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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN & SEWER COMMISSIONERS'
MEETING MINUTES**

*Francis Faulkner Hearing Room
October 15, 2012
7:00 PM*

Present: Ms. Pam Harting-Barrat, Ms. Janet Adachi, Mr. Michael Gowing, Mr. John Sonner, Mr. David Clough, Town Manager Steve Ledoux and Lili Early, Recording Secretary.

Ms. Harting-Barrat called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked if there were any citizens' concerns.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Mr. Tom Michelman and Mr. Charlie Abraham asked if the volunteer efforts by Mr. Abraham to perform some brush clean-up and tree clearing of the East Acton Village Green, adjacent to the Bruce Freeman Rail trail right-of-way would be placed on the agenda for the next BoS meeting on October 29, 2012. Mr. Abraham has worked and met with Town officials about his ideas.

Ms. Lauren Rosenzweig Morton informed the Board members that United Way Outreach will be holding an event on January 9, 2013 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the High School. The MBA basketball player, Christopher Herren will be speaking about his own experience with alcohol and substance abuse. He has been sober since 2008. Everyone in the community is welcome. Parents, young adults and professional health professionals may profit from it.

Ms. Pamela Harting-Barrat mentioned that the Oktoberfest was very successful. More people attended than last year and she hopes that it will continue in the years to come.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE/OPERATIONAL MINUTE

Mr. Steve Ledoux announced the following updates:

Mr. John Murray retired after 24 years of service.

Mr. Dickie Waite has been appointed Highway Superintendent.

Kevin Lyons retired; Robert Hart will be the Acton Deputy Chief, Scott Morse will be the Acting Fire Captain, and Kristopher Ellicks will be the Acting Fire Lieutenant.

Mr. Ledoux attended the International City Managers Association (ICMA) conference in Phoenix, AZ where he received his 35-year service award. The Town of Kennebunkport showed a video called "Point of No Return" about teen alcohol abuse, which he will try to acquire for the Town of Acton to raise \$10,000 for the schools.

All the Town departments will spend Wednesday and Thursday "On the Hill" for budget planning and to determine their priorities.

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NATIONAL GRID – GAS MAIN, 366 POPE ROAD AT PINE RIDGE

Ms. Barbara Kelleher requested the consent from the Board of Selectmen to install approx. 40 ft. of 2" gas main on Pope Road from the existing 4" main at 366 Pope Road northerly to the private way.

Mr. Seward, an abutter, asked why the line could not go along the side of the street instead of across, given that the road has been paved only 3 years ago. He would like National Grid to consider this.

An email arrived late this afternoon from another abutter that the Engineering dept. hasn't seen yet. The Town Manager mentioned that the Engineering dept. and the gas company have to meet to discuss.

Mr. John Sonner asked if we can approve this project conditional on the outcome of the engineer's review. Mr. Steve Ledoux responded that this can be done.

Mr. John Sonner made a motion to proceed with the project pending during the discussion on the motion, and depending on the agreement of the Engineering department. Mr. Gowing seconded the motion.

Mr. Dave Clough said that the Board needs to decide what the right location is. Both, Ms. Harting-Barrat and Ms. Adachi noted that they cannot make a decision because they are not engineers. Mr. Mike Gowing considered that a straight line is the lowest cost for NSTAR to install. He continued that this is not only the Town's concern; it needs to be in the best interest for all parties involved. A continuation of the gas line would make more sense.

Mr. Steve Ledoux responded that Corey York, the Town engineer, recommends the higher cost option.

Mr. John Sonner withdrew his original motion and made a motion to conditionally approve the project considering that the Town Manager and the utility company make the routing decision. Mr. Mike Gowing seconded the motion. UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR.

NSTAR POLE LOCATION, FORREST ROAD

No representative from NSTAR was present.

Ms. Pamela Harting-Barrat made a motion to continue this project at the 10/29/2012 BoS meeting at 7:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by John Sonner. UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR.

