



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 3, 2019

7:00 PM

ROOM 204, ACTON TOWN HALL, 472 MAIN STREET

Present: Joan Gardner, Jon Benson, Dean Charter, David Martin

Absent: Peter J. Berry

Ms. Gardner opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

I. Regular Business

1. Citizen Concerns

Dean Charter as citizen on Charter Road – made a statement regarding personal attacks against 2 members of the Board of Selectmen from an out of town resident and concerned about the amount of taxpayer money being used in response to recent multiple open meeting law complaints.

Terra Friedrichs, West Acton – stands in support of watchdogs that watch minutes and meetings. Concern about Roland Bartl to state in a public meeting that he works for developers and hope this is addressed publicly.

2. Chair Update/Town Manager Update

Ms. Gardner – thanks Gail Sawyer and Jim MacRae for the parade and event on Memorial Day.

Mr. Mangiaratti had no report to the Board.

II. New/Special Business

3. 7:10 PM Dangerous Dog Hearing

Ms. Gardner read the public hearing notice. Request to continue to June 13 at 7:00 PM. Mr. Benson moved to continue the hearing to June 13, 2019 at 7:00 PM in room 204, Mr. Martin seconds. The Board voted 4-0. The motion passes.

4. Regional Housing Intermunicipal Agreement Amendment, FY 20

Liz Rust from the RHSO presented to the Board a brief history of the RHSO. The amendment allows the Board to accept the withdraw of Burlington as a member of the RHSO and the amended budget.

Mr. Benson moves to approve the RHSO Intermunicipal Agreement Amendment for FY20, Mr. Martin seconds. The Board voted 4-0. The motion passes.

5. Update on South Acton Parking Study

Mr. Mangiaratti updated the Board of the recent parking study forum from last week. Mr. Charter would like to emphasize in coming up with a solution to Acton residents and have outlying towns come up with their own parking solutions (transportation). Mr. Benson commented on that certain lots are MBTA owned and some are town owned. Feels the Richards property current parking spaces should be given consideration for being grandfathered to the current parking space renters. Mr. Martin – parking study



forum was excellent with good and effective ideas of maximizing the use of parking. Continue significant price break for residents than out-of-towners. Need to ask SATSC for some final recommendations. Mr. Charter supports into looking at a parking deck. Mr. Benson agrees about pursuing looking at installing a parking deck, but would like to have final recommendations and input from SATSAC. Mr. Martin commented that hiring another van and driver for transportation from another side of town is cheaper than building a parking deck.

Terra Friedrichs, West Acton – urge Board to hold another public forum on any future plans for a parking deck.

6. Announce Town Hall Operating Hours Pilot Program
Mr. Mangiaratti announced to the Board that there will be a new Town Hall operating hours pilot program beginning July 1st and run several months. New town hall hours will be open Tuesday 8-7:30 PM, Friday 8:00 – 12:00 PM (regular operating hours on M,W,Th).
7. Veteran Service District Intermunicipal Agreement
Mr. Mangiaratti walked the Board through the agreement. The Boxborough Selectboard have already signed the agreement before the Board had a chance to review the agreement. Minor adjustments will be added to the agreement for the Board to review at future scheduled regular public meeting.
8. Discuss Acton Boxborough Regional School District Capital Stabilization Fund Transfer and Consider Waiving 45 Day Review Period for Holding a Special Town Meeting
Superintendent Peter Light filled the Board in regarding the capital stabilization fund. Boxborough Town Meeting was late May and the 45 days would wind up being on July 7th which is a new fiscal year. If the Board of Selectmen don't intend to call a special Town Meeting and can send a letter back to the regional DOR director that waives the 45 day requirement. Mr. Martin motions to approve waiving the 45 day review period for holding a special town meeting, Mr. Benson seconds. The Board voted 4-0. The motion carries.

IV. Consent Items

Mr. Benson motions to approve consent items 9-18, Mr. Charter seconds. The Board voted 4-0. The motion passes. Mr. Benson motions to adjourn, Mr. Martin seconds. The motion passes. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting

- Public Hearing Notice, Dangerous Dog
- Regional Housing Inter-Municipal Agreement Amendment, FY20
- RHSO Power Point Presentation
- Veterans Service Inter-Municipal Agreement



- Letter from Superintendent Peter Light Regarding School Capital Stabilization Fund Transfer
- Template Letter
- Letter of Support, Powder Mill Place LIP
- One Day Alcoholic Beverage License, New England Malayalee Association
- One Day Alcoholic Beverage License, Boston Women's Rugby
- One Day Alcoholic Beverage License, Middlesex Senior Cohousing
- One Day Alcoholic Beverage License, Melissa VanOhlen
- Accept Grant, Recreation Department – Massachusetts Cultural Council
- Accept Gift, Recreation Department – Loyal Companions
- Accept Gift, Recreation Department – Acton Lions Club