



Town of Burlington

BURLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING Tuesday, July 14, 2020 – VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

- 1. Call Meeting to Order** - Meeting was called to order at 8:28 PM. Present was First Selectman Ted Shafer, Selectmen Salsedo, Zabel, Chard and Byrne.
Guests: Chief John Haviland, BVFD. Doug Thompson.
Recording Clerk Allison Tharau.
- 2. Review/Accept Minutes** –
June 22, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes-**Motion** made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the Special Meeting Minutes from June 22, 2020. (Zabel/Salsedo)
July 7, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes-**Motion** made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the Special Meeting Minutes from July 7, 2020. (Chard/Salsedo)
- 3. Citizen Comment**- Richard Miller- Cricket Lane asked about the paving project of Route 4 and if they will be chip sealing the “S” curves to help with traction during inclement weather.
Rich raised a P&Z Commission procedural question: once an Executive Session topic has been resolved, can the outcome be divulged to a resident. Shafer stated that further legal advice was needed from Town Attorney to respond.
- 4. Appointments to Boards and Commissions**-
The vacant seat for Board of Finance to be filled within 60 days of acceptance of resignation.
Doug Thompson (registered Republican) 76 Warren Glen, interested in vacant seat on BOF. He provided the Board with a brief background of personal and professional experience. Residents MaryJane Ryan, William Mastrogiavanni, Ray Sikora, Kerry Brash, Jim Chard, Cheryl Byrne, Jack Gedney and Donna Rusgrove endorsed Doug filling the position. Shafer received an email from Jeff Hogan endorsing Doug as well.
Dwight Harris withdrew his name, no longer interested in the Finance Board vacant seat.
The Board of Selectmen has received a letter of resignation dated July 7, 2020 from Region 10 Board of Education member Bruce Guillmette.
The Board has 30 days from July 6th to conduct a town meeting for residents to cast votes for vacant position.
- 5. BVFD Vehicle**- Chief John Haviland, BVFD, discussed with the Board the proposal to purchase a “fly car” which is part of the ambulance fleet. Funds have been gifted from donors to purchase the vehicle. The fly car will minimize the number of unnecessary ambulance transports. The fly car would arrive at scene first and provide initial assessment to see if ambulance is needed. Possible additional crew member may be needed but not essential to operations and will be evaluated in the next contract with Bristol Hospital. Ongoing maintenance was discussed.

6. **Charter Review-The Board reviewed:**
Appendix 1: Notes from July 7, 2020 BOS Special Meeting
Collective Bargaining Unit
Section 3-3: Board of Selectmen
Section 5-20: Town Counsel
Section 10-2: Code of Ethics
Section 7-5: Board of Finance
7. **Selectmen's Reports-**
Shafer-Provided Covid 19 update. Discussed protocols of August Primary. US Census has extended time to be completed. Received a note from OPM with respect to STEAP grants needing to be submitted by August 14th. Extension of time may be granted by OPM. The Board discussed possible projects: JCM Park; sidewalks, public safety-emergency operations center; bridges or stop light at Library Lane.
Zabel-questioned whether the median at Rt 4 and Rt 69 will be painted yellow to help with visibility at night. Shafer stated that State DOT has been contacted.
Chard-no report
Byrne-no report
Salsedo-no report
7. **Old Business:**
Johnnycake Mountain Park (JMP)-Internal meeting scheduled on July 16, 2020 to re-engage design BCS firm who is taking a revised look at the design and finalization. Burlington Land Trust is giving guided tours oat JMP. Dates to be announced soon.
Clear Brook Road-no new business. MDC Attorney has been out on leave.
Senior Housing Expansion-project: currently on hold.
Charter Review-Draft proposal will be submitted to BOS for review shortly.
8. **Executive Session-Personnel/Bargaining Agreement-Public Works & Town Hall, Pre-Litigation-WPCA**
Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to come out of regular session and go into executive session at 10:04PM (Zabel/Chard)

Adjourn – Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn meeting at 10:40PM.
(Salsedo /Chard)