



Town of Burlington

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016

The Special Town Meeting of electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings in the Town of Burlington, CT was called to order at 7:03 pm by First Selectman, Theodore C. Shafer, Selectmen Chard, Powell, Bereza and Salsedo were present.

Approximately Seventy-Five (75) residents were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Nominations for moderator of the meeting were opened. Jim Chard/Roger Powell nominated Theodore C. Shafer. No further nominations were received. A motion to close nominations was made and passed. [Powell/Chard]

Theodore C. Shafer was appointed moderator for this meeting.

Mary-Jane Ugalde, Town Clerk read the call of the meeting.

The moderator went over the protocols for speaking at the meeting.

ITEM 1: Resolution regarding Second Amendment to Municipal Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Services Agreement for Bristol Facility Policy Board.

Guest speaker Mark Bobman, executive director of the Bristol Resource Recovery Facility operating committee, gave a brief overview of the amendment to the Municipal Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Services Agreement. Fourteen communities banded together to build a waste energy facility to burn trash creating steam that generates electricity. In 2014 the original contract expired. The towns signed a new contract directly with COVANTA Bristol. This amendment would give unlimited access to the facility for residential waste coming from the fourteen communities and a formula would be used to create steady, consistent deliveries from the commercial haulers in the region. If the commercial haulers used a different facility this formula would lower their allocation to the Bristol facility. This would ensure that residential waste from the fourteen communities would be guaranteed and would no longer subject to fluctuations of the market because of commercial operations.

First Selectman Shafer asked for a motion to accept Resolution Regarding the Second Amendment to Municipal Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Services Agreement for Bristol Facility Policy Board as stated in Item 1. A motion to accept Item 1 was made by Roger Powell, seconded by Jim Chard.

The moderator opened Item 1 to discussion and questions:



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Comments & Questions:

Paul Stawarz	37 Woodhaven Drive
Ted Nedderman	18 Cider Mill Road
Jerry Romaniec	11 Rock Street
James Grappone	106 Barnes Hill Road

Upon no further comments or discussion, Mr. Shafer called for a voice vote on the motion for Item 1. Item 1 passed.

ITEM 2: To adjourn to a Referendum on May 24, 2016 to vote on whether the Town of Burlington purchase 57.995 acres of land located at 130 Johnnycake Mountain Road in Burlington for \$1,675,000,000 for active recreational uses or related municipal purposes.

Shafer gave an abbreviated version of the information presented at the four informational sessions held regarding the purchase of 130 Johnnycake Mountain Road at the intersections of Rock Road, Johnnycake Mountain Road and Mountain Top Pass. With the growth of the population the need for active and passive recreational fields has increased over the last eleven years. Along with passive uses such as ice skating, fishing derby and a playground, it is estimated that four fields could be developed for active recreational use. At the referendum on March 24, 2015; appropriations of \$2.18 million for the acquisition and improvement for active recreation uses or other related municipal purposes (such as a roadway, parking, structures to house highway equipment) was passed. The Board of Selectmen began a site selection process, identifying properties over ten acres. The properties were evaluated based on different variables (access, buildable land, land/soil composition, wetlands). The Johnnycake Mountain Farm property was the best available property for this project. The Board of Selectmen obtained an appraisal of the property dated 12/4/2015. The property valued at \$1.675 million. The BOS negotiated and entered into a sales agreement with the owner on 3/1/2016. Terms of the sales agreement indicate the closing date as 7/1/2016. A phase 1 environmental study was completed in March of 2016. There was no evidence of hazardous waste or oils; additional testing on the metal panels on one of the barns for asbestos came back negative; the well on site has been tested with no issues found. If the question passes at referendum; a design committee would be created and made up of residents, landscape architect, parks & recreation commission and director, public works director. Each phase of development would have to go through Planning & Zoning to receive a special permit. Future funding sources over the bonding monies include 5013c (private donations), STEAP grants and the annual budget. Future estimated costs are \$902,500. A traffic consultant was hired to collect and analyze data for the area and will be posted on the town's website when information is received.

Comments & Questions:

Scott Tharau	Public Works Director
Barbara Dahle	100 Spielman Highway
Tom Werle	12 Highfields Drive
Tricia Twomey	Parks & Rec Director
Doug DiPaola	24 Old Field Road
Duncan Forsyth	Town Attorney
Roger Powell	76 Charolais Way
Nancy Romaniec	11 Rock Street
Paul Stawarz	37 Woodhaven Road
Jerry Romaniec	11 Rock Street



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Debbie Fields	211 Stone Road
Yannick Croiger	95 Charolais Way
Kimberly Cyr	42 Claire Hill Road
Tania McNaboe	32 Blueberry Lane
John Jozwik	85 East Shore Blvd
Joan Baillargeon	32 Rock Road
Ted Nedderman	18 Cider Mill Road
Mary Jane Ryan	22 Bigwood Lane
John Doherty	52 Case Road
Yannick Croiger	95 Charolais Way
Steve Orlowski	9 Yorkshire Way
Jack Gedney	20 Bigwood Lane
Mike Schiedel	72 Covey Road
Tom Werle	12 Highfields Drive
Barbara Dahle	100 Spielman Highway
Abraham Shapiro	21 Polly Dan Road
Dwight Harris, Jr	43 Mountain Top Pass
Dwight Harris	22 Charolais Way
Peter Zurles	110 Vineyard Road

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting by Susan Millerick and Roger Powell.

The Special Town Budget Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary-Jane Ugalde
Town Clerk

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Robert's Rules state, "Minutes are a record of what was done at a meeting, not a record of what was said." [RONR (11th ed.) p. 468, 11. 16-18] which is the standard for which board minutes strive. For this reason the minutes will typically not reflect the discussion surrounding a motion, only its outcome.

Additionally, Robert's Rules in brief advises "This name and subject of a guest speaker of other program may be given, but no summary of the talk." [RONRIB page 149]