

Andover Board of Selectmen
Tuesday June 14, 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 7:05PM with the Pledge of Allegiance

BOS Members: Present:

Robert F. Burbank, First Selectman

Jeff Maguire, Vice First Selectman

Julia Haverl

Jay Linddy

Cathy Desrosiers

BOS Members: Absent: None

Other Attendees: Attachments #1

Agenda Item 2: Public Speak :

Dan Warren asks the Board about the School roof and the additional funds that are needed for it. He wanted to know if it would be added to the agenda?

Dianne Grenier speaks on the CNG Infusion Station and adds that she has attended all the meetings, read the literature and looked up information on the web. She would like the Town to do the same prior to proceeding for safety reasons.

Cathy Palazzi reads aloud a letter to the BOS in regards to the Andover Farmer's Market. (attachment #2)

John Corl spoke on CNG and the impact it would have on the Andover lake damn and the ambient light that would effect all living nearby.

Barbara Hallisey submits and reads aloud a statement in writing that references the Andover POCD. (attachment #3)

Kathleen Knox asks if the property is zoned for this type of business. She also reads a letter to the Town (attachment #4) that notes that there has been a lot of improvements that have been made on Route 6 for safety and having this amount of tanker trucks on this road would be a risk to those traveling on it and to the residence of Andover.

Art Wood would like the BOS to call for a special town meeting/referendum so that the residents of Andover can vote on it and not leave it to Planning and Zoning.

David Ziff would like to see a full financial disclosure of the financial impact it would have on the Town. He also mentions the noise pollution and questions what will happen if and when the company pulls out of the Town.

Patrick Madore sites many of the statutes in the Towns regulations

Adrian Mandeville mentions what the State would look for money wise and stresses that the Town needs to focus on what we can do not what we con not do. He continues to expand on the CNG proposal.

Karen (inaudible) reads a written statement on the dangers of the CNG infusion station.

Ron Mike, Fire Chief strongly urges the BOS to purchase the supplemental insurance coverage for the fire department as he believes it is necessary since there are many loop holes in the insurance that they now have (he expounds on this).

Nancy Sheehan brings up a concern about the school area if CNG is allowed to proceed since this is an evacuation area.

Joan Foran asks the BOS to set up an Ordinance Committee.

Inaudible name/ gentlemen voices his concern about the safety of the CNG project, the cost and the effect on property values.

George Kitchin states that the Town does not know enough about the project and he would like to see a question and answer session with CNG.

George Upton is there an emergency response plan? If so has it been evaluated? He then brings up the past when there were truck accessing the road.

Andrea Maloney she would like to see the safety numbers and does not think that the risks are worth the tax benefits.

John Benda states that as they have heard the trucks will run 24/7 this is an environmental and safety concern and he would recommend a referendum.

Cathy Palazzi thanked the Firefighters for their service

Agenda Item 3: Add or Delete Items

Jay Lindy Motions to add the Parking situation on Shoddy Mill Rd to the Agenda under item 9a.

Cathy Desrosiers Seconded

Motion Passed/Unanimous

Jay Lindy requests that Agenda Item 9 be moved to Agenda Item 6a.

Cathy Desrosiers Motions to add the Annual Report to Item 11a.

The RFP for the Library windows to Item 11b.

The Public Works position to Item 11c.00

Jay Lindy Seconded

Motion Passed/Unanimous

Jay Lindy Motions to add the road repair plan to item 11d.

Julia Haverl Seconded

Motion Passed/Unanimous

Julia Haverl Motions to add the appointed committees to item 11e.

Jay Lindy Seconded

Motion Passed/Unanimous

Agenda Item 4: Fire Department Monthly Report:

Robert Burbank reads the report (attachment #3)

Agenda Item 5: Town Treasurer-Maureen Barber was hired

Informational agenda item only

Agenda Item 6: Fire Department Request for Gap Coverage:

Jay Lindy **Motions** to approve the supplemental insurance money for the fire departments gap coverage.

Julia Haverl **Seconded**

Jeff Maguire discusses what the actual cost would be according to the budget that was approved.

Discussion among the Board Members

Motion Passed/Unanimous

Agenda Item 6a: CNG Natural Gas Infusion Station(previously Agenda Item 9):

Jay Linndy requested that this be added to the agenda after the Board of Ed. Meeting that he attended a referendum was requested. He asks if this is binding?

Jeff Maguire replies that it is not binding

Jay Linddy **Motions** that we should not support the CNG Gas Infusion Station on Route 6 due to health and safety reasons.

Jeff Maguire **Seconded**

Cathy Desrosiers comments that after talking to the DOT they are not concerned about 240 trucks coming in and out of the site every day. She also mentions that John Valente, Zoning Agent had talked about the Town Regulation 4.1 with her that would address this.

Julia Haverl would like the public who came in with letters to submit them to the Building Dept. She continues to reference the mentioned regulations that the public commented on and that she heard that after approximately 10yrs they would not need to be at the site.

Robert Burbank states that all these references that are being made are under the Planning and Zoning Regulations and should not influence any decision since it is up to Planning and Zoning.

Motion Passed/Unanimous

Agenda Item 7: Hop River Homes-abatement ordinance requested :

The Board reviews the request (attachment #5)

Jeff Maquire Motions to approve the requested abatement
Cathy Desrosiers Seconded

Julia Haverl would like this tabled until the meeting next month so there is more time to review it.

