



## Town of Burlington

### BURLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Tuesday, October 22, 2019 – Burlington Town Hall

1. **Call Meeting to Order** - Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM. Present was First Selectman Ted Shafer, Selectmen Chard, Zabel, Byrne and recording clerk Allison Tharau.
2. **Review/Accept Minutes** – **Motion** made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes from October 8, 2019 as written. (Chard/Byrne)
3. **Citizen Comment** – None
4. **Appointments to Boards and Commissions** – David Goshdigian, 15 Deerfield Trace, expressed his interest in filling the 4 year full term vacancy on our Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission (IWWC). Richard Jones, 33 Black Walnut Lane, expressed his interest in filling the 4 year full term vacancy on our Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission (IWWC). Both candidates expressed preference for the full 4 year term vacancy but would consider the 2 year Alternate position vacancy, if appointed.

**Motion** made, seconded and passed unanimously to recess the board meeting at 7:13PM so members can discuss the candidates for vacancies in caucus. (Zabel/Chard)

**Motion** made, seconded and passed unanimously to reconvene the meeting at 7:22PM. (Zabel/Chard)

**Motion** made, seconded and passed unanimously to appoint Richard Jones to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission 4 year term effective immediately to 6/30/2023. (Chard/Zabel)

**Motion** made, seconded and passed unanimously to appoint David Goshdigian to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission Alternate 2 year term effective immediately to 6/30/2021. (Chard/Zabel)

5. **2020 Meeting Schedule** – The 2020 Meeting schedule for the Board of Selectmen was discussed and will remain the same for next year.
6. **Banking Resolution** –  
“RESOLVED, that the Town of Burlington, acting herein by its Board of Selectmen, hereby designates Bank of NY, Torrington Savings Bank, U.S. Bank and Peoples United Bank as official depositories for the funds of the Town Treasurer of the Town of Burlington, fiscal year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020.”  
In discussion, Selectman Zabel expressed a reservation about Peoples United Bank.
7. **Motion** made (Chard), seconded (Zabel) and passed unanimously approved:
8. **Charter Review** – The Board of Selectmen continued to discuss the possibility of organizing a Charter Review Committee for their work to be completed in a timely fashion to be voted on by the residents at the Nov 2020 Presidential election. Board discussed authorizing the creation of a Charter Revision Committee by the end of November and then appoint resident committee members within 30 days. Committee could begin in January 2020 meeting at least twice a month to meet target completion of July 1<sup>st</sup>. First Selectman Shafer will post notice on town website to invite any resident interested in joining committee and report back on response at the next regular meeting. The Board will continue to review suggested Charter topics/sections for assignment to the committee.
9. **Selectmen’s Reports** –  
Shafer – First Selectman Shafer discussed wildlife concerns and the rising issues with coyotes attacking pets. He has been working with Burlington Animal Control and has invited a DEEP Biologist to speak to town residents at a future Board meeting, hopefully for Nov 12<sup>th</sup>. A LSM High School Juried Art Show was held on October 21<sup>st</sup> and was well received with 30 people attending.

Byrne – Nothing

Zabel-Nothing

Chard – Selectmen Chard mentioned two residents contacted him with concerns of a letter sent to the PZC/POCD from the Whigville Preservation Group petitioning to make changes to the regulations to limit Neighborhood Business to “agricultural use” only. The two Residents expressed concern with values of property if regulation changes were adopted. Chard will ask the residents to send letter stating concerns to the PZC.

Salsedo – Not at meeting.

10. **Budget/Procurement** – Special joint meeting between the BOS and BOF will be held on Tuesday October 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM at the Town Hall.
11. **Old Business** – Selectman Chard suggested listing Old Business items on agenda to give residents a chance to comment.
  1. Johnnycake Mountain Park (JMP)-First Selectman Shafer received a document from Kurt Prochorena, BSC Landscape Architect, requesting a cost amendment to the original contract. Surveying, wetlands delineation has been completed. Finalizing bid package to go out in January/February in hopes to break ground on phase 1 in the Spring.
  2. Clear Brook Road/MDC- First Selectman Shafer to invite Town Attorney to future BOS meeting to discuss.
12. **Executive Session** – Security, Real Estate Acquisition, Personnel: Succession, Contracts: Senior Housing, Bargaining Unit. **Motion** made, seconded and approved unanimously to go into Executive Session at 8:25 PM. (Chard/Byrne) **Motion** made, seconded and passed unanimously to conclude Executive Session at 10:15PM.
13. **Adjourn** - **Motion** made (Chard), seconded (Byrne) and passed unanimously to adjourn meeting at 10:16 PM.

Carl Salsedo, Secretary