

BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND SEWER COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

October 19, 2015

Francis Faulkner Room 204

Regular Meeting 7:00 PM

Present: Katie Green, Janet Adachi, Franny Osman, Chingsung Chang, Town Manager Steven Ledoux, and Lisa Tomyl, Recording Secretary

Mr. Chang arrived at 7:08

Absent: Peter J. Berry

Chairman Green opened the meeting at 7:00PM

Citizens' Concerns

None

Chairman's Update and Operational Update:

Ms. Green: Reminder we have a special town meeting for Tuesday Nov 10 must be registered by October 31 8A-8P. Oct 21 there will be a CPR AED training class at PSF at 9 AM.

Mr. Ledoux: Last meeting attended the ICMA in Seattle and awarded program excellence award, we received the plaque of the award and will be displaying it in Town Hall. A lot of folks worked hard on it. Spent last Tuesday and Wednesday "On the Hill" at the Public Safety Facility for budget requests. We are now officially in budget season and meet every Thursday until Annual Town Meeting. Will present to the Board on Dec 21st. Hearing tomorrow at State house for the Harris Street property.

Public Hearings and Appointments

7:10 PM Grant of Pole Location, Eversource and Verizon: No representative from Eversource/Verizon were present. Mr. Bartl spoke on behalf of the Planning Department. The pole is in a private way and there will be a lot of clearing of trees for the development. Ms. Adachi inquired if the lines will be underground and if there was going to be a lot of clearing of trees. Mr. Chang moved to approve the grant of pole location contingent on the recommendation of the Engineering Department, Ms. Adachi seconded. All ayes (4-0)

7:20 PM Alleged Over Service, Crossroads Café: Mr. Jay Manning representing the Crossroads Café, Dept. Chief Rich Burrows, Officer Dan Holway and Officer Martin Lawrence were present representing Acton Police Department. All parties were sworn in by Clerk. Deputy Chief Burrows gave an overview of an incident that took place on June 15th 2015 of a motor vehicle accident. Ms. Adachi inquired if there is video from Crossroads Café. Deputy Chief Burrows went to Crossroads on June 17th and asked to preserve any and all evidence pertaining to the alleged over service. JA – read the result of the police report for sobriety check. Ms. Osman felt that Officer Martin was very thorough with sobriety tests. Mr. Manning answered questions from the Board from the night of the alleged over service. Mr. Manning presented time/date stamped receipts from the night of the alleged over service. The Board of Selectmen

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individual in question had 2 glasses of wine over an hour apart and the person had left Crossroads at 6:20 PM. She did not appear to be intoxicated when the person left. They came from a memorial and seemed fine – the bartender knew the person, and had mentioned they were going as a group to another establishment in another town. Ms. Osman stated the information doesn't seem to think there is enough evidence to prove that there was an over service and that the time doesn't add up from the sale to the arrest. Mr. Manning stated they were not a private party but that they were just a group that came in together. Ms. Green agrees with Ms. Osman and feels as though this was not an over service. Ms. Adachi moved to find no violation with MGL 138, Ms. Osman seconded. All Ayes (4-0)

8:00 PM Presentation by Associated Environmental Systems: Richard Ellard – COO Associated Environmental Systems located in Ayer looking to relocate to 8 Post Office Square. Mr. Ellard gave an overview of what his company is and does. Looking for a special tax assessment from the town. Mr. Ledoux gave a presentation regarding the Economic Development Incentive Program – goals are job creation, job retention. Dick Callendrella, Chair of Economic Development Committee – first learned about Associated Environmental Systems a few weeks ago and invited them to speak to the EDC and were impressed with the company and the due diligence. Hope that the tax incentive does not impact current businesses. Other than moving forward with negotiations the EDC welcomes the business. A member of the School Committee questioned about the number of trucks will be serving on a daily basis. The school district will be grateful to utilize the space to park the school busses.

Selectmen's Business

Morrison Farm Discussion – Mr. Ledoux gave an overview regarding the use for Morrison Farmhouse. Andrea Ristine, Municipal Properties Superintendent was tasked to find out what it would cost to bring the farmhouse up to code. The new estimate is now \$109,000. Recently Habitat for Humanity came by to inspect the house and was very excited about potentially taking it on as a project. Ms. Adachi questioned about the legal lot issue could be worked around and issue of access be worked out. Thinks we should pursue the Habitat for Humanity it puts the Town being put out as being a landlord with a tenant. Mr. Chang commented that the offer is more attractive than original plan. KG – access is an issue with the Town being a landlord and having traffic going in and out all times of the day and having a disgruntled tenant. Maybe Habitat can do something with the barn as well – preserve it and use for storage. Ms. Osman stated it's a good idea for affordable housing. Mr. Ledoux stated that he will be working with counsel over the next couple of months and work with Morrison Farm Committee for future discussions. Board agrees with moving forward with the Habitat for Humanity, and will start working with the Morrison Farm Committee.

Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles Discussion: Warrant articles were voted on for recommendation to be placed on the STM warrant. The Planning Department gave a brief presentation on Article 7 – Fund Kelly's Corner Design.

- Article 1 was deferred until the Tri-Board Meeting October 27
- Article 2 is recommended (4-0)
- Article 3 is recommended (4-0)
- Article 4 is recommended (4-0)
- Article 5 is deferred until November 2 (4-0)
- Article 6 is recommended (4-0)
- Article 7 is recommended at 25% for \$318,000 (4-0)
- Article 8 is recommended (4-0)
- Article 9 is recommended (4-0)
- Article 10 is deferred (4-0)
- Article 11 is deferred (4-0)
- Article 12 is deferred (4-0)
- Article 13 is recommended (4-0)

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 items 6-11. Ms. Osman noted a typo on meeting minutes. Meeting minutes to be amended. Mr. Chang seconded. All Ayes (4-0).

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa Tomyl, Recording Secretary



Janet K. Adachi, Clerk