



Town of Burlington

BURLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING Tuesday, October 13, 2020 – VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

1. **Call Meeting to Order** - Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. Present was First Selectman Ted Shafer, Selectmen Salsedo, Zabel, Chard and Byrne.
Recording Clerk Allison Tharau.
2. **Executive Session: Real Estate Acquisition Status, Contracts: Johnnycake Mountain Park (JMP), Personnel: Land Use Department and BVFD**
Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to come out of regular session and go into executive session at 6:02 PM (Salsedo / Chard)
Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to come out of executive session and back into regular meeting at 7:25PM (Chard / Zabel)
3. **Regular Meeting**- Meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM
4. **Accept Minutes from September 22, 2020 Regular Meeting**
September 22, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes-**Motion** made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the regular meeting minutes from September 22, 2020. (Chard/Salsedo)
5. **Citizen Comment**- Jay Warner-60C Lyon Road and Michael Boucher-277 Spielman Hwy-announced to the Board that they have been appointed to serve as Assistant Chief and Chief respectfully for BVFD. Both Jay and Mike have served in these positions in the past. They assured the Board that BVFD will continue to operate effectively.
Richard Miller-Cricket Lane-stated that pandemic masks should be mandated in Town Hall and the Library.
Shafer indicated that masks and CDC guidelines are strongly encouraged and anyone entering municipal buildings has their temperatures taken and are asked all of the COVID-19 and travel advisory questions.
6. **Appointments to Boards and Commissions**- none
7. **JMP Authorizations**-
Testing of water samples need to be taken at Johnnycake Mountain Park.
Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to recommend to the Board of Finance to authorize the expenditure of up to \$300 for Grella Well Services to do water testing at Johnnycake Mountain Park. (Zabel/Salsedo)
Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to recommend to the Board of Finance to authorize the expenditure up to \$3000 for Johnnycake Mountain Park renderings concept for use of the property. (Chard/Zabel)
Motion to amend the agenda to add agenda item 7A. Town Hall Roof. (Zabel/Chard)

- 7A. **Town Hall Roof**
Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to recommend to the Board of Finance to authorize the expenditure of up to \$77,000 to complete roofing at Town Hall. (Zabel/Byrne)
8. **Library Lane Property Acquisition Status**
The Planning & Zoning Commission at its October 8th meeting voted 6 to 1 in favor of the 8-24 referral. This land acquisition process will now move forward to BOF for funding authorization and then to BOS October 27th meeting for a vote under pandemic Executive Order JJ to purchase the property on Library Lane. Final step is property closing with Dwight Harris.
9. **Selectmens' Reports**
Chard- asked when Town Hall might open further. First Selectman Shafer indicated that the Town Hall has been open to public the entire time since March 2020 to residents and visitors but doors have remained locked to avoid community spread among staff and public safety. Residents and visitors have been effectively serviced by appointment, phone, email and walk up windows (Tax and Town Clerk offices). Plexi glass has been installed in each office in Town Hall and services to the public are being evaluated weekly. In the coming weeks the Library will further open by appointment and curb side service/virtual programming will continue. Title searchers can access land records online and by appointment with the Town Clerks.
Shafer - Local restaurant Sherman's Tap House will be re-opening this Thursday as a result of Phase 3 Executive Orders.
Town residents received invitation from CT DEEP -David Irving (Forester) to discuss upcoming timber harvest on October 18th @ 1:30PM-meeting at the parking area between gates on Stone Road
Zabel-questioned how voting will be handled on Nov 3rd with respect to crowds and social distancing.
Shafer stated he has scheduled meetings on Oct 16th & Oct 30th with Registrars, Town Clerk, DPW, Police and Fire Chief to coordinate safety protocols and procedures.
10. **Adjourn** – **Motion** made, seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn meeting at 8:10PM. (Zabel/Salsedo)