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Selectmen's Minutes
September 27, 2004
7:00 P.M.

Present, F. Dore' Hunter, Peter Ashton, Robert Johnson, Walter Foster, and Town Manager. Meeting was televised.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

Bob Guba regarding Community Preservation Act. He noted that we have not purchased any open space. Walter answered Mr. Guba questions. No open space requests have been received. There might be the Whitcomb Land coming up. Bob suggested they need to have a full time committee to research potential land and indexing. He wanted the committee to be accountable and part of the town committees. Walter suggested that he start with the Conservation Commission. Susan Mitchell Hardt suggested that they contact her committee to volunteer.

SEWER COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPOINTMENTS

ACTON SCHOOL REMODELING BONDS - John Murray outlined the process they used to come to the rates that they have suggested. Bob Johnson read the prepared Motion. Dore' HUNTER second. UNANIMOUS VOTE. The Board voted affirmative on the Motion. Peter asked if we did not get a response from the public what then. He replied that they could get State House Bonds.

COMMITTEE INTERVIEW, SASHA O'CONNELL, ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION -The Board asked her several questions about her background and desire to volunteer. PETER ASHTON - Moved to Appoint Sasha O'Connell, as an Associate Member of the Recreation Commission with a term to expire 6/30/05 BOB JOHNSON – second. UNANIMOUS VOTE

SITE PLAN SPECIAL PERMIT #04/03/04-397- RAIL ROAD REALTY TRUST – 19 RAIL ROAD STREET – BOB JOHNSON – Moved to Continue to October 19, at 7:15 - PETER ASHTON – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE

ACTON CONSERVATION TRUST- Jim Snyder Grant spoke about the mission of educating people about conservation issues. He said they are here to say what they think about the proposed Land Swap. He said the Brian Kilbe of Sudbury Trust has sent a letter of support. The ACT is going to be neutral on this issue. They have several concerns about this proposal and feel that they should have it in conservation restricted status to stop any further fragmentation of the area. They want the protection by increasing the terms from 50 years to 99 years. Walter addressed his concerns with

regard to the restriction to conservation restriction. There are natural conditions on the site that will not allow further development.

SITE PLAN SPECIAL PERMIT #03/09/04-396, MARGARET NAZZARO – Mark Donohue explained the modifications to the House to make it handicapped accessible by installing a small elevator. They will have 9 parking spaces. They produced the letter from the condo association, Peter asked about the number of spaces they will have to park. DORE' HUNTER – Moved to take it under advisement. BOB JOHNSON – second UNANIMOUS VOTE.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Art Gagne' spoke on behalf of CAC membership. They want have the Board hold off appointing new members until after the November meeting because of the learning curve. He also suggested that membership representatives from some town boards such as Health, BOS would be good. Dore' agreed with Art's opinion. Phase I to identify needs and availability of disposal sites based upon characterization of those areas, accessible Phase II is up for discussion because of delay in completing phase I and they have assed WC to combine Phase II and III. They have done some soil testing. They will confirm that the original data is still accurate. The manager was asked

ACTON WINE AND SPIRITS LIQUOR SALES – Submit their liquor policy before next meeting. Continue the matter and they will view the tape. The Board wants a copy of current policy and he may update it if he likes. The Board stressed that they do not take this lightly.

495 METROWEST CORRIDOR PARTNER ORGANIZATION. They need the cooperation to continue with the partnership. They also said that they need a coordinated effort to protect jobs. They want to add to and not recreate issues. They spoke about affordable housing, for the retention of employees. They spoke about transportation and the need for an intra-regional area. They need the opinions of both Town and employers. Dore' remarked that he felt this was a good idea and he would attend. He asked if it cost money, and they replied no.

SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

FALL SPECIAL TOWN MEETING AND "STATE OF THE TOWN" MEETING DATES OVERRIDE TIME LINE – Bob is the Selectman assigned to the ACHC and Walter was assigned to the Peet Land Swap Articles. Walter and Town Manager will get together to develop a summary. Peter said that we need to have a preamble of why it was done and Don agreed that we need to work with Selectmen and Town Counsel. Dore' asked about the recommendation of the Articles, Walter felt that we should recommend the Yin Peet Articles. WALTER FOSTER- Moved to Recommend. BOB JOHNSON – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

CPC FUND REALLOCATION FOR USE ON THE WILLOW STREET SITE. WALTER FOSTER – Moved to recommend the CPC Fund Reallocation. BOB JOHNSON – Second. UNAIMOUS VOTE

**ACTON HOUSING AUTHORITY –PETER ASHTON – Moved to Designate Ken Sghia-Hughes as the AHA's representative to the Community Preservation Committee
WALTER FOSTER – Second. UNANIMIOUS VOTE.**

Dore' signed a letter brought in by Betty McManus. DORE' HUNTER – Moved to be authorized to sign the Letter Prepared by ACHC on the Board's behalf. WALTER FOSTER – Second. UNANIMIOUS VOTE

COMPREHENSIVE PERMIT APPLICATION (CH. 40B) FORT POND BROOK PLACE
The Board reviewed the various submittals in the subject regard.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dore' spoke about Rte 2 CAC meeting. He is very concerned about the lack of action to appoint a Director. Dore' will send off a letter to Cory Atkins outlining his concerns. The Board agreed to support the letter

Dore' spoke about the Chambers request to nominate Jack Donelan as Community Service person of the year. PETER ASHTON - Move to nominate Mr. Donelan for a Community Service Award from the Chamber. WALTER FOSTER – Second. UNANIMIOUS VOTE.

CONSENT AGENDA

BOB JOHNSON – Moved to approve. – WALTER FOSTER – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Don outlined the progress that he and Bill Ryan have been making with their meetings every week. The topics they have covered include MUNIS, Health, Personnel, Collective, Leary Field, Override, capital infra-structure, Town Building, Danny's Place, and Accessibility of Polling Places.

Remove Goal #1 from agenda

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None Required

Christine Joyce
Recording Clerk

Clerk

Date