



## Town of Burlington

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
BURLINGTON TOWN HALL / ZOOM HYBRID  
Tuesday, February 27, 2024  
7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING**

**1. Call Meeting to Order:**

Meeting was called to order at 7:01PM.

Present was First Selectman Doug Thompson, Selectmen Zabel, Goshdigian, Chard & Plourde

Recording Secretary: Tanna Romero

**2. Citizen's Comments:**

Scott Heth, 501 Wolcott Rd. Bristol – Executive Director of Environmental Centers of Connecticut shared his Interest in conserving 180 Stafford Rd. as open space.

**3. Accept Minutes from January 23, 2024, Regular Meeting, February 20, 2024 Special Meeting and February 22, 2024 Special Meeting:**

**Motion** made, seconded, and passed unanimously to accept the meeting minutes of January 23, 2024, Regular Meeting as amended – Selectman Chard recused himself from the discussion of agenda item #9b. Plourde/Zabel

**Motion** made, seconded, and passed unanimously to accept the meeting minutes of February 20, 2024, Special Meeting. Plourde/Goshdigian

**Motion** made, seconded, and passed unanimously to accept the meeting minutes of February 22, 2024, Special Meeting as amended – Selectman Chard recused himself from the discussion of agenda item #2. Plourde/Goshdigian

**4. Appointments to Boards and Commissions:**

No Business

**5. Town Financial Commitment for “Farmington River Trail” Grant:**

Scott Tharau of Public Works was present and shared information regarding the Farmington River Trail Grant.

**Lora & Tony Russotto**, 4 George Washington Turnpike – Officers of the Farmington Valley Trails Council Board of Directors spoke in support of the town's financial commitment for the Grant application. Lora discussed the increased use and popularity of the trail over the few past years. Tony also noted an area of the trail that is quite dark and can be dangerous.

**Bruce Donald**, 792 Farmington Ave, Farmington Ct., Southern New England Manager for The East Coast Greenway Alliance - spoke in favor of the Grant and fully endorses the commitment to replacing/reconstructing the trail.

**Amanda Parker**, 71 Pine Hill Rd. Park and Recreation Commission member supports this grant and is advocating for other residents in town that are looking for outdoor paved trails as well.

**Pam Simonds**, 34 Beldon Rd., Park and Recreation Commission member– also in support of the grant for the trail and in favor of reconstructing/widening the trail.



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Following a discussion, a **Motion** was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to authorize the First Selectman and his staff to enter into a grant application for the Farmington River Trail Grant and recommend to the BOF a financial commitment to that application not to exceed \$200,000. Chard/Zabel.

**6. BVFD Station One Engineering Design Proposal:**

**Motion** made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the engineering design proposal for the upgrades to the BVFD Station #1 Fire House not to exceed \$45,000 from ARPA funds. Zabel/Plourde.

**7. Selectmen's Report:**

First Selectman Thompson presented Jodi Papazian, the Library Director, who spoke of the event "Echoes of Yesterday" a celebration of Burlington's past, which will be held at the library on Friday March 8, 6-8pm

**8. Citizen's Comments:**

None

**9. Budget Workshop:**

First Selectman Thompson shared Town Payment Allocations from both Burlington and Harwinton. He also spoke about the Capital Plan for budgeting purposes and shared additional information regarding the reserve accounts and revenue generated from investments. The board agreed to the capital proposal presented by the First Selectman and agreed to forward this plan on to the Board of Finance.

**10. Executive Session: Listing of 180 Stafford Rd. Real Estate:**

**Motion** made, seconded, and passed unanimously to go into executive session with the invitation of Nicole Elliot, at 8:07PM. Chard/Goshdigian

**Motion** made, seconded, and passed unanimously to come out of executive session at 8:22 PM Zabel/Chard

**11. Adjourn:**

**Motion** made, seconded, and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM Zabel/Chard