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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
October 18, 2010**

**Acton Town Hall
Francis Faulkner Hearing Room
Meeting begins at 7:00 P.M.**

Present: Lauren Rosenzweig Morton, Michael J. Gowing, Terra Friedrichs, Janet K. Adachi, Pamela Harting-Barrat, Assistant Town Manager, John Murray; Recording Secretary, Christine Joyce. The Meeting was televised

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Margaret Woolley Busse, Chair of 2020 Committee updated the board on what they are working on such as preparing a guide to Acton for the next 10 to 15 years. They are talking about phase II. Open Meeting on Wednesday at 6:30 at the high school and invited all to attend to learn and to offer insight.

CHAIRPERSON'S UPDATE

Ms. Rosenzweig Morton -.reminded everyone about the Special Town Meeting on October 25, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the ABRHS Auditorium Caouette Simeone farm

OPERATIONAL MINUTE

John Murray reported on the Green Energy Fair and Green Communities Award the Town received \$150,000 for phase 1. They are going to try for two more grants for electric charge station and energy improvements at town hall and COA.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPOINTMENTS

NATIONAL GRID –GAS RECTIFIER INSTALLATION, 33 ETHAN ALLEN DRIVE

Ben Doherty filling in for Mr. Dennis Regan was in attendance as well as their contractor. National Grid wishes to install a gas rectifier at 33 Ethan Allen Drive.

Ms. Adachi asked about replacement.

Ms. Friedrichs asked to discuss this at a time when policies are discussed at a future meeting so that we have a policy going forward.

Mr. Gowing asked about the depth and reason for 6 foot vs. 2 foot. National Grid's contractor said that a lower placement could cause a tripping problem.

Resident of 29 Ethan Allen Drive – asked about sound, location and smell. The resident will work with National Grid to resolve any concerns he may have but there will be no smell or sound emanating from the device.

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28 Ethan Allen Drive asked about extending life of the gas main. The contractor said the rectifiers can extend the life of the gas main up to 30 years

Ms. Friedrichs – Moved to approve with conditions noted in the memo. Mr. Gowing – second UNANIMOUS VOTE

WEST ACTON NEIGHBORHOOD TASKFORCE (WANT) ANNUAL OVERSIGHT MEETING

Peter Mosbach new chairman provided a summary of what they have been doing and future actions/items they hope to work on going forward.

Ms. Adachi added that the membership of the committee comprises pro sewer and pro septic systems, the hope are that all information is gathered and aiming to have one solution.

Ms. Friedrichs asked about the reference of high needs-- she asked about cluster systems. Doug said that the town owned land is in the wetlands. They had looked at the cluster system and found it not feasible. Ms. Friedrichs said she wanted a range of costs. The overall costs are the same as septic and sewer according to Mr. Mosbach.

Mr. Gowing asked about financing options and \$40-70 monthly betterment fee and this was the best estimate at this time. He asked if we could get a median cost and it would be easier to let citizens know of the costs.

Mr. Gowing asked about future assistance at State or Federal level to leverage the neighborhood and its need for assistance. They have not been able to get assistance; the owner could get a 40% Tax Credit from the State for hook up, as well as low cost loans.

Ms. Harting-Barrat thanked them for their help in solving this as a community. She urged them to get another opinion from a disinterested third party.

Ms. Rosenzweig Morton spoke about funding and how the State works and that it is a 30 year loan. She hopes we can look at policies to save our drinking water and urged them to continue to work together.

Frank McNamara of 17 Tuttle Drive – this process has been divisive in the neighborhood and the question is about the process, agrees that the tone has become better. He said the focus of sewer or septic. Innovated technology Alternative Systems are still on the table. The information will be collected and they will be able to develop a cost.

WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC) ANNUAL OVERSIGHT MEETING

Chairman Beck was introduced and presented a slideshow with regard to WRAC's mission.

They have their priorities for 2010 -11, storm water Construction and post construction bylaw.

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They have a time line of 4-5 months for Storm Water Bylaw and to develop the manual in 6-8 months and a public review and information 3-4 months and feels we can bring it to a town meeting for 2012.

Mr. Beck spoke about the need for a Technical Consultant to get the input required for Storm Water planning.

Ms. Friedrichs asked about enforcement of the new Stormwater bylaw. Mr. Beck said that Justin Snair and Doug Halley are working on this currently. The Town Manager outlined all the work Justin and Doug had accomplished so far.

Herman Kabakoff asked about unintended consequences regarding Planning Board changes to address power washing and car washing. Mr. Beck said they would review it and bring any changes to a future Town Meeting.

Ms. Rosenzweig Morton noted it was important to have a point person for Stormwater questions at Town Hall. Mr. Beck said that Justin Snair from the Health Department was the person currently assigned.

