



## Town of Burlington

### BURLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING - TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2016

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM. Present was First Selectman Shafer and Selectmen Bereza, Salsedo, Chard and Powell along with approximately 27 residents.
- II. **Review/Accept Minutes**
  - **Motion** made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept February 23, 2016 regular meeting minutes. (Chard/Powell)
  - **Motion** made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept March 1, 2016 special meeting minutes. (Salsedo/Bereza)
  - **Motion** made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept March 12, 2016 special meeting minutes. (Chard/Powell)
  - **Motion** made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept March 15, 2016 special meeting minutes. (Chard/Salsedo)
- III. **Citizen Comments**
  - Robert Lamothe of Stone Road spoke regarding the ongoing driveway delivery of the Foothills Trader and how they are continuing to litter the town. He would the Town to continue efforts to stop this type of delivery.
  - Barbara Dahle spoke about our local ordinance and State Statute regarding having dogs on a leash. She indicated that a letter was written to the State of CT Criminal Justice Department regarding the above with a response back from them that they are referring the matter to our Resident State Trooper Del Torto. First Selectman Shafer commented that our local ordinance has conflicting language on leashing dogs vs having them under control without leashes. He referred this subject matter to the existing Town Ordinance Committee for review after speaking to the Animal Control Officer and Del Torto. The Ordinance Committee will review and report back to the Board of Selectmen. Dahle also spoke regarding state statute 22-331A and regional dog pounds. Shafer commented that the Farmington Police Department recently contacted the Town of Burlington about their emergency situation of not having access to a dog pound. Per Mutual Aid, it was decided on a temporary basis that Farmington Police Department could have access to our dog pound as needed which is not in violation of CT State Statute.
- IV. **Appointments to Boards & Commissions**

The establishment of an agricultural commission is being discussed by the Ordinance Committee.
- V. **Foothills Council of Girl Scouts**

The girl scouts were recognized and a proclamation was recited by First Selectmen Shafer regarding Girl Scout Week – March 6-12, 2016. The theme is “Make the World a Better Place”
- VI. **BVFD Ambulance**

Four members of the Burlington Volunteer Fire Department presented the need for a new replacement ambulance. Three handouts were distributed; (1) Member Information, (2) Ambulance Breakdown of Costs and (3) Call Statistics. The total cost from the recent bid opening was \$238,633.00 if purchased before April 1,



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2016. A portion of that cost is for a new stretcher. The new ambulance would be 4 wheel drive which will replace the use of chains on the tires of the 2 wheel drive that is currently used. **Motion** made, seconded and passed to unanimously to recommend to the BOF to purchase a replacement ambulance. (Chard/Salsedo)

### **VII. Library Expansions Project**

First Selectmen outlined status of Library Expansion Plans that have been further developed to present the planning and zoning committee this Thursday, March 24, 2016. Discussion about number of parking spaces, possible driveway that goes around building and Selectmen Chard discussing HVAC plans with Library Building Chairman Craig Winters to discuss in detail.

### **VIII. Small Cities Rehabilitation Program Agreement**

The Towns of Burlington and Harwinton joined together 2 years ago to apply for this grant which was accepted. This grant allows for either town residents to apply for an interest free loan for certain major repairs such as roofs, septic, etc...which are entered on the Town Land Records and must be repaid at sale Applications will be due early April from residents. The town of Harwinton will be the lead this time as they re-apply to the state for \$500,000 on behalf of both towns. There will be public informational meetings. **Motion** made seconded and passed unanimously to give authority to First Selectman Shafer to sign the Cooperation Agreement with the Town of Harwinton for applying for this grant. (Chard/Salsedo)

### **IX. Regional Performance Incentive Program Resolution (RPIP)**

Discussed RPIP which is a grant application that is funded by the state with no local match required. It is a study through the Northwest Hills Council of Governments (NHCOG) to benefit the 21 towns including Burlington to enhance mobile coverage and expand the fiber optic network. **Motion** made, seconded and passed unanimously to give First Selectman Shafer authority to sign the Resolution of Endorsement and Authorization for this project. (Chard/Powell)

### **X. Selectmens Report**

Selectmen Bereza and Salsedo – Nothing to report.

Selectmen Chard indicated a resident from Jerome Avenue approached him with dissatisfaction about the chip seal application to the roads.

Selectmen Powell discussed an anonymous letter with pictures that he received about an AT&T cellphone tower at the new Lake Garda Fire Station.

First Selectmen Shafer mentioned that there was a walk through on March 12, 2016 at the new Lake Garda Fire Station. He also announced a grant receipt of \$20,600 that was awarded to Burlington's public works department to help with the maintenance of the Rails to Trails walkway areas. Shafer also indicated that the Burlington Police Department have asked for an ordinance regarding parks and trails to address issues of excessive drinking and littering. The Ordinance Committee is reviewing and is also discussing ordinances.

### **XI. Budget 2016/2017**

The Board of Finance continues to meet regarding the budget. The Selectmen discussed the municipal reserve.



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### XII. Executive Session

A **motion** made, seconded and passed unanimously at 9:06 PM to go into executive session to discuss Litigation: Bristol Water Company, Real Estate Acquisition Status. (Chard/Powell)

At 9:35 PM a **motion** was made, seconded and passed unanimously to leave executive session and go back into regular session. (Salsedo/Chard)

At 9:36pm **motion** was made, seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn regular meeting. (Sasedo, Chard)