NSTAR POLE LOCATION, HAYWARD ROAD

Mr. JD Head, Director of the school facilities and transportation, asked the Board to authorize the Town Manager to approve moving the pole location.

Mr. Dave Wilson, representing the Friends of the Lower Fields, said that the project came to a halt due to pole location. The Town moved their pole in 1970. There was also confusion as to who had to authorize this project, The Town Manager or NSTAR.

The Board of Selectmen legally is required to hold a public hearing, a Petition has to be generated from NSTAR with a state approved form, the abutters need to be notified and it needs to be published in the newspaper. The Town Manager agreed in principle, but a public hearing still has to be held.

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Ms. Janet Adachi moved that the Board of Selectmen agrees in principle to the proposed moving of the pole, contingent on all parties making sure that the state approved form has been submitted, the abutters have been notified and the public hearing notice has been published in the newspaper. Mr. Mike Gowing seconded the motion. UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS – POLLING COMMENTS

Ms. Eva Szkaradek, Town Clerk, explained that the Board approved on July 9, 2012 to change the polling station from Nagog Road (too small) to Conant school. She suggested moving all polling stations to one location, namely the A/B High School because it would be a more efficient use of police and staff. The Town Manager and the School Committee are still discussing the subject.

Ms. Marilyn Petersen and Ms. Ann Chang, members of the Acton League of Women Voters, asked the Board for permission to further research the benefits and downsides of having a single location, which they explained in their presentation. They proposed that the Board give permission to form a study committee with diverse presentation from the COD, the COA, the Police dept., the Town Clerk, two schools and two LWV members; a total of 14 people.

Ms. Ann Kadlec, Election Warden, explained why the Town should have a single voting location. She has all the data available to prove that it works. She is concerned that a committee would tell the Town what to do.

Mr. John Sonner wanted to get a sense on the timeframe of the study. Ms. Peterson responded that it would take 3 to 4 months. The Town Manager and the Superintendent were talking about a year from March 2013.

Ms. Pamela Harting-Barrat made a motion to set up a committee designating the League of Women Voters to take the lead and to find the representatives. Ms. Janet Adachi seconded the motion.

In the following discussion, Mr. Dave Clough was supportive; Mr. Mike Gowing mentioned that some study is worthwhile but may result in guesswork; Ms. Janet Adachi would like more information, is in favor of talking advantage of available information but she has concerns about creating another committee. Mr. Mike Gowing noted that a Board of Selectmen-appointed Committee would have to abide the Open meeting Law requirements.

Mr. John Sonner asked if we can close the schools for the day. Then a single location would make sense. He suggests waiting until we know.

Ms. Pamela Harting-Barrat wanted to make sure that it is in the best interest of the town to have one location.

Ms. Harting-Barrat and Ms. Adachi withdrew their motion. Ms. Harting-Barratt moved that the LWV form and lead an organized study group Ms. Janet Adachi seconded the motion. UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR.

CVS PROPONENT'S PRESENTATION

This item has been removed from the agenda at proponent's request.

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SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

SELECTMEN TO SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE TRAIN STATION

This item has been withdrawn because the signed MOU was not received from the MBTA

PROCLAMATION OF DISCOVERY MUSEUMS DAY IN ACTON

Ms. Pamela Harting-Barrat read the proclamation.

Ms. Janet Adachi moved to approve the proclamation. Mr. John Sonner seconded the motion.
UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR.

PROCLAMATION OF NOVEMBER AS PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Ms. Pamela Harting-Barrat read the proclamation.

Mr. Dave Clough moved to approve the proclamation. Mr. John Sonner seconded the motion.
UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Mr. John Sonner – Nothing to report.

Mr. David Clough –

The OPEB Group discussed new ideas for FY14 to make an impact. They also decided on what policies to look at to go forward, i.e. turnback, new person to add to loaded headcount. Mr. Jeff Clymer would love to help out. The next meeting will be held on Monday.

The Design Review Board is reviewing 6 Post Office Sq. 40B project. The FINCOM have prepared a draft financial point of view document and a long range plan.

