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BURLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2010

First Selectman Bergstrom called the meeting to order at 7:02PM at the Burlington Town Hall Conference Room. Present were Selectmen Bergstrom, Taricani and Allen. Selectman Chard and Grindal-Keller arrived at 7:35PM.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Accept Minutes to the January 12, 2010 Regular Meeting: After review a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the minutes by Selectman Taricani and Selectman Allen.

Citizen Comments: Richard Miller, Cricket Lane, commented that is it was difficult to hear at the Town Meeting on Monday. First Selectman Bergstrom explained that we do have a new PA system that will be used in the future.

Ralph Fabiano, 501 Jerome Avenue, addressed the Board explaining his interest in being appointed to the Solid Waste Committee.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to move to item number 7 Appointment to Boards and Commission by Selectman Taricani and Selectman Allen.

Appointments to Boards and Commissions: Present was Matthew Reale. He addressed the Board and expressed his interest in being appointed as an Alternate to the Planning and Zoning Commission. After discussion a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to appoint Mathew Reale to the Planning & Zoning Commission as an Alternate for a term of January 26, 2010 to July 1, 2011 (Taricani/Allen).

Present was David Wrabel. He addressed the board and expressed his interest in being appointed to the Economic Development Commission. After discussion a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to appoint David Wrabel to the EDC for a term of January 26, 2010 to July 1, 2013 (Taricani/Allen).

Present was Vijaykant Kambli. He addressed the board and expressed his interest in being appointed to the Economic Development Commission. After discussion a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to appoint VJ Kambli to the EDC for a term of January 26, 2010 to July 1, 2011 (Taricani/Allen).



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After discussion a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to appoint Ralph Fabiano to the Solid Waste Committee for a term of January 27, 2010 to July 1, 2010 (Taricani/Allen).

Wild & Scenic Presentation: Present was Paul Rochford and Sally Wiegert. Sally made a presentation to the Board regarding designating the lower portion of the Farmington River as Wild and Scenic. She explained about the partnership on the lower Farmington River, the five (5) outstanding resources, community support necessary to make this work, and funds that will be available for improvements on the river. Sally also mentioned that this would not affect the Hydro & Electric Plant being proposed for the lower dam.

First Selectman Bergstrom asked what the Town can do to help. Sally asked that a resolution be passed expressing the support on the upper section of the Farmington River. She will send First Selectman Bergstrom a sample resolution for future acceptance at a Board of Selectman Meeting.

Selectman's Reports: Selectman Taricani and Selectman Allen noted that the Town Meeting regarding the Citation Ordinance was a good process and they learned a lot.

First Selectman Bergstrom reported on the following:

- Met with legislators at Farmington Valley Collaborative meeting regarding the impact of state budget revisions specifically the TAR & ECS monies.
- Met with Probate Judge Daly & town officials in Farmington to discuss probate court consolidation. Determining best transition for Burlington & Farmington.
- Met with Rob Michalik from Congressman Chris Murphy's office. He noted that he is here to serve the town.
- Went to OPM Workshop discussing: Regional Planning & Affordable Housing, Regional Economic Development: big push by state to regionalize services and equipment where possible. Scott Tharau attended Purchasing & Equipment Sharing and he also attended Regional Geographic Information Systems regarding mapping software.
- Attended P&Z Meeting. On the agenda was the Carrier project on Alpine Road.
- Attended Gussie Poglitsch's 103rd birthday celebration in the Senior Center.
- Spoke with our insurance broker, Scott Sunberg, from HD Segur. He discussed our coverages. He showed that he has been taking the initiative on our behalf for competitive rates.
- Attended COST Annual Town Meeting. There were many vendor booths offering municipal services (insurance, engineering, etc.). There was a debate of the 7 gubernatorial candidates.
- Ken Soden alerted me to a dangerous stretch of Rte 69 (from Rte 4 to Sawmill). He explained that when the speed limit was first established there were fewer homes in the area. He has witnessed a couple of skids by drivers traveling in either direction and having to stop suddenly for a school bus. Upon the First Selectman's written request, the DOT will send an engineer to assess the situation and respond to our request to consider lowering the speed limit. There is a 5-6 month response time.



