



## Town of Burlington

### BURLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm. First Selectman Shafer and Selectmen Chard, Salsedo, Powell, and Bereza were in attendance. Also in attendance were twelve people.

The Pledge of Allegiance

Acceptance of Minutes: The minutes of the 4-28-2015 regular meeting were reviewed. Selectmen Chard made a motion to accept. Bereza seconded. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Citizen Comment: Resident Barbara Dahle asked to enter complete language of Town Ordinance on Page 130 regarding dog leash requirements into the minutes: "Dogs on public property or private property open to the public to be controlled by leash." Barbara also asked about the Town Ordinance on page 14 State Building Code adopted in February 13, 1967 - that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to retain the services of a Building Inspector and ZEO. Barbara Pavlik Dahle noted she was contacted by phone February 18, 2015 by Officer Mellon. She was told there was a complaint filed against her by a Burlington Town Employee, Liz Burdick, that she was being harassed. She felt this was inappropriate.

Resident Mark Orzechowski was present discussed issues regarding Police enforcement the speed limit on George Washington Turnpike. There was a brief discussion.

Nicole Tsiongas from Lewis S. Mill was present for a Civics Class observation of a Town Government meeting.

Kevin and Tina Schoner, residents at 62 Angela's Way; had concerns about unfinished house across the street, parked truck, debris, dumping, and kids on the property. First Selectman Shafer noted that the Angela's Way matter is currently in litigation and continues to be discussed in Executive Sessions. First Selectman Shafer asked the Schoners to meet with him to discuss further at a mutually convenient time. He had previously met with Mr. Schoner.

Appointments to Boards & Commissions: There was a short discussion about the future Ordinance Commission being formed. Several residents have expressed an interest in volunteering for this Commission.

Resolution for Lake Garda Fire Station: A motion was made by Jim Chard to adopt the below resolution and seconded by Carl Salsedo to accept the resolution. The vote in favor was unanimous.

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.G.S. Sec. 4-66c the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for economic development projects; and WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Burlington make an application to the State for \$1,000,000 in order to undertake the Lake Garda Fire Station Demolition and Construction Project and to execute an Assistance Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Town of Burlington Board of Selectmen:

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1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by C.G.S. Sec. 4-66c.
2. That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by Town of Burlington in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 is hereby approved and that Theodore C. Shafer, First Selectman is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of Town of Burlington.

BVFD Cell Tower: Mark Appleby from NSS Northeast Site Solutions discussed the cell tower proposal with modifications. He presented an intermodulation report that Fire Chief Mercieri requested. He had concerns of interference with new equipment. This has been reviewed by our Town Attorney, Duncan Forsyth and he has approved the modifications and report. An email approval from the First Selectman was requested. Install will be first and modification to tower next.

Budget Status: Board of Finance will be holding a Public Hearing regarding the 2015-16 Budget on Monday, May 18, 2015 at 7:30 PM. The Annual Budget Meeting will be on June 2, 2015 at 7:30 PM. Region 10 Referendum passed. Ellie Parente attended the BOE Meeting last night and it was voted that approximately \$149,000 surplus that would be added back to the Town's budget – an offset for payment to Region 10.

### Selectmen Reports:

Roger Powell – Read an article in the Hartford Courant regarding the proposed auto taxes; recommending a cap the mil rate on autos at a set amount of \$29.36. It would only affect next year's taxes if this is voted in. The Board considered sending letter to State Senator or State Representative stating that we should not pass this initiative.

Jim Chard – Inquired about Streetscape construction progress.

Carl Salsedo – Concerned about Illegal Dumping issue in Town.

Dave Bereza – Inquired about status of grocery store in Town on Library Lane.

First Selectman Shafer discussed the following with the Board:

Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 25, 2015 at 10:00 am.

Update on Library Expansion – Library Board of Directors is seeking volunteers to create a Building Committee. Information is on their website. Residents interested should contact the Library. RFP for the Architect is the next step in the process.



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Lake Garda Fire House – Today at 10:00 am was the Pre-Bid Walkthrough for General Contractors. There were several GC's present at this meeting. The bids will be opened on May 21, 2-015 at 2:00 PM.

Post Office – Annual Food Drive was well received with an extreme amount of non-perishable food donations.

Rails to Trails Project – Paving will done by the end of this week; next stage is fencing and hydro seeding; end of May, project should be completed.

Probate Court – Currently located in Farmington combined with Burlington. Plainville expressed an interest in consolidating with Farmington and Burlington. The Honorable Judge Evelyn Daly is working on feasibility analysis with State of CT and they are in favor of this consolidation. There was a brief discussion.

Executive Session: Ellie Parente was invited into Executive Session. A motion was made by Selectmen Chard and seconded by Selectmen Roger Powell to enter Executive Session at 8:00pm to discuss Litigation - Angela's Way, Personnel - Police Department, Real Estate Acquisition Status. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

A motion to end Executive Session at 8:35pm and re-enter regular session was made by Selectmen Chard and seconded by Selectmen Powell. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

A motion was made to adjourn meeting at 8:36pm by Selectmen Chard and seconded by Selectmen Salsedo. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Roger Powell  
Secretary