

Andover Board of Selectmen

Tuesday March 8, 2016 7:00 PM

Town Office Building (Community Room) 17 School Rd, Andover, CT

Regular Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order

Robert F. Burbank, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 7:00PM with the Pledge of Allegiance

BOS Members: Present:

Robert F. Burbank, First Selectman

Jeff Maguire, Vice First Selectman

Julia Haverl

Jay Linddy

BOS Members: Absent: Cathy Desrosiers

Other Attendees: Attachment #1

Agenda Item 2: Public Speak :

Cathy Palazzi announces that the winter Farmer's Market was a success and through donations they were able to give \$500.00 to Andover Elementary schools 6th grade to create an organic garden to sell at the Farmers Market.

She also recommends to the Board that if they send a person to "check" on the Market in an official capacity that they wear a badge to identify themselves. There were complaints about Mr. Chaponis when he visited the Market from visitors.

Jeff Murray, 15 Wood Fern Way voices his complaint about the signs for Wood Fern/ Shadblow Dr. and Dogwood Dr. The sign is confusing and he is asking the Board to fix this problem as people/contractors are not going to/finding his house.

Agenda Item 3: Add or Delete Items

Jay Motions to add the following items:

4.1 Resolution for Town Clerk Historic Document Preservation Grant

4.2 Appointment of an Ethics Committee

4.3 Resident at 15 Dogwood Lane requesting Street sign for Dogwood Lane

4.4 To received the Andover Fire Department monthly detail report

4.5 Add 2015-2016 Budget

4.6 Add 2016-2017 Budget

Jeff Maguire Seconded

Motion Passed/ Unanimous

Jeff Maguire Motions to add Town Contracts, **Item 4.7** and Public Works Dept.,

Item 4.8

Julia Haverl Seconds

Motion Passed/ Unanimous

Agenda Item 4: 64 Long Hill Road Easement

Robert Burbank advises the Board that Cathy Desrosiers requested that the Board not take any action until she returns. This will be for discussion after the presentation from Mr. Valente.

John Valente, Zoning Agent hands out maps of the topic property to the Board for review and discussion. He begins by speaking about the 8-24 referral that was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission in June 2015. John states that the Easement was to be for two residential lots only and the remainder of the land was to be put in Conservation. The Easement language when the final draft was present to him and the Commission did not follow the P&Z understanding of how the Easement language should read. The Commission had a Special Meeting on February 29, 2016 to discuss the Easement language and they believed that they would be able to successfully rework it. The Commission had wanted the rear lot to be in Conservation however Attorney Willis informed them that they could not restrict the back lot land to Conservation. It could however provide open space land. The reworking of the language that the Planning and Zoning Commission did at the Special Meeting they believed it was fair to the owners who were consulted on it. The new language is on page 2, in bold, on the Easement document (attachment #2). John Valente read it out loud to the Board. He then goes on to state that he is not present to discuss liability and legal issues only the property issues. Mr. Valente stated that he does not feel that this easement would set a precedent in the Town. This would also allow the Town access to Town property. If the Town held this easement as a benchmark he doubts that any other applicant could meet the standards that this applicant has done.

Bob Burbank asks Mr. Anderson if he would like to speak on this.

Eric Anderson, Chairman, Planning and Zoning Commission states that the Town usually frowns upon an easement on Town property since the applicants are trying to cross Town land to get to rear lots. The P&Z Commission was however favorable in granting a new 8-24 referral and the BOS is charging a fee for access.

Julia Haverl asks what prompted the Commission to approach other land owners (Talbot/Archibald) regarding conservation land?

Eric Anderson we failed to contact Mr. Archibald and Mr. Talbot approach them coincidentally regarding this land (Talbot's).

Julia Haverl asks about the Route 6 corridor plan and how it fits in.

Bob Burbank replies that that is a dead issue right now.

Julia Haverl States she is talking about how the Rte. 6 Economic Development Plan relates to the 64 Long Hill Rd. acreage?

Eric Anderson replies that this plan does not really apply at this time to the plan.

Jeff Maguire asks Mr. Anderson if he was aware that this priority property was for sale before it was bought?

Eric Anderson replies that the Commission became aware of it 3-4 days before it sold.

Jeff Maguire inquires if the First Selectman knew this was a priority property. If so why did they (PZC) not know sooner?

Bob Burbank replies that there were signs and it was advertised he was not aware that it was a priority property.

