



Town of Burlington

BURLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm. First Selectman Ted Shafer and Selectmen Chard, Salsedo, Powell, and Bereza were in attendance. There were 7 residents present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Review/Accept Minutes: The minutes of the November 10, 2015 regular meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Selectman Chard and seconded by Selectman Salsedo to accept the minutes with correction that Selectman Bereza arrived at the meeting later at 7:45pm, the motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the November 16, 2015 special meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Selectman Chard and seconded by Selectman Powell to accept the minutes as read, the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comment: Barbara Dahle commented on the Website as to the updating of the Boards and Commission vacancies and that the Selectmen need to consider the makeup of the boards with the appropriate number of Democrats and Republicans when making an appointment. First Selectmen noted that all Board and Commissions currently have the appropriate number of each political party per Town Charter guidelines. Dahle also stated that she would like to be considered for the alternate vacancy on the Ordinance Committee. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the ordinance committee.

Richard Miller commented that the Selectmen should be mindful when composing a new littering ordinance that would address The Foothills Trader delivery distribution on resident driveways, to not harm what is presently allowed.

Contractor Sandy Johnston from Bristol discussed with the Board the C Pace commercial solar program and Burlington currently considering entering this program. Nick Zuba from CT Green Bank is a point person. The payments would be included in the town's tax bills. Town's Tax Collector and Assessor are analyzing this program. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Appointments to Boards/Commissions: First Selectman Shafer noted that James (Jay) Lostocco was at the last meeting expressing his interest in being appointed to the Planning & Zoning Board as an Alternate. Present at the meeting was Heather Halpin who is also interested; Heather introduced herself to the Board.

Richard Miller, Chair of P & Z, noted that overall attendance of the P&Z members has been good with both alternates present at the meetings as well. Therefore not urgent for Selectmen to choose Alternate this evening. Barbara Dahle repeated her comment made in citizen comment.

After a brief discussion, it was decided to post and update all known board and commission vacancies on the website to see if there are any other interested residents. Appointment for the P&Z Alternate will be made at an upcoming meeting. It was also decided to have the website updated every 2 weeks or monthly with the board and commission vacancies. First Selectman Shafer will speak to the Website staff.



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Special Meeting: After review of the proposed agenda, a motion was made to set a Special Town Meeting for December 8, 2015 and approve the call for the meeting by Selectman Chard, seconded by Selectman Bereza and passed unanimously. The agenda items are Taine Mountain Resolutions (2), YMCA Resolution and Health District Resolution. A new littering ordinance is being drafted by the Town Attorney for consideration at another future Town Meeting.

Selectman's Reports: Selectman Bereza noted the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Rails to Trails was well attended. First Selectman Shafer and Selectman Salsedo attended the ceremony.

Selectman Salsedo commented on the trees recently planted at the Tavern, thanking the public works crew and the garden club members.

Selectman Chard noted that he received a visit from Robert Lamothe regarding a proposed littering ordinance.

First Selectman Shafer noted that he spoke to the Burlington Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) Chief, Andy Mercieri. The Chief is the point person for all BVFD matters. The Chief will be forwarding possible dates for a joint BOS and BOF at the Firehouse with his membership.

First Selectman Shafer noted that that a RFP is being created for a new Town website vendor. We have had the same vendor for several years and best practices recommend an RFP selection process. Current vendor will bid.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Selectmen Chard and seconded by Selectmen Salsedo to enter Executive Session at 7:50 pm to discuss Real Estate Acquisition Status, Contract: Torrington Water Company, Litigation Status: Angela's Way and Personnel: Building Department. Invited into executive session, Finance Director Ellie Parente. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to end Executive Session return to the regular meeting at 8:32 pm by Selectman Chard and seconded by Selectman Powell. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Selectman Powell and seconded by Selectman Chard to adjourn meeting at 8:33 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Roger Powell
Secretary
11/25/15