



Town of Burlington

BURLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015

First Selectman Shafer called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. Present were Selectmen Powell, Bereza and Chard.

Pledge of Allegiance.

First Selectman Shafer introduced LSM students Jillian Duffy and Natalie Wilcox to the meeting. They are attending the meeting to meet a requirement for their Civics Class.

Review/Accept Minutes: A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the December 9, 2014 regular meeting of the Board of Selectman, as amended, by Selectman Powell and Bereza.

Citizen Comment: Janet Schwartz was present from the Burlington Bell Community Fund. Janet explained to the Board that they are a community fund and have helped the Burlington Food and Fuel Bank, Safe Harbor, Park & Recreation for summer camps and the Burlington Library for special events. She announced that there will be a fundraising event on April 11th at K. C. Dubliners from 5PM to 10PM; the fund will receive 10% of all proceeds.

Barbara Dahle was present. She commented on the last Planning & Zoning Meeting. Barbara is an alternate on this commission and was seated for an absent member. She felt she did not have enough time to process the information from the Health District and the ZEO for the application. The information was distributed the evening of the meeting. She had many questions and abstained from the vote on the application which was given conditional approval. First Selectman Shafer noted that this would be taken under advisement.

Appointments to Boards/Commissions: None

Bonding/Referendum Status: First Selectman Shafer noted that the BOF is meeting Thursday, January 15th with the Bonding Consultant, Janette Marcoux and Bond Counsel, Doug Gillette. They will be calculating all the proposed projects as to how this will impact the town and our residents. The BOF will then make a recommendation to the BOS. On January 26th there will be an informational meeting following the Annual Town Meeting. He has notified all parties to make their presentations (Library, BVFD and Land Trust). He hopes to have more informational meetings regarding the proposed projects during the day as well as evening.

Selectmen's Reports: Selectman Powell asked about the Audit. Chris King has noted that the town audit has turned out well but will not be completed in time for the Town Meeting on Jan. 26th. This is due to new requirements imposed by the Statement of Governmental Accounting Standards No. 67, Financial Reporting for Pension Plans. This is happening in many towns and the requirements will change again next year.

First Selectman Shafer noted that the agenda for the Annual Town Meeting states the Annual Tome Report for approval will be adjourned until the town receives the audit. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the Annual Town Meeting agenda for January 26th as read by Selectman Chard and Powell.



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Selectman Powell noted that he briefly attended the Solarize Burlington meeting on January 7th and it was well attended. First Selectman Shafer was also in attendance and he noted that 85 residents attended that meeting, 5 residents have signed contracts and about 30 homes have contracts to review.

Selectman Chard explained that he received a call from a resident who wants to remain anonymous complaining about his neighbor who is mixing garbage and recycle together and at times the garbage is on the ground. First Selectman Shafer noted that that resident also contacted him. He has discussed this with the Public Works Director and Suburban Sanitation. There is a meeting of the Solid Waste Committee next week and this issue will be addressed. We do not have an ordinance governing such an incident.

First Selectman Shafer discussed:

- He has discussed, with the N.W. Hills Counsel of Government and the Farmington Valley Collaborative, the potential new DEEP storm water disposal mandates (MS4). These are unfunded and could cost small towns hundreds of thousands of dollars. He spoke to Representative Piscopo, Senator Witkos, Senator Bye and other elected officials. The DEEP has agreed to reconsider this mandate.
- The contractor began working on the Rails to Trails and it will be closed until May.
- He received a report regarding the new discount prescription card program with CCM that the Town adopted. Forty-nine claims have been processed for and the total savings to residents has been \$3,700 since July 1, 2014.

Executive Session: Status-Litigation-Angela's Way and FOIA, Real Estate Acquisition Status, Personnel-Fire Marshal and Consultants, Contracts-Torrington Water Company: A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to begin executive session at 7:40 PM for the purpose of: Status-Litigation-Angela's Way and FOIA, Real Estate Acquisition Status, Personnel-Fire Marshal and Consultants, Contracts-Torrington Water Company inviting into Executive Session Ellie Parente, Director of Finance, Barbara Dahle and Richard Miller by Selectmen Powell and Chard.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to end executive session and return the public meeting at 9:05 PM by Selectmen Powell and Chard.

There being no further business a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn the regular Board of Selectmen meeting at 9:06 PM by Selectman Powell and Bereza.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger L. Powell
Secretary
1/14/15

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