

BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND SEWER COMMISSIONER'S SPECIAL MEETING

May 7, 2018

Francis Faulkner Room 204

Regular Meeting 7:00 PM

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Present: Katie Green, Joan Gardner, Janet K. Adachi, Peter J. Berry, Janet K. Adachi, Town Manager
Steve Ledoux, Recording Secretary Lisa Tomyl

Absent: Jon Benson

Ms. Green opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Citizen Concerns

Terra Friedrichs, West Acton - talking about 40B project process

Chris Starr – forming Kelley's Corner Coalition public and private business, land owners, parents, residents making Kelly's Corner safe and a better design. Facebook page has been set up at KCC Acton, looking people to join and can email KCCActon@gmail.com

Operational Minutes/Chair Report

Katie Green – STAR Dinner last Thursday recognizing Acton's long standing employees

Steve Ledoux – STAR event totaled 600 years of service. CBA with teamsters and ASFME. Went over ground rules. Won't have another session until the new Town Manager starts. Working on license with food truck for coffee service at the MBTA commuter lot. Library trustees in process in interviewing for library director. Met with both today. Want a recommendation by the Town Manager by the end of the week.

Appointments

Request for Extension of Operating Hours, Round Table Entertainment, LLC

Tony Mascarin opening Holy Grail Pub and Restaurant and wants to extend serving hours. Ms. Gardner moves to approve request for extension of operating hours from 10:00 PM to midnight 7 days a week. Ms. Adachi seconds. All Ayes.

Representative Jennifer Benson

Representative Benson gave the Board an update from the State House and an update on what activities and committees she has been involved with since the last report last year. Gave the overview of the F19 Budget. Fairly modest increase. Only 2/10th of 1 percent increase. Broke down the money distribution. Terra Friedrichs, West Acton – wanted percentage of the increase in distribution for specific programs.

Selectmen Business

Committee Liaison Assignments

Ms. Green created a spreadsheet assigning Selectmen as committee liaisons.

Volunteer Recognition Recipients

Friday is all set – citations are signed for each recipient. 5:30 – 7:30 PM. Each Selectmen will announce their candidate and give a little background as to why they were nominated. Each Selectman announced their nominee:

Joan Gardner – Bill Klauer, Historical and Cemetery Commissions

Peter Berry – Susan Mitchell-Hardt, CPC

Janet Adachi – Bob Guba, Land Stewardship Committee

Katie Green – Joe Will, Recreation Commission, Dog Park Committee, Land Stewardship Committee

Jon Benson – Bob Evans, Finance Committee and School Committee

Request for Waiver of Sewer Privilege Fees, Craftsman Village Acton

Terra Friedrichs, West Acton – doesn't believe it is an affordable housing unit they are luxury units with gas fireplaces – developer is making 500K and affordable units at 250K. So developer is making millions of dollars. Suggest to not approving request.

Mr. Berry commented that the units are 2000 sq ft and 2 units will sell for 215K.

Ms. Adachi moves to grant the waiver provided the developer pays back taxes, Ms. Gardner seconds. All Ayes

Kelley's Corner Infrastructure Discussion

Andy Brockaway Chair of KCSC. Vote at TM fell short. Gave a review of the results of the Town Meeting vote and future planning and discussions up to know. Looking for a date for a future public forum possible in June or July. Jon Benson attended the recent MPO meeting to give an update as far as how the project sits. Katie reported on the email that Roland had sent to the BOS about the future of the project and the possibility of losing the TIP and what Town Meeting to put the article on again.

Ms. Adachi is supporting moving forward to the 25% design

Mr. Berry is in favor of moving forward – need to work with people who have issues with the turning lanes and the trees before going before the DOT hearing

Ms. Gardner is in favor of moving forward

Ms. Green is in favor of moving forward

Chris Starr – representing KCC. Want Kelley's Corner improved. Differ in how this change will happen and how much this will cost the Town of Acton. The corner will turn into a warzone and businesses will suffer for two years (during construction) as it will be turned over to the state. Feels the promise that the Selectmen will protect the business is hollow since most of the project will be overseen by the state. Feels that the work will put children in harm's way. His tenant's life will be destroyed with the construction. Would hope the Selectmen would listen to the people to have a more local control. Thinks that improvements can get started now. People really need to understand the costs. Need to take another look at the plan.

Mike Gowing, Harris Street – supports Mr. Starr's comments – 25% plan is for now – don't wait for the additional 75%.

Terra Friedrichs, West Acton – should ask for more time to get the design "we" want. Do "we" want a slower Kelley's Corner or a faster Kelley's Corner and urges BOS to not move forward with the 25%.

Chris Bailey part owner of Bueno y Sano – drove in from Sandwich and wanted to express his dismay how the progression of this project is going.

Jason Brady – owner Bueno y Sano – doesn't think the property is cared about by the Board and has never been approached by any Board member regarding the design and the property. Would hope that the plan would not end up shutting down business for weeks – would like to be kept in the loop with the plan.

Lauren Rosensweig Morton – glad to hear the KCSC and the Land Use Committee are planning to meet. Thinks the process should continue. Need visuals for people to see. What the impact for business and residents would be. Bedford used social media to show pictures of the plan.

Franny Osman, Half Moon Hill – have a great opportunity if business owners and Planning Division to come together and work on a design – try to be creative about saving the older larger trees

Eleanor Matthews – thinks that we should take time and think out of the box and take time to come up with a solution.

Ms. Gardner moves the Chair to write a letter of support to the MPO and to bring another article to either fall or spring Town Meeting, Ms. Adachi seconds. All Ayes.

Town Manager Contract

Still in discussion with John Mangiarrati and hope to have a vote on the new Town Manager's Contract

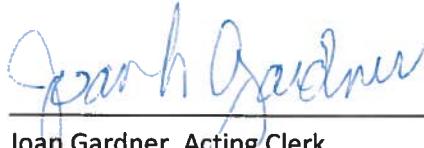
Consent Agenda

Ms. Adachi moves to approve consent items 8-12, Ms. Gardner seconds. All Ayes.

Ms. Adachi moves to adjourn, Ms. Gardner seconds. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted,


Lisa Tomyl, Recording Secretary


Joan Gardner, Acting Clerk