



Town of Burlington

BURLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, May 12, 2020 – VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE

- Call Meeting to Order** - Meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM. Present was First Selectman Ted Shafer, Selectmen Salsedo, Chard, Zabel. Selectmen Byrne arrived 8:25PM.
Guests: Dave Dickson, Milone and MacBroom
Recording Clerk Allison Tharau.
- Review/Accept Minutes** –
April 28, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes-**Motion** made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes from April 28, 2020. (Chard/Zabel)
- Citizen Comment**- None
- Appointments to Boards and Commissions**- **Motion** made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the resignation of Janet Schwartz with regrets from Solid Waste Commission. (Salsedo/Zabel).
Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the resignation of Jonathan Schwartz with regrets from Inland Wetlands Watercourses Commission. (Zabel/Chard)
Vacancies will be put on website.
Western Regional Tourism Board vacancy has been posted on website. Shafer contacted EDC to see if any board members are interested.
- Phase II Streetscape**- Dave Dickson, Milone & MacBroom, discussed Phase II Streetscape which consists of approximately 1050 linear feet of sidewalk from Library Lane to Route 69 intersection. The DOT grant of \$350,00, if awarded, would complete approximately 643 linear feet of sidewalk. The additional footage of streetscape would cost the Town approximately \$221,000. The Board of Finance Board has not dedicated funds for this project in the upcoming budget but may look to reserve funds, if needed.
There was discussion of land on Library Lane and a proposed retail store development which could tie into streetscape construction and further economic development..
Town waiting for final decision from the state as to whether the money will be awarded then discussions will continue at that time.
- 2020-2021 Budget Hearing/Vote**- May 19th-Budget Hearing; June 2nd-Budget Meeting
Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously per Executive Order 7I (13) to give the Board of Finance authority to finalize and adopt the 2020-2021 budget with a vote on June 2nd utilizing Zoom conferencing and empower the First Selectman to sign agenda notice. (Salsedo/Chard)
- Memorial Day**-First Selectman Shafer announced that it was recommended under COVID-19 guidelines not to have a live parade or ceremony. Memorial Day parade has officially been cancelled. Working with Region 10 on alternative video event production that would include speeches, music, and reading of veteran's names at Town Center Cemetery.

8. Selectmen's Reports-

Shafer-received feedback in writing from Fire Chief - BVFD, regarding actions during a response to a report of a burning odor at the residence at 2 Rowe Court. He assured the Board that COVID-19 best practices and BVFD Standard Operating Guidelines were adhered to.

COVID-19 update included discussion on upcoming Phase 1 May 20th reopening. No set date for Town Hall to re-open. Active discussions with each department on future opening and what would be needed to re-open and how town hall could be modified. Tennis courts are now open under guidance from State and USTA.

Bristol Hospital has a mobile testing center available to Town of Burlington.

Working with registrars for August 2nd primary collecting PPE and discussing protocols.

Byrne-commented on nursing home statistics still very high with COVID cases.

Zabel- commented on the increase in pool permits and families enjoying "staycations" this year.

Chard- For BOS discussion, requested copy of report when appropriate from Finance Director on accounts that will be zeroed out.

9. Old Business:

JMP-no discussion.

Clear Brook Road-no discussion

Senior Housing Expansion-received notification from Donna Mullen that there are currently two units available for occupancy. Donna recommended pausing construction initiative of new senior housing units until COVID-19 crisis is under control at which time the Building Official will be invited to a future meeting to discuss.

Charter Review-committee is currently on schedule. BOS will receive updates. Charter committee currently looking into financial policies and working closely with auditors.

Adjourn – **Motion** made, seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn meeting at 9:15PM.

(Chard /Salsedo)