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### **BURLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm. First Selectman Ted Shafer and Selectmen Chard, Salsedo, Powell, and Bereza were in attendance. There were 14 residents present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Acceptance of Minutes: The minutes of the June 23, 2015 regular meeting were reviewed. Selectmen Chard made a motion to accept. Selectman Powell seconded. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Citizen Comment: John Doherty asked when the lights on the Streetscape project would be turned on. First Selectman Shafer will inquire about this.

Barbara Pavlik Dahle inquired about the minutes of June 23, 2015. She is requesting that all meeting minutes be recorded. First Selectman Shafer responded that the Board of Selectmen has discussed this issue and decided to stay with the current minutes format. The Board is concerned with the potential unnecessary increase in cost to taxpayers for the purchasing and maintenance of recording devices, increase in associated personnel costs and ongoing storage expenses over time.

Jeff Bond, as a resident, expressed his opinion that there needs to be a quicker pace of equipment/vehicle replacement for the Fire Department as well as an increase the amount of funding annually. Jeff is a member of the Burlington Volunteer Fire Department and indicated that equipment/vehicles he has been on and heard about are unsafe. The Board of Finance has set aside \$200K annually for replacement costs and he feels this is inadequate. He asked that a regular Board of Selectmen meeting be held at the GWT Fire House giving firefighters the opportunity to meet and discuss issues with the Board of Selectmen regarding equipment and safety.

Peter Bevivino from Burlington Insurance Agency is the new Burlington Chamber of Commerce President as of June 1, 2015. He discussed revamping Tavern Day; is concerned about the Library Lane parcel and the owner building town houses in lieu of commercial development; He suggested the Town purchase the property; He Felt there is a need for more business creation to entice people into the center of Town.

Appointments to Boards & Commissions: Robyn Chase was present to express an interest in the opening of the Burlington Commission on Senior Citizens.

Selectman Chard made a motion to appoint Robyn Chase to the Burlington Commission on Senior Citizens effective to fill a vacancy for a term of July 14, 2015 to June 30, 2017. The motion was seconded by Selectman Powell. The vote in favor was unanimous.



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Selectman Powell made a motion to re-appoint William Parente, Paul Stawarz, Christa Ronalter, and Robert Cook to the Parks & Recreation Commission for a four year term from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2019. The motion was seconded by Selectman Bereza. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Selectman Chard made a motion to re-appoint Lori Vallee, Laura Chandler, Al McGunnigle, Maryelen Wielock, James Millerick, and Arthur Murelli to the Burlington Commission on Senior Citizens for a two year term from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017. The motion was seconded by Selectman Powell. The vote from all others was unanimous.

There were three candidates for the WPCA position with two open positions. The Board took at recess at 7:24 PM to discuss the appointments to WPCA.

The Board returned to the regular meeting at 7:30 PM.

Selectman Chard made a motion to appoint Paul Bystrak and Heather Halpin to the Water Pollution Control Authority for a four year term from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2019. The motion was seconded by Selectman Powell. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Resolution – CT State Library: The Process has changed for the CT State Library Grant program for the Town Clerk. The BOS no longer need to pass a resolution to empower the First Selectman to sign for the CT State Library Grant program.

### Selectmen Reports:

Ted Shafer discussed the following:

- Interim Bonding Financing was discussed with handout for the Lake Garda Fire Station; phone conference scheduled with Bonding Consultant and Attorney on Thursday, July 16, 2015 at 11:35 AM. Selectmen Chard and Salsedo will be present at Town Hall for the conference call. All other selectmen will call in.
- Electric Vehicle Connectivity Grant Application discussed. –This is Electric Charging station grant that the Town would like to apply for.-The purpose is to build station where electrical vehicles could charge in Town at the Library. DEEP Grant Funding is up to \$10,000. There would be electricity cost to the Town that appears minimal. First Selectman Shafer will continue getting more accurate electrical cost estimates from DEEP, Eversource, and other municipalities. The Selectmen consensus was in favor of applying for this grant.
- Jonathan Schwartz was present to discuss traffic safety on or near the Village Lane intersection with Foote Road Limited visibility and sight line were discussed; Jonathon recommending speed tables be installed at that intersection. First Selectman Shafer had met with Director of Public Works, Scott Tharau to discuss. Studies to be conducted for future Selectmen evaluation.

Resolution - Ordinance Committee: Edward Jurkiewicz was present to express an interest in becoming a member of the Ordinance Committee.

Selectman Chard made a motion to establish, per charter, an ad hoc Ordinance Committee effective August 1, 2015 with 7 Members, 2 Alternates and 1 Ex-Officio to review existing Burlington Town Ordinances and present any



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recommended changes to the Board of Selectmen, as well as any proposed new ordinances. The Committee will have a duration of 24 months per Charter. The motion was seconded by Selectman Powell. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Selectmen Chard and seconded by Selectmen Powell to enter Executive Session at 8:06 pm to discuss Litigation: Angela's Way, Real Estate Acquisition Status-Personnel: Boards and Commission. Fred Marinelli, John Bergstrom and Finance Director Ellie Parente were invited to attend Executive Session. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

A motion to end Executive Session at 10:07pm and re-enter regular session was made by Selectmen Powell and seconded by Selectmen Chard. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

A motion was made by Selectman Chard to add to Agenda Item IX to appoint members to the newly created Ordinance Committee. The motion was seconded by Selectman Powell. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Appoint Members to Ordinance Committee: A motion was made by Selectman Chard to appoint David Goshdigian, David Wagner, Pat Miller, John Derewonko, Dick Alden, Mike Vollono, Ed Jurkiewicz to the Ordinance Committee the term August 1, 2015 to July 31, 2017 and Ginger Doherty and Janet Parrish as alternates for the term August 1, 2015 to July 31, 2017. The Board of Selectmen will serve as Ex-Officios. The motion was seconded by Selectman Powell. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

A motion was made to adjourn meeting at 10:15 pm by Selectmen Chard and seconded by Selectmen Powell. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Roger Powell  
Secretary