Julia Haverl has a question about the Attorney John Mentioned and asked how that relates.

John Valente replies that he was informed that it would best going through the easement language to receive what they are requesting. The Commission was under the impression that with a Special Permit it was their discretion how they could use the property. Attorney Willis informed them that they could not use it as a tool. There are to be no future sub-divisions of the two lots off the easement or the remaining 30-41 acres currently designated as "conservation".

Bob Burbank asks the Board if they want to Vote or wait for Cathy Desrosiers?

Julia Haverl is in favor of proceeding since Cathy has said that if the P&Z Commission approved the language she was good.

Bob Burbank that does not give her a vote and if it does not pass we would have to rework the language since you can't bring the same motion to the floor.

Jeff Maguire would like to take it to a vote

Jay Lindy takes issue with a letter has that details 3 lots on the Easement.

Julia Haverl clarifies what is being voted on regarding the Easement. She believes it is a fair deal for the town the only two changes on the language are the width of the easement or the access drive from 50ft to 45ft and the Conservation land (30-41 acres).

Julia Haverl Motion to approve the conservation plan as presented by Planning and Zoning and negotiated with the applicants and approve this easement in this format with the changes that are in it tonight.

Jeff Maguire Seconded

Motion Failed 2/2/0 Jeff Maguire and Jay Lindy Opposed

4.1 Resolution for Town Clerk Historic Document Preservation Grant

Jay Lindy Motions that the board accepts the resolution document
(attachment #3)

Jeff Maguire Seconded

Motion Passed/Unanimous

4.2 Appointment of an Ethics Committee

Jay Lindy Motions that we appoint an Ethics Committee in the next few weeks and add to the Agenda at the next BOS meeting.

Julia Haverl Seconded

Motion Passed/Unanimous

4.3 Resident at 15 Dogwood Lane requesting Street sign for Dogwood Lane

Jeff Maguire **Motions** that the First Selectman have the signs fixed in this area.

Jay Linddy **Seconded**

Motion Passed/Unanimous

4.4 To received the Andover Fire Department monthly detail report

Jay Linddy presents the Fire Dept log for the month to of February (attachment #5)

to the Board. He expresses the Fire Chiefs request to be on the Agenda each month.

Jeff Maguire likes this type of report and believes that it is important for the Town to see this information. He thinks that the BOS should see this type of information from all departments once a month.

4.5 Add 2015-2016 Budget

Jay Linddy comments that there are only 3 months left until the end of the fiscal year and he brings up the furnace that is needed and since the money is in the Budget now it should be used.

suggests that we get 3 up to date bids for the furnace

Bob Burbank replies that he has the bids and one of them was too high for

consideration.

Jeff Maguire wanted to see the bids prior to this meeting and states that they should have been available in Bob's office.

Jay Linddy does not want to give the money back. If the Town waits and one of the furnaces goes down it could be a major disaster if the pipes freeze. He states that we need to do something.

Jeff Maguire asks the First Selectman if he talked to anyone

Bob Burbank replies that he went before CIP last year and now we are spinning our wheels.

Jay Linddy states that CIP should give us a recommendation. We are not in emergency mode at this time however we need to do something before the fiscal year is done.

Julia Haverl we need a recommendation before the next BOS meeting.
The Board need to see all three original bids.

Jay Linddy brings up the Resident State Trooper's budget and how the Town was short 28K. He asks do we need to do something?

Bob Burbank replies that he went to the BOF and they advised him to over extend the budget and pay it. This was done on a motion by the BOF.

Jay Linddy discusses the mowing of the Recreation fields and asks that the Money for the mowing be moved into the Recreation budget.

Jeff Maguire suggests that we discuss it at the April BOS meeting.

4.6 Add 2016-2017 Budget

To be discussed in separate meetings

Robert Burbank sets the special budget meetings as follows:

Thursday March 10, 2016 2:00PM

Monday March 14, 2016 5:00PM

Wednesday March 16, 2016 4:00PM

4.7 Contracts

Jeff Maguire discusses contracts the first being CCM he would like to know who signs that. He then brings up the Eversource bill that has doubled and he found out that a new contract was signed and it changed from Trans Canada and is now Constellation Energy. He would like to know why the BOS does not know about these first prior to the contract being signed. He has a problem with that.

Jeff Maguire motions that the First Selectman and his assistant are solely responsible for the organizing and maintaining all contracts in the Selectman's office.

