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ACTON**BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND SEWER COMMISSIONER'S MEETING****January 4, 2016****Francis Faulkner Room 204****Regular Meeting 7:00 PM**

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

Chairman Green opened the meeting at 7:00 PM

**Citizens' Concerns**

None

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

Ms. Green: Happy New Year. Thank you to Sharon Mercurio for hosting "Noon Year's Eve" at the COA. This Saturday at 8 AM is Budget Saturday in room 204. CPR AED First Aid training at 9 AM at the Public Safety Facility this Saturday. ABRSC Budget Saturday on January 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 8:30 AM at the RJ Grey Jr High. Forum on Changes and Challenges in Suburban Policing hosted by the Acton League of Women Voters on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM here in room 204. Acton Boxborough United Way is hosting an evening with David McCullough J., Thursday January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the high school auditorium. Next meeting is January 25<sup>th</sup> due to the holiday on 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Ledoux: Mr. Ledoux introduced the new Land Use Economic Development Director Matthew Selby, who prefers to be called "Selby". He comes from Ashland where he has been Community Development Director for a number of years and has filled other roles in Ashland in Planning, Health, and Zoning. Last Wednesday, December 30<sup>th</sup> the ladder truck caught on fire in Station 2. The fire was contained to just the engine compartment, but there was smoke damage in the station. It will take about 3 months for the ladder truck to be repaired. The Town is looking for a temporary ladder truck in the interim. House Bill 3188 to increase the Town's liquor licenses will have a hearing on Wednesday in front of the House Consumer Protection Committee, which is chaired by our State Representative Jennifer Benson. Chairman Green will be signing a letter of support tonight.

**Public Hearings and Appointments**

Senior Center Study Committee Presentation – Dean Charter, Chair of SCSC and Sharon Mercurio, Council on Aging Director, gave a presentation regarding the proposed Arlington Street location and building schematics for the new Senior Center. Public forum tentatively 1/13. Building to include human services departments, which will help residents and also help staff of very small departments. Would add 4,000 sq. ft. of space. Human Services Departments would have separate entrances; have own security concerns that would have to be addressed. NARA site now too small for needs and removed from center of town; Walker parcel is in flux and in congested area, and Senior Center will be Board of Selectmen

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20,000 sq. ft. facility with 100-spot parking so that would be an issue, given that the daycare center would have been similar size with similar parking. Arlington Street is 25 acres of which 5 are buildable; parcel backs up on Lincoln, is 1.8 miles from Town Hall, 1.4 miles from Post Office, 0.2 mile from Indian Village. Aim would be to pursue construction funding at 2017 Town Meeting. Estimated cost: 8-10M, construction would take ~ 3 years, done April 2020.

Ms. Osman thanked everyone on the committee and thinks this is good idea. Mr. Berry inquired about backup for the \$300,000. Mr. Charter relied on LLB architects and schematic designs, which are not construction documents. Mr. Berry is concerned that the Arlington Street location will be difficult to find, and will require driving or other forms or transportation that makes Walker seem to be a better location; he asked if the committee had thought about transportation to the location. Mr. Charter said Kelley's Corner traffic is a concern and feels that seniors will still prefer to drive their own vehicles, and perhaps in the future, the public transportation route could be adjusted to include stops at the Arlington Street location. Mr. Berry stated there was some talk about the 8 Post Office square leasing possibility for the short term until occupation of the new building. Ms. Adachi asked what the plan was in the interim, until the new building was ready: extending hours. Mr. Chang asked what the plan was for moving and supporting staff. Mr Ledoux stated the FY 17 budget focuses on clerical assistance for human services.

Lynne Osborn, 2 Winter Street – would hope and encourage BOS accept this plan and not have seniors entering and exiting onto rt. 27. She is extremely supportive of the Arlington Street location. Ms. Osman moved to pursue Arlington Street site and pursue combining human services and senior center, seconded. All Ayes (5-0).

Common Victualler, Acton Coffee House – The business is moving to a new location at 525 Mass Ave. William Ray, owner of Acton coffee house. Ms. Adachi moved to approve a common victualler license at 525 Mass Ave, Ms. Osman second, All Ayes. (5-0)

Site Plan Special Permit #11/06/15 – 458, 267 Great Road – Applicant has requested a continuation to February 22, 2016.

Andy Beggs, 1 Gabriel Lane – wanted Board to know that there were 12 members of Acton Meadows Condominium Trust at the meeting tonight in case that was a consideration in the Board's allowing an extension of time.

### **Selectmen's Business**

Community Preservation Act Project Application Discussion – Mr. Berry provided an update. There are 8 Town projects that Selectmen will prioritize at the next meeting. Some applications that are not being considered are Trail through Time and Historic District Commission. The CPC is not voting on the applications until February. Peter Ashton added that the Open Space Committee application is requesting \$470,00 not \$450,000. Discussion continued to January 25, 2016

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Special Town Meeting – Open and Close the Warrant - Minuteman Regional District – Discussion and Vote about Proposed Regional Agreement Amendments, Proposed Special Town Meeting, District Membership. Ms. Adachi moved to call a Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, Feb 2 and open and close the warrant with 1 warrant article. Ms. Osman seconded. All Ayes (5-0) Ms. Adachi was assigned the article.

Special Selectmen Meeting to Discuss Budget, February 1, 2016 – under town charter BOS has to recommend a budget 60 days before town meeting.

Accept Gift, Jay Redmond, 3 Modular Homes, Rex Lane –Continued discussion from last meeting. Board could accept 2 homes – one at Miracle Field, other where the volleyball court is to serve BFRT. Both projects are pending with CPC and the foundations would cost a total of \$60,000. Miracle Field is raising funds, Friends of BFRT have offered funds for the design of the comfort station. Ms. Green suggested holding off a vote tonight.

Richard Kelleher – 46 Brewster Lane – any plans on keeping the facilities clean and trash picked up. Mr. Ledoux stated that the Town is looking into private services for that. Mr. Berry added that NARA pays for itself with user fees, so any outside maintenance could result in increase in user fees, parking fees, etc.

**Selectmen's Reports:**

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

Ms. Osman announced upcoming meetings in January and February.

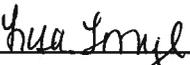
Ms. Green announced she is seeking re-election.

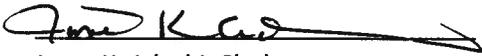
**Consent Agenda**

Ms. Osman move to approve consent agenda 8-13, Mr. Chang seconded. All Ayes (5-0)

Mr. Chang moved to adjourn, Mr. Berry seconded, all Ayes (5-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Lisa Tomyl, Recording Secretary

  
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Janet K. Adachi, Clerk