WEST ACTON TRI0 – 232 ARLINGTON STREET, SPRUCE CORNER

Ms. Harting-Barrat – Moved to continue the hearing to November 8, 2010 @ 8:25. Ms. Adachi – second. UNANIMOUS VOTE

SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING DISCUSSION

Ms. Rosenzweig noted the hand outs have been prepared for those who are interested. Ms. Rosenzweig gave an overview of the land and the need to maintain it as a farming resource. The staff and Board members are looking in to possible gifts and/or grants. There are some possible leads and hopefully we will find out this week if gifts or grants may be available to supplement the costs. Mr. Gowing stated that the Town has applied to the Atty. General for Brown Fields Covenant not to Sue which will protect the town against any problems that may come up, and noted that the Attorney General's office should have an answer shortly regarding the likelihood of our approval

SOUTH ACTON TRAIN STATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE—letter to MAPC for Planning Technical Assistance

Mr. Zavalas noted that the dual platform will be constructed as requested by the Town. The Committee is concerned with the increased impact to the neighborhoods in that area. Mr. Zavalas asked for a letter from the town requesting technical assistance from MAPC re: South Acton Train Station Advisory Committee. They will come out and work with the Town and walk through the area and come up with a report at no cost to the Town and little time taken from staff resources.

Ms. Rosenzweig Morton asked about Assabet River Rail Trail vs. Bruce Freeman Rail Trail reference in the letter and it will be corrected in the letter going out.

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Ms. Rosenzweig Morton asked if Corey York could be the point person and Mr. Murray noted that Corey would be available to be the Staff person.

Mr. Murray added that we need to ask them to review current road loads as part of the study—the Board concurred.

Ms. Harting-Barrat – Moved to authorize the town Manager to sign the letter with the Bruce Freeman trail being changed to Assabet River Rail Trail and Add paragraph about the needs to study the roadway loads. Mr. Gowing – second. UNANIMOUS VOTE

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Ms. Harting Barrat – Spoke about South Acton Train Station. The committee will look for another date as they did not have a quorum. The Items can be reviewed on the WEB Site.

Recreation had a delay in their meeting also.

Mr. Gowing noted that COA is updating their Charter for a change at the Annual Town Meeting. It was noted that Jean Fleming left today for retirement.

COD – Reviewed Accessibility and what is required under State Law

HDC/HC coordinating what they want to do in regard to 17 Woodbury Lane.

Ms. Friedrichs reported on the request to have the State accessibility representatives come out again and to give the same meeting at night for those who work during the day.

EDC moving forward with their signs and suggests business owners call the planning department if they have any questions.

Land Purchase Program and working on Grant programs and are in the process of applying depending on the circumstances of the site.

CONSENT

#9 Ms. Adachi Hold – Minutes tabled until next meeting

#10 Ms. Friedrichs - Hold on Deed Restriction and refinance request. She said she has several questions regarding this in regard to 40B.

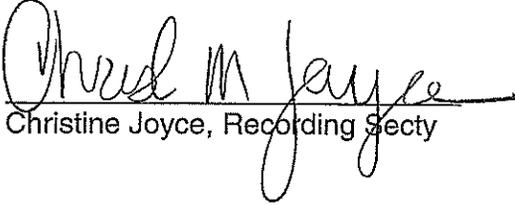
Mr. Gowing – Moved to accept the items listed under Consent except for #9 and 10. Ms. Harting-Barrat – second UNANIMOUS VOTE

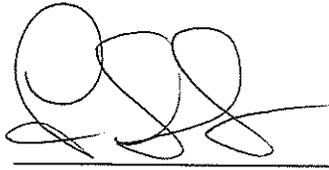
Ms. Harting-Barrat – Moved to approve #10 and #9 Held for next meeting - Ms. Friedrichs – second. UNANIMOUS VOTE

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

None


Christine Joyce, Recording Secty


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BOARD OF SELECTMEN & SEWER COMMISSIONERS'
MEETING AGENDA

Francis Faulkner Hearing Room
October 18, 2010
7:00 PM

I. CITIZENS' CONCERNS

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. 7:05 CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE
2. 7:10 OPERATIONAL MINUTE
3. 7:30 NATIONAL GRID, 33 ETHAN ALLEN DRIVE, INSTALL GAS RECTIFIER, (DESIGNED TO DETECT GAS LEAKS)
Enclosed please find materials in the subject regard
4. 7:40 WEST ACTON NEIGHBORHOOD TASK FORCE (WANT) ANNUAL OVERSIGHT MEETING
Enclosed please find materials in the subject regard
5. 8:00 WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC) ANNUAL OVERSIGHT MEETING
Enclosed please find materials in the subject regard
6. 8:25 WEST ACTON TRIO, 232 ARLINGTON STREET #7/26/10-248 "SPRUCE CORNER" CONTINUED FROM SEPTEMBER 13TH AND SEPTEMBER 27, 2010
Enclosed please find materials in the subject regard.

III. SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

7. SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Enclosed please find materials in the subject regard
8. LETTER FROM NICHOLAS ZAVOLAS REQUESTING PLANNING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE SOUTH ACTON TRAIN STATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Enclosed please find materials in the subject regard

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- 9. ACCEPT MINUTES, BOARD OF SELECTMEN, AUGUST 23, 2010, REGULAR AND CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**
Enclosed please find materials in the subject regard
- 10. REQUEST THRU THE ACTON COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION (ACHC) TO ALLOW A REFINANCE ON A DEED RESTRICTED UNIT**
Enclosed please find materials in the subject regard. Selectmen's reports
- 11. PROCLAMATION, MONTH OF NOVEMBER NATIONAL HOSPICE/PALLIATIVE CARE**
Enclosed please find materials in the subject regard
- 12. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT, MICHAEL KREUZE, BOARD OF HEALTH VOTING ASSOCIATE TO REGULAR MEMBER TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF MS. HARTING-BARRAT TO JUNE 30, 2012**
Enclosed please find materials in the subject regard
- 13. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT, DR. NIDHI LAL, BOARD OF HEALTH, VOTING ASSOCIATE, TERM TO EXPIRE 6/30/11**
Enclosed please find materials in the subject regard
- 14. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT, CHESTER RUSZCZYK, CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, TERM TO EXPIRE 6/30/13**
Enclosed please find Materials in the subject regard
- 15. CONFIDENTIAL REQUEST FOR FUNDS FROM THE VARNUM TUTTLE FUND**
Enclosed please find a request in the subject regard
- 16. ACCEPT GIFT, RECREATION DEPARTMENT**
Enclosed please find a gift of a tree valued at \$200.00 from Green Acton and Weston Nursery to be planted at NARA Park on 10/10/10 as part of 350.org.
- 17. ACCEPT GIFT, WEST ACTON LIBRARY**
Enclosed please find a gift of \$250.00 from Gerald and Barbara Browne to be deposited into the Gift Account for Library use
- 18. DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE MATERIALS, MEMORIAL LIBRARY**
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. 25TH BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO NOVEMBER 1, 2010 DUE TO CONFLICT WITH SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

NOV. 1,

CPC Submissions
Colonial Spirits Liquor License Changes

NOV 8

Acton Memorial Library Overview

MINUTES PENDING VOTES

July, 26, September 13 & 27

PENDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

William Jastromb – Green Advisory Committee -sent to VCC
David Green – Green Advisory Committee – sent to VCC 9/28
Ann D. Corcoran – COA – sent to VCC
Bridget McKeever Matz – Recreation sent to VCC
Betsy Mercier – Recreation Commission –sent to VCC
James Chiarelli, Associate, Historical Commission – sent to VCC
Terence Lobo, Cable TV Advisory Committee – sent to VCC
Amy Green, Conservation – sent to VCC 10/4
Pam Lynn – Historic District Commission– send to VCC 9/16
Michael A. Luongo - Board of Appeals, Board of Health, Application sent to VCC
Ahmed Hilmy - Design Review Board, Finance Committee, EDC –Application sent to VCC and Town Moderator

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	<u>030 (6) "Spruce Corner" Stormwater Report and Calculations</u>	admin	10/15/10	2 MB	▼
	<u>030 (6) Interdepartmental Communication, Spruce Corner Revised Drawings and Documents, Scott A. Mutch</u>	admin	10/15/10	87 KB	▼
	030 (6) Memorandum, Spruce Corner New Mixed-Use Residential/Office Development, Design Review Board	admin	10/15/10	47 KB	▼
	040 (8) Draft Letter to MAPC Technical Assistance, South Acton Train Station Advisory Committee	admin	10/14/10	11 MB	▼
	050 (9) Minutes, Board of Selectmen, August 23, 2010	admin	10/14/10	497 KB	▼
	060 (10) Request for Refinance on a Deed Restricted Unit	admin	10/14/10	67 KB	▼
	070 (11) Proclamation, Month on November as National Hospice/Palliative Care Month	admin	10/14/10	103 KB	▼
	080 (13) Committee Appointment, Dr. Nidhi Lal, Board of Health Voting Associate	admin	10/14/10	373 KB	▼
	090 (14) Committee Appointment, Chester Ruszczyk, Cable Advisory Committee Regular Member	admin	10/14/10	110 KB	▼
	100 (16) Accept Gift, Recreation Dept.	admin	10/14/10	24 KB	▼
	110 (17) Accept Gift, West Acton Library	admin	10/14/10	38 KB	▼



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