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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND SEWER COMMISSIONER'S MEETING** **TOWN CLERK  
ACTON****November 21, 2016****Acton Town Hall****Room 204**

Present: Peter J. Berry, Janet K. Adachi, Franny Osman, Katie Green, Chingsung Chang, Town Manager Steve Ledoux, and Lisa Tomy, Recording Secretary  
Mr. Berry led the audience with the pledge of Allegiance.

**Citizen's Concerns**

Terra Friedrichs thanked the BOS for being open to discussion on the use of alternative forms of energy in an upcoming Selectmen meeting. Question regarding Kelley's Corner charge change regarding taking the Kelley's Corner Steering Committee out from under Acton 2020. Was looking for the minutes of the vote and cannot find any. Mr. Berry stated there was not a vote regarding the Kelley's Corner Steering Committee charge update but rather to reduce the required number of committee members of Acton 2020 from 3 to 1.

Concerned about the Board of Selectmen directing committee members regarding putting items on agendas or not putting items on agendas. Concerned about Selectmen "meddling" in committee business or telling committees what to do. Mr. Berry stated that committees are there to bring ideas and make decisions/recommendations and bring them to the Board of Selectmen for consideration and recommendations.

Ann Chang – thanks for the quick work for the re-paving on Main Street but would like to see line painting on Liberty and Stow Streets due to no lights and the danger on Stow Street with the swamp.

Terra Friedrichs – Happy to see a bike lane on Main Street. Concept of clients – referring to developers as clients – feels as though that is a dangerous practice and would like to have a discussion about it in the future.

**Chairman's Update/ Operational Update**

Mr. Berry - Mr. Berry emphasized regarding the recent student suicides and the ongoing issues with opioid use and abuse – Acton is not immune to such issues. Recently attended seminar sponsored by United Way with a psychologist leading the discussion. Also mentioned the fallout after the recent election results. Community needs to come together. Initiative by REI company that is working to get people outside on Black Friday Day after Thanksgiving rather than inside shopping, called "opt outside".

Mr. Ledoux – Capital Improvement Planning Committee met to tour the Highway Garage - next meeting will be to hear about the school capital project on 12/8. Week ago had hearing on public utilities regarding the aggregation plan – could take up to 2 months to hear back. Will be meeting with consultant on January 9th in Executive Session.

## **Public Hearings and Appointments**

West Acton Sewer Discussion and Update – Corey York, Department of Public Works (DPW) Director introduced the update on the West Acton Sewer Expansion and possibilities. Joseph Shea and Jack Troidel from Woodard & Curran presented a power point presentation as an overview of what progression and why the need for the project to move forward.

Ms. Adachi – glad for the discussion – the importance to the people that will be affected if the sewer line goes through and also the cost. Questioned if Woodard and Curran going to do public outreach or will you have someone else that will be handling. Had experience with the past attempt to have the sewer article at ATM and it did not pass – thinks it was rushed and that there wasn't enough public outreach at the time. Questioned about the placement of the line at the Arlington Street area and the utilization of type of pipe to minimize environmental impact. Common practice now is installing PVC pipe vs. traditional clay piping.

Ms. Green – questioned about capacity regarding the 26,000 gpd and if that estimation for the expansion use is from current use, also if there is anything to anticipate an increase in environmental discharge with the increase of usage – Mr. Shea stated that there are “rules of thumb” to go by and the potential for zoning changes. Ms. Green inquired about the Kmart Plaza and any thought of expansion there as well, also approximately how many septic replacements are to be expected in the Spencer/Tuttle/Flint area.

Ms. Osman – commented on getting a decision under control whether to have sewer in West Acton – see a lot of positive development in Kelley's Corner since sewer came in. Questioned about plan if capacity is exceeded. Questioned about homeowners selling their house and being hooked up to the new sewer line, does it affect title V – Mr. Shea stated that there is a title V waiver process.

Mr. Chang suggested that Woodard and Curran take the time for outreach given the impact of the project with residents and businesses.

Ms. Adachi inquired about criteria for requiring a homeowner to hook up to sewer and the Board of Health declares the current septic system is failing or the homeowner is waiting on a new septic system. Also, the schools are in the process of developing a capital plan for the need of a new school and repairs – working on funds and design plans and future needs – this would have to be part of the consideration of sewer design. Ms. Adachi also inquired about the treatment facility's ability to remove pharmaceuticals before discharge into the ground – Mr. Shea stated that it is part of the secondary process and is better than any septic system, also the discharge is cleaner than the Assabet River.

