



## Town of Burlington

### BURLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING - Tuesday, November 22, 2016 Burlington Town Hall

- I. **Call Meeting to Order** - Meeting was called to order at 7:01PM. Quorum was reached, present was First Selectman Ted Shafer and Selectmen Salsedo, Chard, Bereza and Powell.
- II. **Review/Accept Minutes - Motion** made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept October 25, 2016 meeting minutes. (Chard/Salsedo)
- III. **Region 10 Civics Class Presentations** – Students from LSM High School are being given the opportunity to present civic enhancement concepts to the board tonight or at the December 13, 2013 meeting. No students were present this evening, so this agenda item will be placed on the next meeting notice.
- IV. **Citizen Comments** -  
Barbara Dahle - commented on a tree that was removed, due to rotting, from the Town Green three years ago (estimated). She asked what, if any, are the plans for this area of The Green and for another tree. Barbara also asked about the 15 acre parcel of land owned by New Britain Water Company on Covey Road. Selectman Shafer indicated that this is a topic for the Executive Session on tonight's agenda and therefore not appropriate for public session discussion at this time. Barbara also requested the cost of litigation expense for a Claire Hill lawsuit which the town was forced into joining.  
Jeff Bond - Gave a presentation regarding "Critical Public Safety Emergencies" Potential resources to assist in a unified response plan review included: The Hartford County Police, Fire and Medical Providers  
First Selectman Shafer thanked Bond for the presentation.
- V. **Appointments to Boards & Commissions** -  
**Motion** made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept letter of resignation from Kenneth Jamie Gordon from the Conservation Committee, effective November 22, 2016. (Chard/Salsedo) Letter dated November 7, 2016.  
**Motion** made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept letter of resignation from William Walluk from the Economic Development Commission, effective November 22, 2016. (Salsedo/Bereza) Letter dated November 15, 2016.  
Received a letter from resident Lynn Buthe, unaffiliated, dated November 6, 2016, expressing interest in the Planning and Zoning alternate vacancy. And a letter was received from Tom Roberge, dated November 22, 2016, expressing interest in a vacancy on the Conservation Commission. These openings are posted on the town website and will be acted upon as soon as appropriate.
- VI. **BVFD–Chief Andrew Mercieri** –  
Fire Chief Andrew Mercieri was present and discussed the need for a new chief's vehicle. The current vehicle has run its course and is showing much wear and tear. There is \$229,000 in the Town's acquisition replacement fund. Chief Mercieri provided 3 different quotes and the differences were discussed.  
**Motion** made, seconded and passed unanimously to recommend to the Board of Finance to approve the purchase of a new vehicle. (Chard/Powell)
- VII. **Ordinance Update** –  
Proposed ordinances were briefly discussed and board has scheduled a special meeting to review in more depth on December 1, 2016, at 7:45 PM. Town Attorney Forsyth will be invited along with the Ordinance Committee members. Hopefully, there will be a town resident informational workshop meeting on January 23, 2017.



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### VIII. Selectmen's Reports -

- Salsedo** – Selectmen Salsedo was approached by 3 different residents asking for a blight ordinance.
- Bereza** – Nothing
- Chard** – Nothing
- Powell** – Nothing
- Shafer** –
- a. The Selectman discussed Clearwater Creek Subdivision Phase 2 Roadway approval. Moved to next meeting agenda. More clarification will be presented and officials/representatives will be present at the next meeting to discuss with Board.
  - b. Johnnycake Mountain Park Design Committee is in the process of being created. The Parks and Rec Commission is conducting interviews on Monday, November 28, 2016, and will select soon after. Chosen residents will then be presented to the Board of Selectmen.
  - c. Vineyard Road Bridge has been dismantled and is on schedule. Mild weather has been helpful. Weather permitting, the project should be completed in the Spring as scheduled. The Barnes Hill Bridge will be the next project completed under the DOT Pilot Bridge Program.
  - d. The Economic Development Commission in conjunction with the CT Main Street Center will be hosting a program on December 12, 2016, entitled “ What Makes A Town Center Vibrant.” The program will begin with a welcome and refreshments at 6:30 PM, then a presentation to follow at 7:00 PM.
  - e. Selectman Shafer discussed a proposal from the CT Department of Health that would consolidate the 73 Health Departments/Districts into 8 health districts as reported by The Republican American Newspaper, November 14, 2016. The average cost for municipalities is estimated to go up 4-5 times.
  - f. First Selectman Shafer and Gerald Mullen, Board of Finance, spoke at the last Board of Education Meeting about Burlington's perspective on the upcoming Region 10 budget. There will be a 2.5% cap on expenses, with some exceptions per State Statute enacted last year. Selectman Shafer asked the Board of Education to open communication with the Board of Selectmen & Finance so that they may be more involved in the Region 10 budget process.

- IX. Executive Session** – Contracts: Library Project, Real Estate Acquisition Status, Potential Litigation, MDR. Personnel: NAGE Bargaining Unit Contract Negotiations.
- A **motion** was made, seconded and passed unanimously at 8:21PM to go into executive session to discuss Contracts: Library Project, Real Estate Acquisition Status, Potential Litigation: MDR, Personnel: NAGE Bargaining Unit Contract Negotiations. (Chard/Powell) Invited into Executive Session was Craig Winter, Marie Spratlin Hasskarl, John Achilli, Ellie Parente and Attorney Robert Reeve from Scully, Nicksa & Reeve, LLP. At 10:29 PM **motion** made, seconded and passed unanimously to conclude Executive Session. (Chard/Powell). At 10:31 PM **motion** made, seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn meeting. (Chard/Salsedo)

Roger Powell  
Secretary