Ms. Pamela Harting-Barrat -

She mentioned that the Joint meeting of the Acton Public and A/B Regional School Committees and their Negotiations Committee will hold an Executive Session on October 22, 2012 at the R.J. Grey Junior High School. Each Board will present a summary of their long-range regionalization plan and get to know each other. Two school members and two members from the Boxborough schools are also invited.

The Regional Study Committee has reached a consensus. It has no impact on the region, but changes have been made for the elementary school.

The Outreach Committee meeting on the 22nd and 23rd has agreed to sponsor a forum, date to be determined. There will be a special town meeting for this. A vote is needed on it the same night.

Ms. Janet Adachi – Nothing to report.

Mr. Mike Gowing –

HDC held a public forum on the WAVE project. 10 residents showed up and most voted in favor. The next meeting will be held on the 23rd. All suggestions are welcome and the Board members can come to the meeting as citizens. If a Board of Selectmen quorum will attend, they cannot talk to each other because of the OML.

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Ms. Janet Adachi added that in that case an agenda has to be posted.

CONSENT AGENDA

BAY CIRCUIT TRAIL EASEMENT AT ROBBINS BROOK

REVISED INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT EXTENSION, ASSABET RIVER RAIL TRAIL (ARRT)

REQUEST FROM THE ACTON WOMEN'S CLUB FOR A SIGN TO ADVERTISE THEIR BAKE SALE

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – WALTER FOSTER, MORRISON FARM REUSE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – ROBERT OLIVERI, BOARD OF HEALTH

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – MICHAEL SHAILER, 2020 IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – JAMES WATT, 2020 IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

WARRANT FOR STATE ELECTION – POLLING LOCATIONS FOR THE NOVEMBER ELECTION

ACCEPT GIFT, RECREATION DEPARTMENT - \$125.00

DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE MATERIALS, ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

QUARRY ROAD, EXECUTED DEED – GIFT OF LAND

Ms. Pamela Harting-Barrat made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Dave Clough moved to approve the agenda. Mr. John Sonner seconded the motion. UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR.

Ms. Pamela Harting-Barrat asked for a voice vote to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was made by Mr. Dave Clough, and seconded by Mr. John Sonner. The vote was announced UNANIMOUS.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



Lili Early, Recording Secretary



Michael Gowing, Clerk



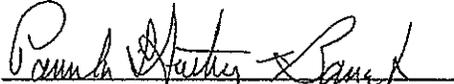
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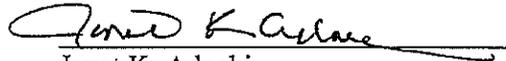
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October 15, 2012

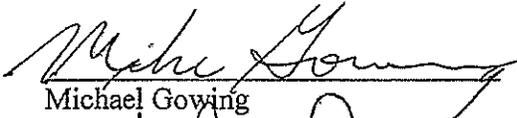
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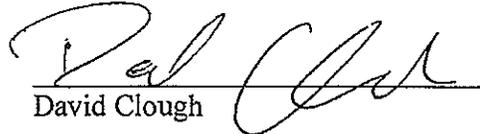
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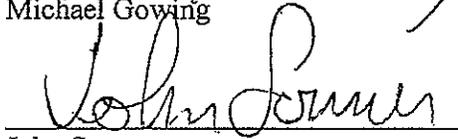
ACTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Pamela A. Harting-Barrat, Chair


Janet K. Adachi


Michael Gowling


David Clough


John Sonner

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN & SEWER COMMISSIONERS'
MEETING AGENDA**