Motion withdrawn

Agenda Item 8. Charter Revision:

Jay Lindy distributes a two page handout (attachment #6) and reads through it.

Jay Lindy Motions that a Charter Revision Commission be initiated pursuant to General Statutes section 7-188.

Julia Haverl Seconded

Motion Passed/Unanimous

Jeff Maguire Motions pursuant to General Statutes section 7-190(a) that the following electors be appointed to the Charter Revision Commission:

Angela Montemagni
Stephan F. Willard II
Ken R. Marcia
Adrian Mandeville
George Elliott

Jeff Maguire Motions pursuant to General Statutes 7-190(b) that the Charter Revision Committee consider amending Chapters VII and V of the Charter to create the salaried employee position of Chief Administrative Officer appointed by the Board of Selectmen, and transfer the responsibilities of the First Selectman to the Chief Administrative Officer.

Julia Haverl Seconded

Motion Passed/Unanimous

Julia Haverl Motions pursuant to General Statutes section 7-190(b) that the Draft Report of the Charter Revision Commission be submitted to the Board of Selectmen on or before July 12, 2016.

Jeff Maguire Seconded

Motion Passed/Unanimous

Agenda Item 9. CNG

Discussed under Item 6a

Agenda Item 9a: Parking Issue on Shoddy Mill Road:

Jay Lindy Informs the Board that there has been a church operating on this road since September without a permit. He notes that sometimes there could be up to 70 cars parked on the side of the road that interfere with traffic to the dump, regular traffic and pedestrian and bicycle traffic. He presents a letter written by John Valente, Zoning Agent and a Map of the region (attachment #7).

Jay Lindy Motions that the BOS authorize to have no parking signs placed on Shoddy Mill Rd from Lot 93-20.

Julia Haverl Seconded

Brief discussion on the parking situation and what fines may be imposed if violated.

Motion Passed/Unanimous

Agenda Item 10: Auditor Withdrawal:

The auditor will not continue next year and the BOF will look into this. Informational item.

Agenda Item 11: Statewide Mill Rate:

Robert Burbank relays information to the Board on what the state is restricting and that it does not effect Andover. Informational

Agenda Item a: Annual Report

Julia Haverl Motions to accept the Annual Report as presented

Cathy Desrosiers Seconded

Discussion among the Board and Dianne Grenier on the report and procedure/funds.

Motion Passed/Unanimous

Agenda Item 11b. RFP Library Windows:

Cathy Desrosiers asks the First selectman if he needs the specs to put in the paper and he replies that he does. She will provide him this information.

Agenda Item 11c: Public Works:

Discussion on the Manager Position that was put into the Budget and approved. Jay Linddy states that before they can advertise they need to work with the Union. Jay Linddy will keep the Board updated.

Agenda Item 11d: Road Repairs:

Jay Linddy inquires what roads are scheduled to be work on and what the plan is? **Robert Burbank** replies that he spoke with Eddie, the Foreman, and they discussed the roads and the drainage situation. There is no formal plan in place at this time since they are still doing an evaluation of the roads.

Discussion

Jeff Maguire Motions that all road work between this meeting and the next meeting be put on hold until the Board sees a plan regarding the roads.

Cathy Desrosiers Seconds

Discussion among the Board members regarding this situation. The First Selectman states that if this is done necessary work will not be completed before winter. Cathy Desrosiers mentions Gerry Hardisty, an engineer in the Town, who is not being utilized.

Motion Passed 4/0/1 Robert Burbank Opposed

Agenda Item 11e: Committees:

Julia Haverl references a letter written by Carol Lee, Town Clerk to Robert Burbank in regards to appointed committee members receiving letters and being sworn in. This has not been happening and she believes that it is the First Selectman's job to make sure this it done. Julia Haverl and Jeff Maguire agree to work together on this process.

Agenda Item 12: Approval of Board of Selectmen Minutes

a. 5/10/2016 Regular Meeting

Jeff Maguire Motions to approve the 5/10/2016 Minutes

Cathy Desrosiers Seconds

Motion Passed/Unanimous

Agenda Item 13. Treasure's Monthly Report

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

5b. Monthly Financial Report: (Budget Summary)

Jay Lindy Motions to accept the Monthly Fund Balance as presented

Cathy Desrosiers Seconded

Motion Passed/Unanimous

Jay Lindy Motions to accept the Monthly Financial Report.

Julia Haverl Seconded

Motion Passed/Unanimous

Julia Haverl would like the title of the Reports to be changed.

Agenda Item 14: Tax Refunds: NONE

No discussion

Agenda Item 15: Tax Collectors Monthly Report:

Jay Lindy Motions to accept the Tax Collectors Monthly Report.

Julia Haverl Seconded

Motion Passed/Unanimous

Agenda Item 16: Public Speak:

Ken Marcia thanks the Board for their position regarding the Health and Safety on the CNG Project.

Joan Foran speaks about the Town Engineer and how he is qualified and has not been utilized. Joan also is upset that she has been appointed to a Committee and has never received a letter and has not been sworn in. She directs her comments to the First Selectman and states that it is his responsibility to make sure that this is done for all Committees.

Elizabeth Houle comments on CNG

Agenda Item 17: Next Board of Selectman Meeting July 12, 2016

Agenda Item 18: Adjourn

Cathy Desrosiers Motions to adjourn at 9:20PM

Julia Haverl 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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