



## Town of Burlington

BURLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015

First Selectman Shafer called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. Present were Selectmen Powell, Bereza, Salsedo and Chard.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Review/Accept Minutes: A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the January 13, 2015 regular meeting of the Board of Selectman by Selectman Chard and Salsedo.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the February 3, 2015 special meeting of the Board of Selectman by Selectman Chard and Bereza.

Citizen Comment: John Doherty asked if the state offered any money to the Town during this solarize project. Are there plans to solarize town buildings and schools during the Solarize Burlington program. First Selectman Shafer noted that this current program is for residential. There will be discussions when this program ends regarding the town building. LSM and Lake Garda schools are already using solar energy.

Appointment to Boards/Commissions: A letter of resignation was received from Matt Reale. He is resigning from the Planning & Zoning Commission as an Alternate. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept his resignation from Matt Reale on the PZC as an alternate, with regret, by Selectman Chard and Powell. All vacancies are published on the town web site.

Agriculture Commission: Selectman Salsedo and First Selectman Shafer spoke to Rich Roberts, Town Counsel, regarding the formation of an Agriculture Commission. Selectman Salsedo noted that there are 42 registered farms in Burlington. There is definitely a need for this type of Commission. It is important to create this commission to look at land use.

Selectman Chard asked if this commission could be combined with the conservation commission. That could be considered but their mission may be different and there may be a time when a situation occurs that the Conservation Commission would have a different recommendation than the Agriculture Commission based on their mission.

Both Selectman Salsedo and First Selectman Shafer spoke to Joan Nichols, CT Farm Bureau, regarding this commission. She will attend the January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting to give the Board more information about this type of commission. A memo was received from John Hebert, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, regarding the encouragement of this incentive and to help encourage P&Z Regulations to be more supportive of agriculture land use.

Bonding Referendum: First Selectman Shafer noted that the Board should have received a copy of the post card that will be sent out to the residents regarding all the necessary dates for the propose referendum. This card will have all the dates for the informational meetings, the Town Meeting and the date of the referendum. Information will be loaded on to the web site for residents to view.

Selectmen's Reports: Selectman Bereza complimented the public works department as to how they are handling all the snow, the roads are great.

Selectman Salsedo noted that a resident called him regarding the tree cutting at the Trail. They are cutting about 15 feet from the trail and he feels there may be a problem with the banks due to erosion. The wood from the locust trees is being



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processed for poles. But, as a whole, the project is going well. First Selectman Shafer noted that the environment experts with DOT created plans to protect the erosion on the banks.

First Selectman Shafer noted that Farmington and Canton are looking to use the Trail year round, for cross country skiing, snow showing, etc. They are looking for Burlington's input.

Selectman Salsedo also noted that he is working on having an Arbor Day at the High School and Jane Stocker is helping.

Selectman Powell noted that he agreed with Selectman Bereza, especially after traveling on Mountain Top, just a different world up there. The public works department is doing a great job and has their hands full.

First Selectman Shafer discussed the results for the Solarize Burlington: 180 Initial contacts, 71 Site Visits and 5 contracts signed.

After discussion a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to add to the agenda in Executive Session the FOIA Docket 2014-287 by Selectman Chard and Powell.

Executive Session: Status-Real Estate Acquisition Personnel – Police Department, Boards and Commission, Contract-Consultants, FOIA Docket 2014-287: A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to begin executive session at 7:32 PM for the purpose of: Status-Real Estate Acquisition Personnel – Police Department, Boards and Commission, Contract-Consultants, FOIA Docket 2014-287: inviting into Executive Session Ellie Parente, Director of Finance; Paul Rochford; Kent Glowa and Kate Brown, Trust for Public Land by Selectmen Powell and Chard.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to end executive session and return the public meeting at 8:35 PM by Selectmen Powell and Chard.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to add to the agenda item number 8A: Letter from Mike Collins, Halloran and Sage, regarding FOIA Docket 2014-287 by Selectmen Chard and Powell.. The Board acknowledges receiving the letter from Mike Collins, Halloran & Sage, and Town Law Firm, dated February 3, 2015 regarding the FOIA Docket 2014-287.

2015-16 Budget Workshop: The Board finished reviewing all the 2015-16 budgets. They asked for more information for the following budgets: Sr. Citizen, Library, Waste Collection, Police and Public Works.

There being no further business a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn the regular Board of Selectmen meeting at 10:42PM by Selectman Powell and Powell.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger L. Powell  
Secretary

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