Francis Faulkner Hearing Room

October 15, 2012

7:00 PM

I. CITIZENS' CONCERNS

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. 7:00 **CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE/OPERATIONAL MINUTE**
The Chair will briefly update the Board -The Town Manager will provide a brief report
2. 7:10 **NATIONAL GRID – GAS MAIN, 366 POPE ROAD AT PINE RIDGE**
Enclosed please find materials in the subject regard
3. 7:15 **NSTAR POLE LOCATION, FOREST ROAD**
Enclosed please find materials in the subject regard
- 3A. 7:25 **NSTAR POLE LOCATION, HAYWARD ROAD**
Enclosed please find materials in the subject regard
4. 7:35 **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS – POLLING COMMENTS**
5. 7:55 **CVS PROPONENT'S PRESENTATION**
This agenda item removed at proponent's request

III. SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

6. **SELECTMEN TO SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE TRAIN STATION (MATERIALS WILL BE SENT FROM MBTA)**
7. **PROCLAMATION OF DISCOVERY MUSEUMS DAY IN ACTON**
Enclosed please find materials in the subject regard
8. **PROCLAMATION OF NOVEMBER AS PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**
Enclosed please find materials in the subject regard
9. **SELECTMEN'S REPORTS**

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

10. BAY CIRCUIT TRAIL EASEMENT AT ROBBINS BROOK

Enclosed please find materials in the subject regard

11. REVISED INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT EXTENSION, ASSABET RIVER RAIL TRAIL (ARRT)

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Enclosed please find materials in the subject regard

17. WARRANT FOR STATE ELECTION – POLLING LOCATIONS FOR THE NOVEMBER ELECTION

Enclosed please find materials in the subject regard (12) copies are in the signature file and need to be signed

18. ACCEPT GIFT, RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Enclosed please find a gift of \$125.00 from various supporters of the Goward Field Project

19. DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE MATERIALS, ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Enclosed please find materials in the subject regard

20. QUARRY ROAD, EXECUTED DEED – GIFT OF LAND

Enclosed please find materials in the subject regard

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Enclosed please find additional correspondence that is strictly informational and requires no Board action

FUTURE AGENDAS

To facilitate scheduling for interested parties, the following items are scheduled for discussion on future agendas. This is not a complete agenda

OCTOBER 29

NOVEMBER 5

NOVEMBER 19

Asa Parlin House Report

Morrison Farm Reuse
Committee Update

PENDING MINUTES

March 12 -JA
May 21
June 25
July 9 & 23, 25
Sept. 10, 24

PENDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Diana Branch – sent to VCC- VCC Member

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-  **200 (19) Disposal of Obsolete Materials, Memorial Library** admin 10/10/12 39 KB     ▾

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN & SEWER COMMISSIONERS'
MEETING AGENDA

Francis Faulkner Hearing Room
September 10, 2012
7:00 PM

Present: Ms. Pam Harting-Barrat, Ms. Janet Adachi, Mr. Michael Gowing, Mr. John Sonner, Mr. David Clough, Town Manager Steve Ledoux and Lili Early, Recording Secretary.

Ms. Harting-Barratt called the meeting came to order at 7:00 p.m.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE/OPERATIONAL MINUTE

Ms. Harting-Barrat reported that two agenda items were withdrawn from this session, and would be presented at the next meeting on September 24th instead. These are the preliminary presentation, 6 Post Office Square, Friendly 40B Development and the Preliminary Presentation, 400 Mass Avenue, Proposed Site Plan, CVS.

Mr. Clough initiated a general discussion regarding the purpose and project parameters of the two deferred agenda items, and the expectations of the proposers and of the Board members, at the subsequent meeting.

Ms. Harting-Barrat reported that spraying has begun against the mosquito's to combat the EEE virus, over a two day period. She also expressed regret about a recent vandalism incident in the Arboretum.

Ms. Harting-Barrat invited Mr. Paul Murphy, a member of the School Committee, to explain to the Board of Selectmen an on-going program on alcoholism and addiction prevention, involving the schools and the United Way.

Ms. Harting-Barrat noted that there will be an informational meeting at the Town Hall, on September 27th, regarding the South Acton Railroad Station project, and Mr. Ledoux encouraged all interested citizens to attend. The MBTA and their general contractor will be present. The impacts on passengers during construction will be identified, and discussed. An MOU is being prepared, to provide for MBTA elevator maintenance access over town-owned land.