Jay Lindy Seconded

Jeff Maguire would like all contracts available at the next BOS meeting

Bob Burbank states that the contracts should be kept in the Treasurers Office where the finances are done. There is too much traffic in the First Selectman's office.

Jeff Maguire does not feel that Bob Burbank shares the information with The treasurer. He does not think that Bob Burbank asks the Boards opinion on contracts he just signs them.

Jay Linddy would like to see the Town Clerk have the contracts since they have a vault.

Jeff Maguire has no issue with that suggestion however the First Selectman With the help of his assistant need to put all the contracts together so that They are available.

Motion Passed/Unanimous

4.8 Public Works

Jeff Maguire asks the First Selectman what public works has been doing since there has not been much snow this winter.

Bob Burbank replies that he has a report in his office that he will provide him.

Jeff Maguire asks for an idea of what they have done.

Bob Burbank replies cleaning up the roads from winter and doing vehicle maintenance.

5.0 Hiring of Town Treasurer

Tabled

6.0 Old Cemetery Committee

Cathy Palazzi committee member would like to know why it is on the Agenda

since they are fine?

Bob Burbank replies that it was recommended since they still need two alternates.

Jeff Maguire asks if the public works crew have done anything to assist the Committee.

Bob Burbank replies that that they have and describes some of the work that they have done.

7.0 Soccer Fields

Tabled until after the IWWC Meeting on March 14, 2016

8.0 Approval of Board of Selectmen Minutes

a. 2/22/2016 Budget Workshop

Jay Lindy Motions to approve the Minutes from 2/22/2016.

Jeff Maguire Seconded

Motion Passed/3/0/1 Julia Haverl Abstained

B.2/09/2016 Regular Meeting

Jay Lindy Motions to approve the Minutes from 2/09/2016.

Julia Haverl Seconded with the following correction, Page 1, Agenda Item 2

Correct Fernwood to read Wood Fern.

Motion Passed/Unanimous

Agenda Item 9: Treasure's Monthly Report

5a. Monthly Fund Balance: (Bank Account Summary)

5b. Monthly Financial Report: (Budget Summary)

Jay Linddy Motions to approve the January Bank Account Summary and the Budget Summary as presented.

Julia Haverl Seconded

Motion Passed/ Unanimous

Agenda Item 10: Tax Refunds

None

Agenda Item 11: Tax Collectors Monthly Report

a. Monthly Cash Report

b. Grand Rate Book Balance Sheet Report

Jeff Maguire Motions to approve the Monthly Cash Report and the Grand Rate Book Balance Sheet Report

Jay Linddy Seconded

Motion Passed/ Unanimous

Agenda Item 12: 2015 Grand List Totals

Review and brief discussion. No action/motion

Jeff Maguire requests that the assessor attend the next meeting

Bob Burbank suggests that Jeff talks to him outside the meeting.

Agenda Item 13: Public Speak

Dianne Grenier reports that the Town Annual Report from the Annual; Town Committee is doing really well. They are just waiting for the Auditor. She would also like to know if the Town has received a lot of complaints about crumbling house

foundations and if so do they have a list.

Curt Dowling brings up the Fire Department insurance and talks about the bids that he presented to the BOF on 3/7. He is looking for the companies to come back with a re-quote. He is giving the BOS a heads up that it is heading to them next. They are from UDIF, CIRMA and ESIP. Curt recommends that the Town re-bid the furnace since there are many companies out there that would like to bid on it. In regards to mowing, he tells the BOS what the fire department does for bids. Curt also speaks out in defense of the Town Public Works Dept. stating that he believes that they need more help not supervision. The last thing he speaks about is the easement. He is not happy, as a tax payer with the entire process. The Town voted for the Easement and they are not following that. He believes that they have put the applicants through "hell". They along with the Town have spent a lot of money on this.

Chris Weinsbicki wants to clear up a rumor that he has heard about the easement and says that their intentions have not changed and anything else that was stated is not true.

Scott Person mentions what occurred at the P&Z Special Meeting.

Agenda Item 14: Next Board of Selectman Meeting April 12, 2016

Agenda Item 20: Adjourn

Julia Haverl Motions to adjourn at 9:45 PM

Jay Lindy Seconded

Motion Passed/Unanimous

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Sandra Nichols

All attachments are filed with the official copy of the minutes in the office of the Town Clerk. Unofficial copies of the minutes are posted on the Town of Andover Web site

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