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Francis Faulkner Room 204

Regular Meeting 7:00 PM

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Present: Janet K. Adachi, Katie Green, Peter J. Berry, Chingsung Chang, Joan Gardner, Town Manager Steve Ledoux, and Lisa Tomyl, Recording Secretary

Citizen Concerns

Terra Friedrichs, West Acton – Town Hall parking and noticed 11 municipal vehicles walked into library and saw a notice about security cameras in use wants to know about where they are, and the policies, would like a report on historic preservation and staff involvement, tree bylaw clearing and what the next step is to have a group get together, also gas leak bylaw.

Charlie Aaronson - asking when the Senior Center was going to open. Mr. Ledoux anticipates it will be sometime this summer possibly in July or August.

Chairman Update/Operational Update

Ms. Adachi – Flags at half-staff today in memory of Betty McManus who died last Tuesday. (BOS needs to develop policy to on local standards, as opposed to Governor-ordered occasions, for setting flags at half-staff). Visiting hours were yesterday, jam-packed; funeral this morning. 49-year resident and staunch proponent of affordable housing, for which she received much recognition:

- became first Executive Director of AHA in 1978, served for 26 years
- started up ACHC with Nancy Tavernier
- for over 20 years, was President of Doli Atamian Campership fund, which provides camp scholarships to children whose families otherwise wouldn't be able send them to summer camp.
- Arboretum, Weds, 6/21, 5:00 pm: BOS welcome to join Bettina Abe and proponents of China Garden section for walk of proposed site.
- 184 Main St. 40B project, Weds, 6/21, 7:30 pm, PSF - public info session,
- Classical concert, Thurs, 6/22, 6:15, NARA ampitheatre. Featuring A Far Cry, resident self-conducted classical musicians in residence at Gardner Museum.

- Kelley's Corner infrastructure improvement project, Mon, 6/26, 7:30 pm, Rm 204: public info session, with presentation of updated plans for public comment.
- 348-364 Main, Weds, 6/28, 7:00 pm, Rm 204: public forum on potential uses of property, which includes Kennedy Landscaping location and adjacent land.
- MAGIC Stormwater Partnership meeting, Thurs, 6/29, 10:00 am, Rm 204: presentation and discussion about tools to assist towns in complying with federal SW mgmt. stds
- Acton 4th celebration, Sat, 7/1, 3:00-9:30, NARA: Featuring family activities, concert by Thirty6Red. And fireworks. Parking at NARA limited so everyone encouraged to use free shuttles between Nagog Park Dr and NARA.
- Nagog Pond: Settlement discussions continue, with Town Manager, Peter B and me representing Town.

Mr. Ledoux – DPU approved electric aggregation plan Peregrine opened bids last Tuesday – 7 bids asked for prices ranging for 12 months, 16 months, 18 months and 24 months. Awarded to Dynery Corporation at a rate of 10.720 cents per kilowatt hours for 24 months. Includes 5% Class 1 REX. The Eversource rate that goes into effect July 1 is 10.759 cents per kilowatt hour, so the town is getting a cheaper rate. Also offering a 100% green product with 100% Mass Class 1 REX. Which will be 12.7 cents per kilowatt hour. Next phase is to initiate the aggregation in late Sep-early Oct. Peregrine will be doing a lot of community outreach via mailers, public forums and documents with information translated in multiple languages. Second year in a row the town received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (CAEFR) from the Government Finance Officers Association.

Public Hearings

SPSP #05/04/17 – 467, 533 Main Street Ms. Adachi read the hearing notice. William Hall from Stamsky and McNary gave an overview of the proposed project of adding a warehouse on an existing building at 533 Main Street. Mr. Hall commented on some of the staff comments and recommendations from the Design Review Board. Mr. Hall's estimation of the cost of building the sidewalk would be and to ask for a reduction in price of the donation to the sidewalk fund. Ms. Green stated that it is a specific calculations utilizing prevailing wages.

Barry Rosen – questioned about the total number of sq ft to be disturbed – Mr. Hall explained about the plans and the total number of sq ft proposed to be built.

Terra Friedrichs, West Acton– questioned if there is no new curb cut and how many trees will be cut. Stamski and McNary commented that they don't have an exact number of trees to be cut. Can any been seen from the Isaac Davis Trail – Stamski and McNary doesn't believe it can since it is far down the hill there is 60 ft buffer allowed prior to land disturbance.

Mr. Berry mentioned that the hearing should be continued due to many conditions and comments from staff that do need to be addressed, especially regarding Acton Water District and running the main under one of the proposed building structures. Ms. Gardner moved to continue the hearing to July 10, 2017 at 7:30 PM, Ms. Green seconded. All Ayes.