Mr. Ledoux advised that the Town's FY 2014 budgeting process is starting now and proposed that the FY14 budget will be submitted just before Christmas.

A town Space Needs Study is starting, with selection of an outside contractor among 9 bidders.

Mr. Ledoux reported that he is working with Town Manager's in the Minuteman Vocational Tech District, to find a mechanism to raise capital for school expansion, partially based on counts of tuitioned students.

Mr. Ledoux mentioned that an update for the T on South Acton Transportation will be held on Sept 27th at 7:30 in this room (204) for the residents of what is happening during the construction. Ms. Harting-Barrat said that they will rip-up the temporary ramp this week and it would be great to know what the actual schedule is. Mr. Sonner informed the Board that the actual construction will start in October. He will follow-up when they will start working now on the platform.

PRELIMINARY PRESENTATION, 6 POST OFFICE SQ., FRIENDLY 40B DEVELOPMENT

Has been postponed until the September 24, 2012 meeting.

PRELIMINARY PRESENTATION, 400 MASS AVE, PROPOSED SITE PLAN, CVS

Has been postponed until the September 24, 2012 meeting.

CLASS II NON-DISPLAY CAR DEALER'S LICENSE, ROBERT N. OLIVERIO, 130 PARKER STREET

Mr. Oliverio explained that this venture would be similar to an auction business.

Mr. Sonner moved to approve said license application and was seconded by Ms. Pamela Harting-Barrat. UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR.

KEVIN BATT -- UPDATE ON THE SOLAR PROJECT

Mr. Batt, counsel with Anderson & Kreiger, has been closely involved with the Landfill Solar Project. He made a presentation on the project status to-date, with emphasis on the responsibilities of Ameresco, the prime contractor, and the status of various permits and certificates. Considerable attention was given to the "cap" over the landfill, maintaining its integrity, and the landfill gas monitoring by DEP. 12.2 acres of the landfill will be leased for this project. The Town will receive rent. Ameresco would be responsible for all maintenance, replacements and will also be responsible and penalized for shortfall of production. The Town will have the option to purchase the system at the end of the term at a lower value. Ameresco will sell the power to the Town. The amount of electricity generated will be delivered to NSTAR and will be credited against NSTAR bills at Town buildings.

Our eligibility for receipt of net metering credits is an open item, under the existing 2 % total cap in MA. This could pose a risk for the Town. Cap increase to 3% is under discussion at the state level. When moving forward, Mr. Gowing wants to check with the legislature on this subject. NSTAR doesn't like this net metering system, but they will comply with their obligations. They should provide the Town with the correct calculations soon.

Mr. Clough wanted to know what percentage of kWh we will produce. Mr. Charter responded that we would produce enough electricity to cover 17 buildings, and the streetlights. There will possibly be a small surplus for the schools. There will typically be 5% in savings. Mr. Batt added that the allocation will be on an annual basis. The Town will receive a rent payment from Ameresco, even during the construction period + \$65K of additional rent. This is a tax payment for the use of this property. He continued that the one risk is if the net metering credits would go away, it is after all a government program.

Ameresco will receive financing for this project by June 2013 and they would like to start construction by the end of September, so Mr. Ledoux feels that we should decide whether to proceed, subject to the net metering credits issue, quickly.

Mr. Gowing suggested continuing the discussion at the meeting on September 24th.

Mr. Dennis Loria, resident of Acton and a member of the Green Advisory Board, offered to have the GAB review the economic analysis.

Ms. Adachi moved to authorize the Town Manager to move forward with construction under the Ameresco contract, if he is reasonably assured that the Town will receive the benefit of net metering under the current or the proposed elevated net metering plans. This motion was seconded by Mr. Gowing. UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR.

SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

MIRACLE FIELD LICENSE AGREEMENT

Mr. Ledoux introduced the subject of a four-part Motion and the included one-year renewable License Agreement pertaining to a plot of land being licensed by the Town to Miracle League of Massachusetts, Inc. for use as a playing field for special needs children. Opening Day will be Saturday, September 15, 2012.

