

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND SEWER COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

May 23, 2016

Francis Faulkner Room 204

Regular Meeting 7:00 PM

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

Chairman Berry opened the meeting at 7:00 PM

### **Citizens' Concerns**

None

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

Mr. Berry – Mr. Berry made a statement regarding the Boxborough Town Meeting rejecting the CPC funding for the TJ O'Grady Skate Park expansion (stating false statements such as drug use and police calls to the location).

Mr. Ledoux - House bill passed and signed by the governor for Harris street. House Bill for increased liquor licenses has passed the house and is now with the senate. Interviewed 3 firms for aggregate energy. Meeting again on June 8 to come up with a recommendation. Wed. have a call with Standard & Poor regarding standard of bonding with Wright Hill to maintain our AAA bond rating.

Bob Sekuler – wanted to know if Mr. Berry's statement can be communicated to the Boxborough Board of Selectmen– Mr. Berry stated that the reporter for the Beacon is here and he plans on sending it as a letter to the editor.

### **Public Hearings and Appointments**

None

### **Selectmen's Business**

Discussion Regarding Meeting with Concord Officials – last meeting Concord wanted to discuss several issues, now Concord only wants to talk about the Nagog Pond hearing of water treatment facility. Need to clearly define what the goal of this meeting, what are our interests in achieving. Ms. Green stated she felt uncomfortable in meeting on just this topic. Ms. Adachi suggested rather the prospect of having a water based discussion on the meeting – feels shortsighted of Concord to limit it to just the treatment plant. If they migrate away from the water treatment, feels uncomfortable regarding limiting the topic to what is already a public hearing that is still open. She would rather keep a discussion of a site plan open. Mr. Chang agrees with Ms. Green and Ms. Adachi. Mr. Berry suggested an alternative is to have town staff meet with Concord Water staff vs. the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Green thinks that staff members should continue to meet and discuss any changes or proposals. Ms. Adachi agrees with having the staff member continue discussions. Ms. Osman suggested that the Concord Board of Selectmen and Acton Board of Selectmen hold a joint public meeting while touring the property. Ms. Green doesn't see the value the two boards together (i.e. Concord Water District is requesting the site plan, not the

Concord Board of Selectmen). Mr. Berry stated that the Board of Selectmen will decline the meeting invitation but if they want to meet with staff that is acceptable.

Discussion on Increasing CPA Surcharge - Study committee submitted its recommendation to raise the CPA surcharge, to put on a warrant article for the next Special Fall Town meeting to raise the CPA surcharge from 1.5 to 3% increase. There are legal conditions with a Town Committee to lobby a warrant for a special town meeting. Ms. Green commented that the ballot can't be at a town election but at a state election – just wanted to double check about the legality of that. Personally supportive of the CPA surcharge and putting it on the town warrant. Ms. Osman supports the increase, Ms. Adachi stated mixed feelings about the increase. There is a lot of support for the projects, but she is a bit concerned about doubling the surcharge. Mr. Chang is supportive of bringing any article to a town meeting or ballot question but feels that the surcharge should stay as is.

Bob Evans, Brewster Lane – feels that the fall town meeting is not an appropriate time to have this item listed and it should be on the annual town meeting.

Carolyn Kilpatrick 9 Devon Drive – supports the increase for the CPC – feels it is very worthwhile – it benefits the town. Also involved with the Acton Women's Club – the CPC has given the club 3 grants in past years.

Walter Foster, 3 Jesse Drive – urging for Board to approve this CPC Surcharge as a warrant article. Ms. Green moved the Board of Selectmen support the idea of increasing the CPC Surcharge to 3%, Ms. Osman seconded. (3 ayes, 2 nays)

Discuss Joint Meeting Dates with Acton Memorial Library Trustees Regarding Filling an Unexpired Term

Vacancy – Ms. Green stated that since a corporate trustee has moved out of town they (Library Corporate Trustees) met and voted to make Marion Lezak a corporate trustee which opened up a trustee position. Ms. Green explained that the process for replacing a Trustee and the Board of Selectmen have a joint meeting and vote as one entity on an expired term. Up to 12 people have submitted interest. Could have a joint meeting and interview all 12 candidates and make a decision or could have the Library Corporate Trustees narrow down the selection and only interview a few as a joint meeting. Would recommend the Library Corporate Trustees narrow down the candidates to 2-3 and go with their recommendation, and vote on their recommendation. Ms. Green stated she would be happy as liaison to sit in the meetings. Town Manager will contact the Board of Trustees to schedule a joint meeting.

Discussion on Town Hall Paint Color – Ms. Green stated that this topic was on the agenda for Historical Commission – David Honn offered to put together a public forum and a panel with an expert on colonial time paint colors and suggested Kathy Acerbo-Bachmann from the HDC as moderator. Board of Selectmen agree to sponsor the public forum. The forum would serve as a main public venue to hear some of the historical discussion about what color Town Hall originally was painted. Will bring mock ups of paint schemes. Will allow the public to weigh in. Ms. Adachi moves to recommend the Board of Selectmen to sponsor a public forum organized by Historic District Committee, Mr. Chang second. All Ayes.

Bob Evans , Brewster Lane– thinks it is fine having a forum on paint color, but feels it is a year late. Also commented on not allowing for public comment on the Library Trustee – understands if the Board of Selectmen don't want to meet 12 candidates but hopes the Board will be in on the interview of a couple of candidates.

Selectmen to Appoint Representative to 348-364 Main Street Master Plan Special Committee - Ms. Green stated interest in serving on the committee. Mr. Chang moved to appoint Ms. Green to the 348-364 Main Street Master Plan Special Committee, Ms. Osman seconded. All Ayes

Selectmen to Approve Charge for Capital Improvement Planning Committee – Mr. Ledoux stated that the charge had not been approved at the last meeting. Ms. Adachi moved to approve the charge, Ms. Green seconded. All Ayes Ms. Adachi stated interest in serving on the committee; Ms. Green moved to appoint Ms. Adachi as the Selectmen representative to the Capital Improvement Planning Committee, Mr. Chang seconded. All Ayes.

MOA for the Special Tax Assessment Agreement, AES and the Town of Acton –Ms. Green moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement for the Special Tax Assessment, Ms. Adachi seconded. All Ayes.

#### Liasion Assignments

Ms. Green requested to have Mr. Berry and Ms. Adachi as liaisons for Acton Leadership Group.

#### **Selectmen's Reports:**

Selectmen Reports are included in the agenda packet on docushare. There were no questions.

#### **Consent Agenda**

Ms. Green held item 11. Mr. Berry held item 17. Ms. Green moved to approve consent items 1-10, 12-19 with a change to item 17 to read \$650,000 and 10 years, Ms. Osman seconded. All Ayes Ms. Adachi moved to approve item 11, Ms. Osman seconded. 4 Ayes, 1 abstain (Ms. Green).

Ms. Green moved to adjourn. Ms. Osman seconded. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

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Lisa Tomyl, Recording Secretary

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Frances J. Osman, Clerk