RHSO Presentation– Liz Rust from RHSO presented to the Board. Annual voting to approve the intermunicipal agreement. Mr. Berry commented that the Town of Concord puts out an RFP for RHSO services, Ms. Rust confirmed that it's for 3 years of service. Ms. Green questioned about the number of units vs. number of hours. Ms. Rust stated that each community is different as is the number of new projects starting or in process of starting.

Terra –

Ms. Green moved to approve and execute the RHSO IMA, Ms. Gardner seconded. All Ayes

All Alcoholic Beverage License Transfer, Jagdeep Corp to El Huipil Restaurant, Corp – Ms. Adachi read the public hearing notice. Frank Ravinal, attorney for El Huipil Restaurant, Corp. Ms. Green moved to approve an all alcoholic beverage license transfer, Ms. Gardner seconded. All Ayes.

Common Victualler License, El Huipil Restaurant, Corp. – Ms. Adachi read the public hearing notice. Ms. Green moved to approve a common victualler license, Mr. Berry seconded. All Ayes.

Gas Main Installation Petition, National Grid – Representing National Grid was the Board asked several questions regarding the length of the installation. Mr. Berry said there is concern in the Town regarding leaks of methane. Would like to see any reports regarding leaks in the new installations.

Jim Snyder Grant – 18 Half Moon Hill read from a prepared statement. Debra Symes – read from a prepared statement.

Terra Friedrichs, West Acton – saying yes (to approving the gas main petition) is affecting the poorest people in the country, suggests voting to not allow the installation, requests to put a condition of 60 days halt in installation until current leaks in town are fixed. Ms. Green feels the need to talk to town counsel of what the Board can impose in future petitions – doesn't feel comfortable to vote no.

Requests the Town Manager to speak to town counsel regarding regulation the Board could impose. Mr. Berry doesn't feel the Board has the legal authority to deny the petition as this is more of a street opening permit that reasonably would not be denied.

Terra Freidrichs, West Acton - made a comment regarding Anderson & Kreiger working for large corporations that more than half their business is to fight towns and municipalities. Mr. Berry objects the comment and assures there is no conflict of interest with the firm.

Ms. Green moved to approve the gas main installation petition for National Grid, Mr. Berry seconded. 4 Ayers, 1 Nay (Gardner)

Committee Reappointments – Ms. Green moved to approve the committee reappointments, Mr. Chang seconded. All Ayes.

Parking Recommendations, South Acton Train Station Advisory Committee – Mr. Berry is the liaison for SATSAC. Mr. Berry supports the recommendations from the Chair of SATSAC. Ms. Green asked if the recommendations have been discussed with the Engineering and Police.

Mr. Berry moved to approve the recommendations for town staff to review and work on, Ms. Green seconded. All Ayes.

Liaison Assignment, 53 River Street Master Plan Committee Ms. Green moved to appoint Mr. Berry as liaison for the 53 River Street Master Plan Committee, Mr. Chang seconded. All Ayes.

WRAC Draft Charge Ms. Adachi explained the update to the Board, and commented that she would relinquish her role as liaison to the committee to Ms. Gardner. Ms. Green commented that the membership at 5 seems low and suggested to increase membership. Suggests making Matt Mostoller a member and the other three liaisons.

Barry Rosen – discussion about water commissioners being involved it was decided that they would not and that Matt Mostoller would serve on the committee.

Ron Beck – likes the update of the charge. Feels that people on the committee have some sort of credentials, also not forcing committee reps to attend all meetings and concerned of attendance burnout.

Terra Friedrichs, West Acton – appreciates approved charge and agrees with having more credentialed members.

Selectmen to Ratify Goals Ms. Green moved to ratify all goals, Mr. Chang seconded. All Ayes Katie will work on a write up on a sustainability plan for discussion at the next meeting.

Town Manager Search Committee Overview – Ms. Adachi asked the Board that she would like suggestions from the Board of ideal candidates that would work well together with an intense amount of work. Requests that Board member send names and contact information to the Chair for consideration. In 2007, 13 people were members, and feels that is a large number. Would like to have suggestions by the next scheduled meeting of the Board. Does not want to go through the VCC since the timing is very short and screening for candidates for Town Manager will be done in February. Ideally have at least one candidate for the committee that was part of the last committee in 2007.

Consent Agenda

Ms. Gardner held item 13, assigned an Associate Position to Rodney Smith. Ms. Green moved to approve consent items 12-32, Mr. Chang seconded. All Ayes. Ms. Green moved to adjourn, Ms. Gardner seconded.

Lisa Tomyl

Lisa Tomyl, Recording Secretary

Joan Gardner

Joan Gardner, Clerk