



Town of Burlington

BURLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING - Tuesday, October 25, 2016

- I.** Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM. Quorum was reached, present was First Selectman Ted Shafer and Selectmen Salsedo, Chard, Powell and Bereza.
- II. Review/Accept Minutes**
Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept September 27, 2016 meeting minutes with the following corrections:
- In section III., remove the first 6 words, (Daryl Gordon from 2 Shire Way and)
 - In section VI., top of 2nd page, remove typo "t" and extra punctuation.
(Chard/Salsedo)
- III. Citizen Comments**
Daryl Gordon from 2 Shire Way thanked the town staff: including the First Selectman, the building department, town engineer and town planner for their site visit to Shire Way on 9/30/16. Selectman Shafer stated he is next trying to coordinate a follow up meeting possibly for Friday, November 4, 2016 to discuss any further issues, if needed. Shafer is also seeking engagement by developer's engineer who was not at the 9/30/2016 meeting and not in recent discussions.
Katie Mathews, 6 Shire Way, spoke about the drainage on her property and how it effects the surrounding area.
Dave Regan from 5 Shire Way, also spoke regarding the drainage issues and the upcoming winter season.
- Robert Lamothe, 89 Stone Road, discussed his negative opinions regarding the current delivery of Foothills Trader to driveways in Burlington. He attended a meeting that was organized by the First Selectman Shafer and the Torrington Mayor with the publisher and representatives from neighboring towns of Harwinton, New Hartford and Litchfield who are experiencing the same issues with the delivery methods. Lamothe stated that the publisher is not holding true to his word that he would stop driveway delivery in August 2016 and has renewed the same delivery contract moving forward. The winter season causes more problems with this type of delivery because the papers get into the catch basins causing blockage. Also the plastic bags holding the papers are put directly in the recycling with the paper and then the town is charged a fee per bag from the recycling facility. During this meeting it was mentioned that there will be more of this publication type utilizing driveway delivery methods in the future. First Selectman Shafer thanked Lamothe for being so engaged in this matter and mentioned that there is "opt out" information on our town website. Torrington is expected to host another meeting regarding these issues and other possible resolutions.
- William Walluk of Northridge Road discussed Dwight Harris' plans of residential development on Library Lane and urged the town to purchase the land for future business development.
- IV. Appointments to Boards & Commissions**
First Selectman Shafer reviewed that Melinda Hardy's resigned from the Board of Assessment Appeals on September 14, 2016, and there is a cite in our Town Charter to fill the position within 60 days with a resident of the same political affiliation. James Millerick of 48 Hunters Crossing, was present and expressed his interest in the position. He is a democrat as was Hardy and supports residents' having a voice regarding taxes.
Motion made, seconded and passed to appoint James Millerick to the Board of Assessment Appeals effective October 25, 2016 to the next municipal election. (Salsedo/Bereza)
Veterans & Elderly Board still has vacancies that need to be filled. It is not a requirement to be a Veteran or elderly. This board would review this tax abatement and make recommendations to the Selectmen.



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V.(a) WPCA, Water Pollution Control Authority

Motion made, seconded and passed to add agenda item. (Chard/Salsedo)

Paul Bystrak of 44 Woodhaven and a long serving member of WPCA Board discussed starting a new process for applicants building in our sewer districts. He would like our land use staff to inform applicants where the districts are when they first come to Town Hall about their project and create a new early notification process to the WPCA.

V.(b) Selectmen's Reports

Powell – Drove on Shire Way and observed that the base layer of paving was already done. Requested ordinance committee proposals be put on the next BOS agenda.

Chard – Dedication of the new BVFD Fire Station 4 was well attended.

Also the Whigville Harvest Fest was a great event. First Selectman Shafer also attended and thanked everyone involved including the public works and the police department.

Salsedo – He stopped by Shire Way again to observe conditions. Also noted the gardens and vegetation were taken out along the sides of the Historical Society Building, which will help to further preserve the building.

Bereza – Mentioned First Selectman Shafer's attempts to set a meeting with MDC in an effort to open their land for further hiking and biking.

Shafer – Close to finalizing the agreement for the Fire Department communications upgrade. . The next BOS meeting will have to be rescheduled due to election-day.

The Economic Development Commission will be hosting a meeting with Main Street Foundation on December 12, 2016, about the development of the town. Town officials are encouraged to attend.

V. Executive Session – Contracts: Fire Department Communications, Real Estate Acquisition Status, Potential Litigation: Riverview Estates

A **motion** was made, seconded and passed unanimously at 7:54 PM to go into executive session to discuss Contracts: Fire Department Communications, Real Estate Acquisition Status, Potential Litigation: Riverview Estates. (Chard/Powell)

At 8:45 PM **motion** made, seconded and passed unanimously to conclude Executive Session. (Chard/Powell)

At 8:46 PM **motion** made, seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn meeting. (Chard/Salsedo)

Roger Powell
Secretary