

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND SEWER COMMISSIONER'S MEETING**

**June 8, 2015**

**Francis Faulkner Room 204**

**Regular Meeting 7:00 PM**

Present: Katie Green, Peter Berry, Janet Adachi, Franny Osman, Chingsung Chang, Town Manager Steven Ledoux. Lisa Tomy, Recording Secretary

Chairman Green resumed the open portion of the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

**Citizens' Concerns**

Bob Ingram looked on the Town website for minutes and the last set published was for the January 12, 2015 meeting. Ms. Green stated that numerous meeting minutes are on the Consent Agenda for tonight.

**Chairman's Update and Operational Update:**

Ms. Green: Congratulations to the Acton Boxborough Regional High School ICass of 2015. Thanks to all who participated in the Memorial Day Celebration. Flag retirement this Sunday, June 14 at 1:00 p.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery. If you have any worn flags, you can bring it to James MacRae for a proper disposal.

Mr. Ledoux: ICMA annual conference in Seattle in September will be honoring CrossTown Connect With local government excellence award for communities of 10,000 to 49,999. I will be attending the conference with the other neighboring Town Managers, and am very proud that we achieved this award. Acton has been awarded a Tree City Award; the Municipal Properties Director picked up the award last week. On June 25 at 11:00 am there will be a groundbreaking ceremony for Phase II of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail at NARA Park with a variety of speakers as well as representatives from the Governor's office and a reception to follow. All the Land Use Departments will be moving back to Town Hall with the exception of the Recreation and Engineering Departments. The Land Use Departments will be closed on [Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>], and re-open on [Monday, June 22] at Town Hall.

**Public Hearings and Appointments**

None

**Selectmen's Business**

Pay as You Throw (PAYT) Fee Schedule Discussion: Corey York presented an update about the proposed PAYT program and the transfer station fee recommendations for the coming year. Mr. York provided 3 options for the Board's vote: adopt the proposed PAYT fee schedule either with or without the provision of additional free 8-gallon bags for senior citizens, or keep the current transfer station arrangement without PAYT. Mr. Chang . asked if there were data about transfer sticker holders-- identities, dates, etc.—and whether Mr. York could compile data for the past 3 years; Mr. Chang would Board of Selectmen

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like a survey of users at some point, would prefer to have more information before moving forward with PAYT. Ms. Osman would like to see data over time comparing private hauler customers and not just transfer station users and also comparing senior citizen users and non-senior citizen users . Mr. Berry would like coordination between the Community Services Coordinator and the Assessor's Office to identify seniors eligible tax relief who also should be considered for reduced transfer station fees. Ms. Adachi, who noted that Sudbury senior citizens like her mother did not get a discount under Sudbury's PAYT program, would like to see data about how PAYT permit prices have changed over time in PAYT communities.

Audience members offered comments supporting and opposing PAYT, including:

Patrick Bradley, 2 Torrington Lane – Expressed support for recycling efforts.. but believed PAYT is going to increase costs for families who produce more trash.

Ken Henderson, Fort Pond Road, - Circulated a petition with over 300 signatures against instituting PAYT.

Steve Long, Church Street. – Supportive of PAYT, thanked the Board and Town Manager.

Ward Bein, Half Moon Hill –Believed there was not enough factual information regarding PAYT

Bob Ingram –asked if there had been a survey of transfer station users, Ms. Green explained that the vote at Town Meeting was a non-binding resolution, preceded by multiple public hearings regarding PAYT leading up to Town Meeting.

Bill Hart, Charter Road - Supported recycling, but opposed PAYT, said the presentation should include private hauler data.

One audience member suggested a pay-by-weight system instead of the volume-based PAYT. Mr. York noted that the Town could not just place a scale on top of the capped landfill, and the scale might require footings to support it. But he was prepared to consider all options. Some Selectmen also would like the Town to explore weight-based options further.

Four Board members preferred one of the two PAYT options, and between those two options, the first option without the extra free bags for senior citizens; Mr. Chang preferred no change in the current arrangement. Ms. Adachi moved to approve PAYT option 1, Mr. Berry second, 4 Ayes, 1 Nay (Mr. Chang)

Discussion of the Charge for a Community Preservation Committee Standing Committee: Mr. Berry as the Board liaison to the CPC explained that the CPC would like to form a subcommittee to explore the possibility of raising the Community Preservation Act surcharge from the current 1.5% to 3%. The proposed membership would be 10 people, including representatives of ACHC, Finance Committee, Selectmen, etc., and 2 citizens at large appointed the by BOS by January 1 2016. Ms. Adachi moved to appoint Mr. Berry as Selectmen representative, Mr. Chang seconded. All Ayes (5-0)

Ms. Adachi moved to approve the Standing Committee charge, Ms. Osman seconded, All Ayes (5-0)

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**Selectmen's Reports:** The Selectmen Reports were included in the Selectmen packet and there were no questions.

**Consent Agenda**

Ms. Adachi moved to approve consent agenda, Mr. Chang seconded. All Ayes.

Mr. Chang moved to go into Executive Session for purposes of discussing the proposed amended employment agreement between the Town Manager and the Town, Ms. Adachi seconded. . Clerk roll call vote, all Ayes.

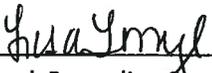
Following the Executive Session, the Board resumed the open portion of the meeting.

Amended Employment Agreement between the Town of Acton and Town Manager Steven L. Ledoux:

Mr. Berry – Moved that the Board of Selectmen approve and execute the Third Amended and Restated Employment Agreement between the Town of Acton and Town Manager Steven Leo Ledoux dated June 8, 2015, in the form presented, Ms. Osman seconded. 4 Ayes, 1 Absention (Mr. Chang).

Ms. Adachi moved to adjourn,, Mr. Chang seconded, All Ayes. (5-0)  
Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Lisa Tomyl, Recording Secretary

  
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Janet K. Adachi, Clerk