



Town of Burlington

BURLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING - TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2016

- I. Meeting was called to order at 8:03pm. Present was First Selectman Shafer and Selectmen Salsedo, Chard and Powell along with 4 residents. Absent was Selectman David Bereza. Pledge of Allegiance recited.
- II. **Review/Accept Minutes of April 28, 2016 Special Meeting**
 - **Motion** made by Jim Chard, seconded by Roger Powell and passed unanimously to accept the April 28, 2016 special meeting minutes.
- III. **Citizen Comments**
 - Barbara Dahle commented on the Town Dog Pound and Farmington Animal Control's use in relation to State of CT Statutes on Regional Animal Control facilities. First Selectman Shafer commented that Farmington is currently using our pound under emergency "Mutual Aid" request as Farmington is currently without a pound and Burlington has the capacity to assist. There is currently no formal written agreement between the two towns but it continues to be contemplated. Barbara also asked about the status of the Angelas Way litigation in regards to Charles Bauer. His former law firm's insurance company covered this litigation and they paid a settlement amount to be dismissed from the case. That settlement amount will be confirmed and reported on in future meeting.
 - Donna Rusgrove, Burlington's moderator for today's Johnnycake Mt Farm Acquisition Referendum, reported that the final town -wide vote tally was 805 Yes, 526 No. The referendum passed.
- IV. **Appointments to Boards & Commissions**

Heather Halpin resignation from WPCA was accepted with regret by motion, Jim Chard and seconded by Roger Powell. Motion passed unanimously. Town Website will be updated to reflect.

Mark DiChiara written resignation from Planning & Zoning Commission accepted with regret. Mark is a registered Republican. This is elected position so Town Charter, Section 2-5 applies. Board will attempt to fill position within 60 days by appointment. Board agreed to hold off on filling position at tonight's meeting in order to post open position on Town Website per past practices.

Nicholas Sabetta, 7 Old Field Road, introduced himself to Board and expressed interest in the open Planning and Zoning position. He is a retired CT State Trooper and Liberty Bank fraud investigator. 18 year resident of Burlington. Nicholas understood Board's decision to keep appointment of open position until future meeting.

Tom Finan submitted written interest to the Board in regards to the open solid waste committee position which has been listed on Town Website for a long period of time. Tom was not present at meeting, but has introduced himself to the Board in the past regarding open position to the Conservation Commission. Board of Selectmen is okay with Tom's appointment contingent on verifying registered party affiliation which is believed to "unaffiliated".
- V. **Resolutions – Streetscape Grant Application**

CT Main Street Investment Fund grant application for phase II of streetscape from Library Lane & Route 4 to intersection of Route 4 & Route 69 discussed. Proposed construction of 1000 LF sidewalk, streetscape and beautification improvements. This would be continuation of already completed Phase I streetscape. Grant



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limit is \$500,000 which is being requested. Total cost of project estimated at \$580,000. Proposed town contribution of total is \$116,000. Has been discussed with Board of Finance which found the grant and contribution acceptable. Deadline for submitting application is May 31, 2016. **Motion** to accept the following resolution as required for grant by Jim Chard and seconded by Carl Salsedo. Resolution adopted unanimously.

RESOLUTION

1. Authorizes submission of the funding application "Burlington Town Center Enhancement Plan, " under the Main Street Investment Fund Program referenced in Section 78 and 79 of the PA 11-1; and
2. Identifies, Theodore Shafer, First Selectman, as an individual authorized to sign the Main Street Investment Fund application and administer the grant and the project. Such application is attached to and made part of this record.

VI. Selectmen Reports

Selectmen Salsedo – Will be analyzing water sources and use in Burlington and reporting back to the Board of Selectmen.

Selectmen Chard – No report.

Selectmen Powell – Arch Street resident concerns regarding Hartford Marathon sponsored 10K through his neighborhood as well as Rails to Trails use. Also, commented on the proposed new ordinance for Police for Rails to Trails.

First Selectman Shafer – Recent United Way Day of Caring clean-up at Burlington's Rails to Trails had good participation by Town employees, Region 10 employees, teenagers from area schools, Burlington Chamber of Commerce and Kohl's employees from Plainville. The Town of Burlington closed on the purchase of Taine Mt open space parcel. Upcoming Burlington Memorial Day parade and ceremonies on Monday May 30th.

Johnnycake Music Fest will be on June 4th.

VII. Budget 2016/2017

The Board of Finance had its budget hearing last night. A .5 increase in the Mil Rate was discussed. The Board of Selectmen's Town Budget Meeting vote will be held June 7th at 7:30pm at Town Hall.

VIII. Executive Session

A **motion** made at 8:50PM to go into executive session to discuss Litigation-MDC, Real Estate Acquisition Status. Contacts: Library Construction Project. **Motion** was made by Jim Chard, seconded by Roger Powell and passed unanimously to enter executive session inviting Craig Winter, Sandy Mazeau and Marie Spratlin Hasskarl.

At 11:15PM a **motion** was made by Jim Chard, seconded by Roger Powell and passed unanimously to leave executive session.

At 11:16PM a **motion** was made by Jim Chard, seconded by Roger Powell and passed unanimously to adjourn.

Roger Powell
Secretary