

# **BOARD OF SELECTMEN & SEWER COMMISSIONERS'**

October 19, 2009

7:00 PM

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION, 6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. ROOM 126**

Present: Paulina Knibbe, Peter Berry, Lauren Rosenzweig, Terra Friedrichs and Mike Gowing. Town Manager Ledoux was present. Recording Secty; Christine Joyce, Meeting was televised

### **CITIZENS' CONCERNS**

Dr. Mary Donald requested an opportunity to be put on the agenda to discuss the Salvation Army. Bill Marathias, 66 Taylor Road spoke about a safety issue on Taylor Road. They want a truck restriction and speed solution on that road.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPOINTMENTS**

#### **CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE**

Rep. Atkins is holding an event on Wednesday October 21 at 7:30 at Jr. Auditorium." From Beacon Street to Main Street how do we budget."

#### **OPERATIONAL MINUTE**

Seasonal flu update was given. We will have clinics when we get more vaccine available.

The Town planted trees at West Acton Library and along Windsor Ave as part of the CPC tree-planting project. Steve is now looking to see if we can get help entering into a 15 year lease with the State on the use of School Street. Jamie Eldridge's office will be contacted in his absence for follow-up.

#### **COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PROJECTS – MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES**

Terra and Paulina spoke about the recusal concerns. Terra did recuse herself and left the room while the West Acton Windsor Building was discussed. Terra said that she believes that the "leave the room" requirement is a violation of her rights to witness public discussion under the Open Meeting Law, but since she hasn't had time to get a ruling from the state, she'll leave the room. But that she intends to get a formal ruling from the state to make sure that the Town is not violating her rights.

Dean outlined the Windsor Building Project letters and noted that they have developed a proposal to rehabilitate the 1903 wood fire station. Complete historic restoration of outside and supplying meeting space on the first floor they would like \$340,000 from CPC.

Lauren asked about sufficient parking --- are the neighbors concerned about on-street parking? Dean noted that there are 75 public parking spaces available nearby, and the building would only hold 30 people.

Paulina asked about use of the space both town and other groups. She cautioned them about the use and what the rules are to be implemented for such use

Wayne Friedrichs spoke about support on Windsor Ave. Parking can be handled such as the Farmer's Market. Parking is not a big issue. This building is sound but needs a lot of repair and we need to move now.

Rose DiQuattro, 49 Windsor Ave. She is representing the neighbor hood and supports it.

Debra Simes of 109 Concord Road spoke in favor of the application. She represents the organizers of the Farmer's Market, and feels that improvements to this building will help revitalize West Acton in a similar way that the Farmer's Market has brought more community activity to the village.

Lauren asked that we wait until November 2<sup>nd</sup> to vote on this project and the other projects presented tonight. This would give more time to see if any other town projects would be coming in for historic preservation. The sense of the board was that it was OK to wait, but we would discuss this further when Terra returns. Peter noted that CPC state match was going to be significantly reduced this year due to less revenue from real estate transactions. We may have more requests than there is money to cover.

Dean spoke about the window replacement and restoration at 472 Main Street (Town Hall).

Window restorations at 468 Main Street second floor are in bad shape. They would do the restoration much the same as West Acton Library. Mike spoke about casement that would be appropriate window for the period of the house.

## **RECREATION COMMISSION ANNUAL OVERSIGHT MEETING**

Karen Jarsky, the new Chair spoke about the work they have been doing. They strive to keep many of the events free to the public. Special events and weather was a challenge this year. They had July 4<sup>th</sup> and the Carnival at NARA Park. They are looking forward to the Town's 275 Celebration at NARA Park. She outlined the various programs such as day camp, Morrison Farm and gardens. Playing fields are a challenge and they are working to make sure that the fields are not overused. They are looking at the Town's Playgrounds. They have a needs assessment prepared.

Terra asked that the Recreation Department add more culturally oriented events at NARA Park, to include cultural organizations in the programming process.

Paulina thanked her for doing the Playground Assessment. Mike asked about release of funds and do they have a priority list available in case we get the money from the State for CPC.

They need four members

## **ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY/ STATE OF THE MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

Bob Surdell, the President outlined the activities and programs that they have implemented. They need to address the staffing. It was noted that the Library is heavily used.

