



Town of Burlington

BURLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by First Selectman Ted Shafer. Selectmen Chard, Salsedo, Powell, and Bereza were in attendance. Also present were Finance Director Ellie Parente, 5 residents, and LSM Civics student, Samantha Simard.

The Pledge of Allegiance

Acceptance of Minutes: The minutes of the May 12, 2015 regular meeting were reviewed. Selectmen Chard made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Bereza seconded. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Citizen Comment: Special Guest, Farmington- Burlington Probate Judge Evelyn Daly discussed the proposed consolidation of the Plainville Probate Court into the Farmington-Burlington Probate Court. Chard made a motion to endorse the merger of Plainville Probate Court with the Farmington -Burlington Probate Court and seconded by Powell. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Barbara Pavlik Dahle asked the following be entered into the minutes as her own comments: "On the record. Barbara Pavlik Dahle was contacted by phone, Feb 18, 2015 by Officer Mellon of the Burlington Police Dept. I was told there was an "Assistance to Citizen" verbal complaint filed by Burlington employee, Enforcement Officer Liz Burdick. I was told only to speak to her about Burlington town issues during her work hours 8-4 and only during the meetings. I am not to address any issues with her before or after a meeting." Question is are other citizen or commission members allowed to speak of Town issues with her before or after meetings?? Or is it specificity applied only to me??

Ms. Dahle also requested the following changes to the May 12th minutes: "Amend page 14, Remove: and ZEO. Add: "and that the Enforcement Officer of the Zoning Ordinance shall be the Building Inspector as provided for in State of Building Code." Board of Selectmen considered the above to be citizen comment only and does not accept this as a change to the approved May 12th minutes.

Appointments to Boards & Commissions: Received a resignation letter from Board of Finance member, Sean Foley, dated May 19, 2015. A motion was made by Selectman Chard to accept the resignation with regret and seconded by Selectman Powell. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Received was a resignation email from Scott Tharau from the WPCA and Solid Waste Committee. A motion was by Selectman Powell to accept the resignations with regret and seconded by Selectman Salsedo. The vote in favor was unanimous.

A phone call was received and an email was sent to First Selectman Shafer from Jim Grappone expressing his interest in being a member of the WPCA. He will be invited to the next Board of Selectmen meeting on June 9th for consideration.

Letters and e-mails continue to come in from residents interested in joining the proposed Ordinance Committee. At the next BOS meeting the Board will move forward, inviting interested parties to attend and introduce themselves.

All openings on Boards and Commissions will be posted on the Town's website.

Car Tax: Proposed Senate Bill No. 1: An article in the Register Citizen regarding details for the Proposed Car Tax Bill dated May 13, 2015 was distributed to the Board. NWCOG members appeared at the State Capitol and voiced their opposition to this particular bill. If this bill passes, the State of CT will pick up some financial shortfalls of the municipalities, but there are concerns that in the future that it may not be funded by the State thus becoming an unfunded mandate which would create financial hardship on the

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Town's budget. The Assessor's Office provided information about the adverse effects on Burlington regarding Senate Bill No. 1. Motor vehicles make up 9% of the Town of Burlington's Grand List. CCM also is not in favor of Proposed Senate Bill No. 1.

A motion was made by Selectman Powell to draft a letter to our State Representative John Piscopo and State Senator Beth Bye to communicate our support of NWCOG and CCM positions as they are lobbying for no car tax mil rate change and seconded by Selectman Bereza. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Annual Town Budget Meeting: 2015-16 Annual Budget Agenda was presented and read by First Selectman Shafer. A motion was made by Selectman Chard to accept the Annual Budget Agenda as read and seconded by Selectman Salsedo. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Selectmen Reports:

Carl Salsedo – The Annual Memorial Day Parade was successful and well attended. A flyover came through as part of the ceremony.

Jim Chard and Roger Powell – echoed Selectmen Salcedo's remarks about the Memorial Day Parade

Roger Powell – Inquired about the Angela's Way issues discussed at the last Selectmen's meeting with Kevin and Tina Schoner. First Selectman Shafer did have a follow-up meeting with the Schoners.

Ted Shafer – Conservation Commission Chairman, John Hebert forwarded a memo to the Selectmen supporting the possibility of forming an Agricultural Commission and recommends that the BOS merge the Conservation Commission into a "Burlington Conservation and Agriculture Commission."

Executive Session: A motion was made by Selectmen Chard and seconded by Selectmen Carl Salsedo to enter Executive Session at 7:51pm to discuss Litigation - Angela's Way, Real Estate Acquisition Status. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor. Ellie Parente was invited into Executive Session.

A motion to end Executive Session and re-enter regular session was made by Selectmen Powell and seconded by Selectmen Chard at 8:33pm. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

A motion was made to adjourn meeting at 8:34pm by Selectmen Chard and seconded by Selectmen Powell. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Roger Powell
Secretary