Mr. Berry – what is an adequate timeline for a Spring Town Meeting – Mr. Shea suggested holding monthly outreach meetings for general communications and by-monthly meetings for targeted locations within the 180-200 parcels directly involved with the project.

Ann Chang – has been involved with previous Sewer Committee in 2008 and feels that this project will never be ready for a Spring Town Meeting when the school's plans are not known at this time, and the need to form a committee to oversee what the need is and the want is, and a special fall town meeting would be more appropriate.

Terra Freidrichs – Inquired about how many SBU’s are used currently to the Acton Boxborough School District and the West Acton Mall – the designers were unsure since it is not part of the current study. Inquired if the need is really there for (sewer) in West Acton or if it just for economic development – is there a technical need – inquired who was behind this study.

Doug Tindal – urges the Board to sequence this very carefully in regards to the capital improvement needs of the schools and the economic development needs of the community. Need to think about long term needs for West Acton.

Ms. Adachi stated that it is too much of an ambitious schedule prior to Annual Town Meeting and think about it for a possible special fall town meeting for this article and to allow public outreach and the need to have a committee in place prior to potential special fall town meeting, and to see if some members from the previous committee be interested in being involved again. Ms. Green agreed with Ms. Adachi about this article for a fall town meeting and to have the Board of Selectmen draft a charge for a West Acton Sewer Committee. Mr. Change suggested to have the public outreach for not just the immediate affected areas as highlighted in the district map presented by Woodard and Curran, but to all residents and business owners. Ms. Osman will draft a charge and membership for the future West Acton Sewer Committee to present to the Board at a future meeting in December.

#### **Selectmen Business**

Morrison Farmhouse – Ms. Green put together a spreadsheet containing suggestions with what to do with the farmhouse and the future of its use. Board members made comments regarding the use of the farm. The Board eliminated options that would incur further cost or not relevant. Ms. Green asked that the final suggestions include use for farming, horticultural therapy, and to move the house closer to the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail and to use as a visitor center, for historic displays and concession for the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail traffic.

#### 2017 License Renewals –

Ms. Green moved to approve the licenses to expose, keep for sale, and to sell all kinds of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on premise (section 12), Ms. Adachi seconded. All Ayes (5-0)

Ms. Green moved to approve the common victualler licenses to expose, keep for sale, and to sell wines and malts to be drunk on premise, Ms. Adachi seconded. All Ayes (5-0)

Ms. Green moved to approve all to approve retail package goods store licenses to expose, keep for sale, and to sell all kinds of alcoholic beverages, not to be drunk on premise, Ms. Adachi seconded. All Ayes (5-0)

Ms. Green moved to approve the retail package goods store, license to expose, keep for sale and to sell wines and malt beverages, not to be drunk on premise, Ms. Adachi seconded. All Ayes (5-0)

Ms. Green moved to approve the carry in (brown bag) licenses, Ms. Adachi seconded. All Ayes (5-0)

MS. Green moved to approve the Class II Used Car licenses, Ms. Adachi seconded. All Ayes (5-0)

Ms. Green moved to approve the Class I new car licenses, Ms. Adachi seconded. All Ayes (5-0)

Ms. Green moved to approve all entertainment licenses, Ms. Adachi seconded. All Ayes (5-0)

Ms. Adachi moved to approve bowling alley and billiard tables licenses, Ms. Adachi seconded. All Ayes (5-0)

Ms. Green moved to approve a 24 hour permit, Ms. Adachi seconded. All Ayes (5-0)

Ms. Green moved to approve automatic amusement devices licenses, Ms. Adachi seconded. All Ayes (5-0)

Ms. Green moved to approve a taxi cab license, Ms. Adachi seconded. All Ayes (5-0)

Ms. Green moved to approve a taxi cab drivers license, Ms. Adachi seconded. All Ayes (5-0)

Ms. Green moved to approve a license to tell fortunes for money, MS. Adachi seconded. All Ayes (5-0)

Ms. Green moved to approve common victualler licenses (for seating), Ms. Adachi seconded. All Ayes (5-0)

### Consent Agenda

Mr. Chang moved to approve consent items 4-10, Ms. Green seconded. All Ayes (5-0). Mr. Berry held consent item 11. Mr. Berry requested to have the language "and loading" added to condition #3.2.14 after "reduce delivery" per public statement at the November 7, 2016 meeting. Ms. Green moved to approve consent item 11, Ms. Adachi seconded. All Ayes (5-0)

Ms. Adachi moved to adjourn, Ms. Green seconded. All Ayes (5-0). Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Lisa Tomyl, Recording Secretary

  
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Franny Osman, Clerk