



## Town of Burlington

### **BURLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 P.M. First Selectman Ted Shafer and Selectmen Chard, Salsedo and Powell were in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Review/Accept Minutes: The minutes of the October 27, 2015 regular meeting were reviewed. On page 2, Salsedo indicated in Selectmen's report, it should have read, "In front of houses, not fire houses." A motion was made by Selectmen Chard and Salsedo to accept the minutes with the correction. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Citizen Comment: John Doherty asked about the town website issues regarding the pre-election ballot, post-election information and calendar. First Selectman Shafer responded that there are ongoing program issues that are being addressed by the website vendor. Mr. Doherty asked that the Town warn its residents of heavy rain. Residents should be given warning to clear storm drains. Ron Roberts, Emergency Management Director, usually handles protocol for severe weather. Mr. Doherty inquired as to the status of land purchase for recreational fields. First Selectman Shafer indicated there is ongoing activity but no agreement, yet. Mr. Doherty then asked about the paving on Angela's Way. First Selectman responded that it is currently paved to end of section 7 and new that there is a new developer.

Barbara Pavlik Dahle indicated that it had been three summers, not a while back that she has been asking about the tree that was cut down near the Historical Tavern. First Selectman Shafer indicated that the wood is still located by the Public Works Department. The Burlington Historical Society is considering what to do with the wood. In the court case of Angela's Way, what is the cost of litigation to date? First Selectman Shafer indicated that the case is still ongoing and the cost has not been completely tabulated. Ms. Dahle also inquired about all new vehicle purchases by the Town including the School Resource Officer. Lastly, Ms. Dahle inquired about the recent settlement with former Zoning Enforcement Officer Carl Nilsen. First Selectman Shafer indicated that there was an insurance settlement of \$25,000.

Rob LaMothe brought in several Foothills Traders papers. He discussed environmental, corporate profit and safety concern. Selectman Powell commented on his experience with this issue.

Richard Miller suggested Hartford Courant mail delivery boxes.

Appointments to Boards & Commissions: James LoStocco of 45 Angela's Way was present and was interested in the Planning & Zoning, Alternate position. He also expressed interest in Emergency Management.

Heather Halpin of 74 Miller Road sent in a letter of interest for the open P&Z Alternate position.

Right to Farm Discussion: Jonathan Schwartz, Conservation Commission Member was present to propose a right to farm ordinance like the Town of Canton. Conservation Commission Chairman John Hebert was present in support of this



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Ordinance. Mission of Conservation, Plan of Conservation Development, easier to obtain state grants with such an Ordinance was discussed.

Barbara Dahle commented on following state regulations.

Robert LaMothe commented in favor of Right to Farm.

### Selectmen Reports:

Selectman Powell: Not happy with Board of Education decision on pick up/drop off decision for Angela's Way school bus.

First Selectman Shafer:

- Rails to Trails Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will take place on Monday, 11/16/15 at 2:30 PM, DEEP & DOT to attend
- Attended Region 10 Veteran's Appreciation Day
- Spoke at Board of Ed Meeting with Gerry Mullen
- New Principal at Lake Garda School has been approved by Board of Education

Selectmen's Calendar: Meetings will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month for 2016.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Selectmen Chard and seconded by Selectmen Powell to enter Executive Session at 8:24 pm to discuss: Real Estate Acquisition Status, Contract: Bristol Burlington Health District, Litigation Status: Angela's Way, and Personnel: Building Department. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

A motion to end Executive Session at 9:15 pm and re-enter regular session was made by Selectmen Chard and Salsedo. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

A motion was made to adjourn meeting at 9:16 pm by Selectmen Salsedo and Chard. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Roger Powell  
Secretary