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- Board of Finance Meeting was last Wednesday - they asked a question regarding home propane tanks and the impact from an assessment perspective. There is none.
- Met with Transcendigital to discuss updates to our website. They submitted a \$3500 contract to us for consideration. The Town Attorney reviewed the contract & made some comments about the language. Selectman Taricani noted that he can move items on the Google calendar on the website to his personal calendar.
- Met w/Steve McDonnell, WMC, regarding Vineyard Road Bridge project. He would like to address the BOS at our 2/9/10 meeting.
- Attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting. The Winter Carnival sponsored by Burlington Park & Recreation and the Chamber is this Saturday at Nassahegan from 1-3 p.m. The Chamber will also be hosting a Business After Hours gathering at Joni's.
- Met with Bill Parente, WPCA. We discussed the Stafford Road Sewer Project which is somewhat at a standstill. The Town Engineer is recommending a survey be done, paid for by the 7 homeowners impacted by the project.
- Met with Town Attorney Charles Bauer, Karl Nilsen, Zoning Enforcement Officer & Town Engineer Jim Thompson regarding several projects in town and the potential impact to town/residents.
- Reviewed the 2008-09 Audit with the Town's Auditors, Robert E. King & Co. LLC.
- Met with Tom Morrow, Senior Housing Oversight Committee, and discussed the Contract between the Bristol Housing Authority which expires June 30, 2010. He is also the Director of Bristol Community Organization. We need to appoint a replacement for Ellie Parente who has been on the BCO Board for many years.
- Met with John Deeb, Arts Director at Lewis Mills High School. LSM is hosting the New England Music Festival on March 20, 2010 and he requested we proclaim March 20th as New England Music Festival Day in Burlington.
- Received was the grant approval for the BVFD's dry hydrants on Heather Lane.
- Some upcoming events are:
 - Emergency Preparedness Training in Hartford on Thursday
 - Monday going out with the Director of Public Works to review the condition of some of our roads.
 - Attending CCM's A Practical Guide to Human Resources and Labor Relations on February 3, 2010.

Charter Review Commission: First Selectman Bergstrom noted that the committee should consist of seven (7) people, ten (10) at the max. She noted that Ellie Parente and Cindy Kosher have volunteered to be on the committee. This will be placed on the website for any other interested residents that would like to participate in this endeavor.

Annual Town Meeting: The Board discussed that the Town Meeting was well attended and went well. The informational meeting regarding the Citation Ordinance did not go as well. They felt there was a lack of trust and respect, and some people who attended were misinformed. The



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Ordinance will be reviewed again adding more detail to the areas that were discussed. They also felt that the Enforcement Officer should have attended the meeting.

Ginger Doherty, 52 Case Road, noted that she agreed that some people came to the meeting misinformed and that simpler terms could be used.

Correspondence: Distributed was the Building Report comparing 2008 to 2009.

Received was a letter from the Lake Garda Association asking the Town to accept 10 roads. First Selectman Bergstrom noted that a group should be formed to discuss and look at the impact and make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen.

Received was a request that the Town contact West Woods to see if Burlington residents can pay town fees at West Woods Golf Course in Farmington. Residents in Avon pay in town fees to Farmington. After looking into this matter, First Selectman Bergstrom noted that Avon can pay Town of Farmington Fees in Farmington because Farmington residents can pay in town fees when using the pool in Avon. We have nothing to reciprocate.

Budget: Selectman Chard asked if the RFP's should be discussed in a regular meeting or at a budget workshop.

The Board will begin to meet every week to discuss the 2010-11 Budget.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation at 8:24 PM and to invite Town Attorney Bauer and George Mahlia, to attend (Grindal-Keller/Allen).

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to end Executive Session and return to the public meeting 9:27 PM (Allen/Chard).

There being no further business a motion made, seconded was passed to adjourn the regular Board of Selectmen meeting at 9:28PM (Taricani/Grindal-Keller).
Respectfully submitted:

Kristen Grindal-Keller
Secretary
1/27/2010

Approved