



## Town of Burlington

### BURLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.

Present were First Selectman Shafer, Selectmen Powell, Chard, Salsedo and Bereza.

Also present was Finance Director Eleanor Parente.

There were 4 residents in the audience.

Pledge of Allegiance

Review/Accept Minutes of January 26, 2016 Regular Meeting.

An amendment was made to correct the minutes regarding a Fundraiser date for the Burlington Community Fund. Correct date is April 2, 2016 at K.C. Dubliners starting at 5:00 PM. A motion was made by Selectman Chard and seconded by Selectman Bereza to accept the minutes as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

A motion was made to accept as written the special meeting minutes of February 5, 2016, by Selectman Powell and seconded by Selectman Salsedo. The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### Citizen Comment:

Barbara Dahle: Made comment about the format of BOS meeting minutes from the former First Selectman Bergstrom administration. Question about the cost of electricity related to the new electric vehicle charging station at the Library. Asked if an electric car was considered for purchase by the Town. First Selectman Shafer responded that it was discussed and the higher maintenance costs and technical expertise training costs for our mechanics lead to a decision to pass on an acquisition for this year.

John Hebert: Discussed the proposed Right to Farm ordinance.

Richard Miller: Also commented on the Right to Farm ordinance.

#### Appointments to Boards and Commissions:

Ordinance Committee Alternate candidates status was discussed. Mary Jane Ugalde and Gary Wesolowski will both be invited to the next BOS meeting.

#### Selectmen's Reports:

Selectman Chard: Commented on the Lake Garda Fire Station project, process is going well.

Selectman Powell, Salsedo and Bereza: None

First Selectman Shafer: Spoke about the ongoing issues of the Foothills Trader delivery onto resident driveways and their complaints. The Board of Education budget meeting was postponed to February 22, 2016 at 7:00 PM, at LSM auditorium. Region 10's Cheryl Burke will hold a curriculum based meeting on Feb 22 in the Har Bur library at 5:30 PM. The Vineyard Road Bridge has an expected start date of April 1, 2016 with completion by November 30, 2016. The New Burlington Volunteer Fire Department fire truck has been delivered from Pierce Company and the initial inspections and tests are being done. The closing on the Taine Mountain Open Space parcel is scheduled for March 2016.



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### Budget 2016-2017:

The budget books have been prepared and were distributed by Finance Director Ellie Parente and First Selectmen Shafer. Beth Paul, Burlington Town Assessor, discussed the grand list assessments and taxation. The grand list has increased by .8%, which compared well to our peer towns .

A budget workshop/Special Board of Selectmen Meeting was scheduled for February 18, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

Executive Session: A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to enter into executive session by Selectmen Chard and Powell at 8:04 PM to discuss Litigation-Bristol Water Company, Real Estate Acquisition Status, Personnel: Salaries, Contracts: Ordinance Vendor.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to end Executive Session return to the regular meeting at 8:55 PM by Selectmen Powel and Salsedo. The vote in favor was unanimous.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn the BOS meeting at 8:56 PM by Selectmen Chard and Powell. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted:

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