## **BOARD OF APPEALS OVERSIGHT MEETING**

Ken Kozik – Outlined the past years actives and decisions made in the last fiscal year. They are getting much quicker information from staff --it helps quite a bit. They anticipate having more applications for solar and wind power. Peter asked about need for members. They currently are down one Alternate member. Lauren asked what qualifications were needed to serve. He said they mostly have attorneys on the Board

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currently it is helpful to have attorneys but it is not a requirement. Terra asked if he had a chance to review the community outreach surveys that have been done.

### **GREEN ADVISORY BOARD OVERSIGHT MEETING**

Kate Crosby thanked staff for help and cooperating with the GAB. She reported on the Solar PV Installations. They have several large projects in process. Kate provided a slide show on the activities and needed support. They wanted to Join ICLEI. They are looking forward to the 5 year plan to reduce Municipal energy use by 20%. Kate noted that a World Day of Climate Action is Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup> at town hall.

Paulina said they have made much progress and quickly.

Terra asked about the Solar Project, Kate answered the questions about the costs and maintenance. Terra also asked who would fund the \$600.00 Fee; the Manager will help with that. Mike asked about the Stretch code. Paulina asked about membership they need one member and have one lined up to go through the VCC process.

PETER BERRY – Moved to join ICLEI for \$600.00 MIKE GOWING – second.  
UNANIMOUS VOTE

### **OUTDOOR LIGHTING EDUCATION COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT MEETING**

Bernie thanked the Board for support. Martin Gratz outlined the activities they have been participating in during the past year. They have worked with town departments and have updated the Outdoor Lighting bylaw to close a loop hole. Paulina spoke about when a committee is through its task it is disbanded. And that it is good thing as they have done their job. It was noted that it was discussed six months ago. LAUREN ROSENZWEIG – Moved to thank them and moved to disband the committee. PAULINA KNIBBE – second. 4-1 Terra No Terra objected to the disbanding process and felt that the committee should have been notified in advance that the chair was planning to push for disbanding.

### **ALG UPDATE / BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Paulina asked for comments for the next ALG Meeting. Terra noted that there is no solid long term planning. Lauren reported that the presentation made to Finance Committee was well received.

### **SELECTMEN'S REPORTS**

Lauren updated the Board on WRAC and Regional transportation. There will be a workshop to develop a regional way to get around town with less dependence on cars. Terra objected to our spending local resources to solve regional problems.

**WANT** will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Comprehensive Planning Plan is beginning.

Peter has not had any meetings ALG will meet this week and MBTA will need to be contacted to discuss preliminary plans.

The Historical Commission is working on moving the Powder House. There are several potential locations being explored.

Terra asked that the Board of Selectmen support better coordination so that staff is working in concert with conditions imposed by relevant committees on approvals, such as HDC, Cons Com, etc. This would include site plans, demolition permits, etc.

HDC improvements with staff by using DocuShare.

Mike reported on the COA and they have appointed a representative to Minuteman Services. Charlie Arronson will take over as our Representative.

Paulina noted the Sidewalk Committee is making progress and GAB will talk about issues and they are in the process of looking into solar for DPW building.

### **ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT (ALS)**

Steve updated the board on the 11 communities which they serve. Emerson has made a decision to get out of Advanced Life Support. This has left 11 communities with out a very important service to our residents. They are looking into providing this service by contract. They are looking for an endorsement to move to the next level of review. Bob Craig said that they have been working on it for a year. At this point this is the best alternative for us in the future. Mike asked about sharing of people much like the Police swat team. Paulina noted that this board supports the continuation of looking for the best alternative. TERRA FRIEDRICHS – Moved to support the Alternatives. MIKE GOWING – second. UNANIMOUS VOTE

### **PRELIMINARY COMMENTS, LANDFILL AREA GROUNDWATER CONCEPT DESIGN, W.R. GRACE**

Mary Michleman spoke about the comments for Grace Landfill area ground water design. She noted there is a question on the number of wells. We have been granted the extension. She wants to have Grace look a mass transport. Cumulative affect of taking it from one place to the sinking pond, next, it is not bio-gradable. Lauren suggested Jim Okun prepare a letter to emphasize the highest level of clean up as possible.

### **MMA'S LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST, BOARD DISCUSSION ABOUT POSITIONS REGARDING PENDING LEGISLATION AND ZONING BILLS**

Peter reported that the Reps have asked for pending legislation we might have. Peter outlined the zoning bills we don't know if we have enough. Paulina noted she is against decreasing local control, and feels there should be Mitigation fees for all development and we need to require them.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

None

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

LAUREN ROSENZWEIG - Moved to approve. PETER BERRY – second.  
UNANIMOUS VOTE

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Christine Joyce, Recording Secty

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