



## Town of Burlington

### BURLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Tuesday, November 26, 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, Salsedo, Zabel and recording clerk Allison Tharau. Selectmen Byrne was absent.
2. **Review/Accept Minutes** – **Motion** made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes from November 12, 2019 as written. (Chard/Salsedo) Abstained: Zabel
3. **Citizen Comment** – Scott Tharau, Director of Public Works, discussed the need to purchase a new brush hog attachment for skid steer to maintain retention ponds. The equipment has a state approved purchase price of \$9,450 and would be funded from the retention pond reserve account.  
**Motion** made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the purchase of the brush hog as presented by Scott Tharau, Director of Public Works, not to exceed \$10,000. (Salsedo/Chard)
4. **Appointments to Boards and Commissions** – no new appointments.
5. **Lewis S. Mills Civics Presentation- Dog Park** -First Selectman Ted Shafer explained that as part of LSM civics class assignments, students need to research and present a municipal project that would improve the quality of life in Town or solve a problem that exists within the Town.  
LSM Seniors, Mikayla Murphy and Skye Pracuta were present and provided a short presentation on the benefits of a new dog park in Burlington. They provided details such as possible locations, size, equipment needed, maintenance and funding options.  
Katy Iererdi, Animal Control Officer, worked with the seniors providing them with information on local and state enforcement statutes to provide a safe environment.  
  
**Motion** made, seconded and passed unanimously to move agenda item 7 before 6. (Chard/Zabel)
7. **CT DOT Connectivity Grant** – First Selectman Ted Shafer and Scott Tharau, Director of Public Works, discussed that the Town applied for and was awarded a CT DOT Connectivity Grant. The Community Connectivity Grant Program is an infrastructure improvement program that seeks to provide construction funding only for local initiatives that will improve the roadway safety and accessibility for people, encouraging more people to use these healthy and environmentally sustainable modes of travel. The town was awarded a construction matching grant in the amount of \$350,000 to improve visibility on Route 4 at the Punch Brook/Barnes Hill Road intersection. The Town would be responsible for covering the costs of designing the project. Tharau stated that the \$350,000 would only provide for low level fixes and that to fully complete & fund the project on Route 4 to improve visibility would well exceed the \$350,000. An alternative project for the grant money would be to complete Phase 2 of the sidewalk/streetscape project in the center of town connecting Library Lane at Route 4 to Route 69 at Route 4 intersection (by CVS). There was unanimous, positive board consensus to move forward with design feasibility/costs analysis and discussions with CT DOT regarding the alternative sidewalk/streetscape project and to develop a new complete project design for the original Barnes Hill/Punchbrook intersection to assist in seeking alternative larger grant/funding sources for that initiative.

6. **Charter Review-** First Selectman Ted Shafer referred the Selectmen to a memorandum dated September 3, 2019 from Duncan Forsyth, Town Attorney regarding the Charter Review and Revision Process. He stated that within 30 days of authorizing the creation of a Charter Revision Committee, the BOS shall appoint its members. Shafer provided the residents in attendance with a brief overview of the Charter Revision tasks. The following residents expressed interest in joining the Committee and provided the BOS with a brief personal/professional background:  
Tony DiNicola, Laurie Gara, Barry Faticoni, Kathy Boulier, JP Parente, Ginger Doherty, Jeff Vosburgh and Antoinette Vosburgh.  
Also interested in joining the committee not in attendance is Michael Boucher and Ellie Parente. Shafer stated that other residents interested will be at the next BOS meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup>. David Goshdigian has already spoken to the Board about his interest in serving & background at last BOS meeting.
8. **Selectman's Reports –**  
Zabel – Saw a posting on social media site about a piece of property on Library Lane being developed. First Selectman Shafer stated that any discussion & information on possible development would be more proper to discuss in Planning & Zoning Commission meetings and Town's Land Use Department, rather than BOS.  
Salsedo - Commented that he received several positive comments on the wildlife series presentations at our BOS meetings. Suggested more of them and other possible topics for future presentations.  
Chard - Pulled a permit in the Land Use Office using the new permitting software which was very user friendly. Information is stored for future permitting.  
Shafer- Community events: Nov 28<sup>th</sup> 5K Turkey Trot where proceeds go to St. Jude Hospital. Dec 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday Sing on Town Green where Brown Elton Tavern will be open to residents to enjoy.
9. **Budget/Procurement –** Ellie Parente, Director of Finance, will distribute and outline budget process in January 2020 BOS meeting.
10. **Old Business-**  
Johnnycake Mountain Park-Landscape Architect updated the BOS at the last meeting.  
Clear Brook Road- Town Attorney will be attending the December 10, 2019 meeting to discuss.
11. **Executive Session-** Security, Real Estate Acquisition, Personnel; Succession, Contracts: Senior Housing, Bargaining Unit.  
  
**Motion** made, seconded and passed unanimously to go into Executive Session at 8:40PM.  
(Chard/Salsedo).  
Invited into Executive Session; Allison Tharau until 9:20PM.  
  
**Motion** made, seconded and passed unanimously to conclude Executive Session and back into regular session at 10:14PM. (Salsedo /Chard ).
12. **Adjourn – Motion** made, seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn meeting at 10:15PM (Chard /Salsedo ).