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BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND SEWER COMMISIONER'S MEETING DEC 19 2017

December 11, 2017

Francis Faulkner Room 204

Special Meeting 7:00 PM

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Present: Janet K. Adachi, Katie Green, Joan Gardner, Chingsung Chang, Town Manager Steve Ledoux, Lisa Tomyl, Recording Secretary

Absent: Peter J. Berry

Citizen Concerns

Derrick Chin – provided some feedback for Town Hall after the renovations have been completed to the Land Use division. Commented on the noticeable change regarding town staff – very friendly without exception and going out of their way to help. All changes make him feel welcome. Before that it was “don’t bother me” attitude.

Mary Donald, 42 Taylor Road – ballooning of needing problem with the rich getting richer and poor getting poorer. Volunteering is at all-time low. Calling on people to volunteer for the Salvation Army for bell ringers. Gave email of salvation army. The Fire Department has responded to the call to ring the bell. Selectmen have volunteered in the past, and Senator Eldridge will ring some time before Christmas.

Robert Sekuler 13 Parkland Lane – Spoke about the local newspapers owned by Gatehouse media. Recent articles have been in both papers regarding the Concord Water Treatment Plant. Spoke about the art of war. Spoke about special counsel Jeff Roelofs comment regarding the decision in both papers of Concord and Acton. Feels the comment was careless, unwise and unhelpful. Requests that the Board replace Special Town Counsel or hire an effective independent attorney.

Chairman's Update/Operational Update

Ms. Adachi – STM was Dec 4th. Turnout was overwhelming, the meeting did not start until 8:30 and ended around midnight. Kudos to Town Manager, town staff, IT, and Town Moderator. All articles passed. AB Food pantry holding food drive through this Friday through Land Use and Acton Nursing Services, also collecting hats and gloves as well. CPR training session on 12/19 at the Public Safety Facility, costs \$65. Town Manager Search Committee will submit to the BOS a Town Manager profile used to solicit applications. The Town Manager will submit his FY19 budget on 12/18, and the Acton Conservation Trust will present to the Board of Selectmen a check for \$30,000 after a very successful fundraising drive towards the purchase of the property at 161 Newtown Road.

Mr. Ledoux – Electric aggregation we have 7397 accounts taking advantage of the power choice. 7263 standard, extra green is 134. It was a lot higher with the extra green option than many other towns. FY 19 budget next Monday December 18.

Public Hearings

Tax Classification Hearing – Carol Leipner-Srebnick, Chair of the Board of Assessors presented the FY 2018 Tax Classification Hearing by presenting some key highlights only.. Ms. Adachi read the public hearing notice. Brian McMullen, Chief Assessor presented a power point presentation outlining the 4 items that the BOS needs to vote and approve. Adopt a residential factor less than 1 %, not grant an open space discount, not adopt a small commercial exemption, and not adopt a residential exemption. Ms. Green motioned to adopt a residential factor of 1, Mr. Chang second. All Ayes (4-0) Ms. Green motioned to not grant open space discount, Mr. Chang second. All Ayes (4-0) Ms. Green motioned to not adopt a residential exemption, Mr. Chang second. All Ayes (4-0) Ms. Green motioned to not adopt a small commercial exemption, Mr. Chang second. All Ayes (4-0)

Selectmen's Business

Approval of Proposed Relocation of New View Easement – Jim Snyder Grant 18 Half Moon Hill and member of New View Condominium Association. Gave a brief history of the development of the New View Association and a history of the easement.

Ms. Green questioned about if it was the responsibility of New View to build the trail , Mr. Snyder-Grant stated either the grantor or grantee have the right to change the trail.

Ms. Green move to approve the proposed relocation of the New View Easement, Mr. Chang second. All Ayes (4-0)

Consent Agenda

Ms. Green move to approve consent items 3-16, Mr. Chang second. All Ayes (4-0)

Ms. Green move to adjourn, Mr. Chang second. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Tomyl, Recording Secretary



Joan Gardner, Clerk