue with the MBTA's computers. . She cautioned that she wanted this to go forward. She liked Ron Rose's drawings but believed that the design could not look like that because of budget constraints. She asked that we not take any risks with this project

Franny Osman said that she wanted an easy in and easy out and did not want to slow this project down.

Herman Kabakoff noted that he had read that the entire project would be cancelled if there were no agreement. If the Town doesn't go into the meeting prepared to compromise, we might lose the project, which will affect other communities on the line. We need work collaboratively.

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Dore' Hunter thinks it is an opportunity for both sides to show approval because there currently are unhappy people on both sides.

Shawn Hanley speaking as a homeowner noted that he was not aware that the MBTA had costs estimators and felt they would be honest with us.

Ms. Harting-Barrat said she promised the commuters that the train will be handicapped-accessible and be available for people to go shopping, and to work. She noted that the riders need shelter especially in the winter. People want it to feel in harmony with the area. She said reasonable people can come up was reasonable results.

Lisa Franklin spoke about the handicapped accessibility, which is very important to disabled persons who need to take the train.

Ms. Friedrichs – Move that the HDC to meet with the T and that they bring back sketches and renderings. Mr. Gowing – second. UNANIMOUS VOTE

SELECTMEN' S REPORTS

Ms. Friedrichs noted that she has pulled her papers to run. She also discussed the parcels in the Villages both large and small parcels. Ms. Rosenzweig Morton asked if she had contacted the Open Space Committee and she replied she had not.

Mr. Gowing asked with constitutes a large parcel or a small one. Anything over an acre is large in the villages.


CONSENT

Ms. Harting-Barrat Moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Gowing - second.
UNANIMOUS VOTE

Ms. Harting-Barrat - Moved to Adjourn. Ms. Friedrichs – second. Ms. Friedrichs took Roll Call, All Ayes



Christine Joyce, Recording Secretary



Clerk

BOARD OF SELECTMEN & SEWER COMMISSIONERS'
MEETING AGENDA

Francis Faulkner Hearing Room
January 31, 2011
7:00 PM

I. CITIZENS' CONCERNS

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. **7:05 CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE**
The Chair will briefly update the Board
2. **7:10 OPERATIONAL MINUTE**
The Town Manager will provide a brief report
3. **7:15 BUDGET DISCUSSION**
Enclosed please find materials in the subject regard
4. **7:45 UPDATE / DISCUSSION ON SOUTH ACTON TRAIN STATION**

III. SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

5. **ACCEPT GIFT, RECREATION DEPARTMENT**
Enclosed please find a gift of \$1,000.00 from Emerson Hospital to support the 2011 Summer Concert Series
6. **ACCEPT GIFT, RECREATION DEPARTMENT**
Enclosed please find a gift of \$250.00 from Jazzercise to be used for special events/concert series at NARA Park
7. **REQUEST FOR A WAIVER OF FEES, AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT**
Enclosed please find materials in the subject regard

8. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT, ALTERNATE MEMBER, HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION, PAMELA LYNN, TERM TO EXPIRE 6/30/14

Enclosed please find materials in the subject regard *(please note that on this committee, the four Alternates are allowed and have three year terms)*

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Enclosed please find additional correspondence that is strictly informational and requires no Board action.

FUTURE AGENDAS

To facilitate scheduling for interested parties, the following items are scheduled for discussion on future agendas. This is not a complete list

MINUTES PENDING VOTES

September 13, October 25, January 10 & 24

PENDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

David Keene – Green Advisory Committee – sent to VCC 9/28 (out with Selectmen Liaison JA)
Brad Friedman – Green Advisory committee Sent to VCC (out with Selectmen Liaison JA)
Remo Politano – Several Committees will come back to VCC with decision 11/8/10
Steven P. Leo – Recreation Commission sent to VCC 11/19/10
Michael A. Luongo - Board of Appeals, Board of Health, Application sent to VCC



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