Mr. Clough asked for a one year renewal term.

Mr. Gowing recited the complete text of the proposed Motion to be approved by the Board and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Ms. Adachi. UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR.

SOLARIZE ACTON COMMUNITY TEAM – REQUEST FOR SIGNS ON THE COMMON, PARKING LOT LIGHT POLES AT THE TOWN HALL PARKING LOT AND THE SOUTH ACTON TRAIN STATION

Mr. Jim Snyder-Grant presented the current status of the Solarize Acton project, a joint program with MassCeC, in which the sign-up phase ends on September 30th. Acton, being one of 17 participating Massachusetts towns, has had 350 requests to assess home-owner's suitability and 70 proposals have been made. He explained that the cost will diminish as more residents are participating. This project is separate from the responsibility of any of our existing committees or similar organizations.

He indicated that it is now too late to request banner placement and he was asked to contact Scott Mutch of our Planning Department, about other placements, like "a large thermometer". Ms. Harting-Barrat thanked these volunteers for their strenuous efforts.

Mr. Gregg Voss, an Acton resident, spoke about solar gardens as another option.

Ms. Harting-Barrat moved to empower the town manager to handle this matter of placement of these temporary signs. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sonner. UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR.

GREEN ADVISORY BOARD, REQUEST FOR TERMINATION OF ASSOCIATE MEMBER, NOT ATTENDING GAB MEETINGS

After discussion about minimum attendance requirements, Mr. Gowing moved to approve the removal of Manisha Tyagi as a member of the Green Advisory Board for failure to meet the minimum required attendance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sonner. UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR.

**REGULATORY AGREEMENT FOR AFFORDABLE UNITS, AT THE MEADOWS
AT ACTON, LOCATED AT 263 GREAT ROAD**

Ms. Adachi made a motion to approve the execution of said agreement. Mr. Gowing seconded the motion. UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR.

**REGULATORY AGREEMENT FOR AFFORDABLE UNITS AT THE RESIDENCES
AT QUAIL RIDGE**

A motion made by Ms. Adachi to execute the agreement, and seconded by Mr. Gowing, was rescinded. Mr. Ledoux was asked to provide clarification about the number of affordable units.

Mr. Gowing moved to table the regulatory agreement for Quail Ridge until the next meeting of the Board on September 24th. The motion was seconded by Ms. Adachi. UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR.

UPDATE ON ALG

Ms. Harting-Barrat wondered how to update the ALG members. No votes were taken at the last meeting. The future meeting schedule was handed out at the last meeting. The prepared meeting schedule in the packet sets the deadlines for the ALG and the Board needs to meet those deadlines. A long-term spreadsheet needs to be prepared covering 3-5 yrs.

Mr. Clough suggested that FinCom can help out.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Mr. John Sonner –

2020 had their first meeting of the third phase, and they are reviewing applications to increase the membership. They have more than 240 action items.

The Memorial Library will have a community workshop on Saturday, September 17th.

He went to his first meeting with the Water District.

Mr. Sonner reported that he had a "ride-along" in a police car, and it was very enlightening to observe the fast-paced police operation. They must improvise all the time.

Mr. David Clough –

Reported that the CPC has not met since the last Board meeting.

The Design Review Board meeting about the Post Office project was cancelled due to the holiday.

The HDC is involved in the Asa Parlin house activity. HDC and EDC are jointly looking at sign bylaws, to coordinate rules.

The FinCom is looking at long-range forecasts.

The Open Space Committee is looking at a very interesting piece of land to acquire.

Ms. Harting-Barrat –

Noted that there are some sticking points about weighted votes in the regional school district. Mr. Peter Ashton will be updating the Board soon.

A town-wide forum would be very appropriate in addressing issues of suspension, drugs, alcohol, etc.

The Board of Health is spraying against EEE, as earlier reported.

The Nursing Service will come to the next Board Meeting, on September 24th. They are doing very well.

The Planning Board meeting was canceled.

Ms. Adachi -

Reported that ACHC had a presentation by Ms. Beth Rust, of the new Regional Housing Service. She is assembling baseline documentation on all affordable units in town, and will be working with the Town Planner.

Ms. Adachi discussed the DRB, and its relationship to other Town Boards.

Ms. Adachi will attend a two-day meeting in Cambridge on accessibility standards this week.

Mr. Gowing -

Reported that the COA met to review their options for expansion, since the town meeting refused the request for a new COA facility. They will consider requesting funds for a design study of some alternatives. They are creating a new position for liaison with the COD and Acton 2020.

The Cemetery is considering a land swap with Morrison Farm to exchange 1.8 acres, for 2 acres adjacent to the cemetery. The new Morrison Farm Committee met; they are making a proposal to effect this exchange. This newly expanded Board wishes to meet with the Board of Selectmen at our next meeting on September 24th, and make sure they are on track with our Morrison Farm intentions.

Mr. Gowing attended the regionalization toolkit conference, chaired by the Lt. Governor a few days ago.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Harting-Barrat read the list of items 13 through 21 on the Agenda.
Items 13, 16, 18 and 21 were put on hold pending further discussion.

Mr. Sonner suggested amending the text in Item 13 to keep the existing policy in place.

Mr. Gowing moved to amend Item 13 as indicated. Mr. Sonner seconded the motion. UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR.

Mr. Gowing moved to postpone action on Item 16 until the Board of Selectmen's meeting on September 24th. Mr. Clough seconded the motion. UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR.

Mr. Calandrella, Acton resident, noted an error in Item 18. The words: "in lieu of" should be changed to "for the".

Mr. Clough moved to change the wording of Item 18 as suggested by Mr. Calandrella. Mr. Gowing seconded the motion. UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR.

ACCEPT MINUTES, JUNE 18 AND AUGUST 20, 2012, BOARD OF SELECTMEN, REGULAR AND EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

UNITED NATIONS DAY PROCLAMATION 2012

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT, ANN CHANG, MORRISON FARM COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT, DIANA BRANCH, VOLUNTEER COORDINATING COMMITTEE

ACCEPT GIFT, SELECTMEN

ACCEPT GIFT, PLANNING DEPARTMENT

ACCEPT GIFT, RECREATION DEPARTMENT

DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE MATERIALS, MEMORIAL LIBRARY

MEMORIAL LIBRARY LONG RANGE PLAN – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO SEND OUT THE COMMUNITY SURVEY IN THE NEXT MUNICIPAL QUARTERLY

Ms. Pamela Harting-Barrat asked for a voice vote to approve the Consent Calendar.

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The motion was made by Mr. Gowing and seconded by Mr. Sonner. The vote was announced UNANIMOUS.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Members Present: Pam Harting-Barrat, Ms., Ms. Janet Adachi, Mr. Michael Gowing, Mr. David Clough, Mr. John Sonner, Town Manager Steve Ledoux and Lili Early, Recording Secretary.

Ms. Pamela Harting-Barrat moved to go into Executive Session. Ms. Janet Adachi seconded. Roll Call Taken by the Clerk, all Ayes

Ms. Harting-Barrat stated before the roll call vote to enter Executive Session that:

- a. In the executive session, the Selectmen will discuss Strategy with regard to the purchase, exchange, lease or value of Real Property
- a. An open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiation position of the Town or the Board.

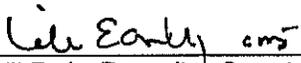
Chair: Would the clerk please call the Role - All ayes

Chair: At the conclusion of the Executive Session, the Board will reconvene in open session to adjourn

Ms. Pamela Harting-Barrat asked for a voice vote to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was made by Mr. Dave Clough, and seconded by Mr. Mike Gowing. The vote was announced UNANIMOUS.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.



Lili Early, Recording Secretary



Michael Gowing, Clerk



Date