

Voted and approved 11-16-2010

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Tuesday, October 5, 2010
7:00 PM at Town Hall Meeting Room

Present: Jess Dods, Chairman
Douglas Blanchard
Michael Phelan
David McDougall

Absent: Ann Roy

Also Present: Diana Schindler, Town Administrator

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Call to Order

Not televised at this time

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

7:00 P.M. ENERGY COMMITTEE W/ Jim Barry from DOER (Dept of Energy Resources)

Present: Kurt Boisolie,

Audio Tape-cannot hear- below is a summary from Ms. Schindler

Jim Barry, Western Regional Coordinator from Department of Energy Resources (DOER), addressed the Board on the opportunity for the Town to become a Green Community. In order for the Town to be considered, it would have to meet the following criteria:

Criterion #1: Provide as-of-right siting in designated locations for renewable/alternative energy generation, research & development, or manufacturing facilities

Criterion #2: Adopt an expedited application and permit process for as-of-right energy facilities

Criterion #3: Establish benchmark for energy use and developed a plan to reduce baseline by 20 percent within 5 years

Criterion #4: Purchase only fuel-efficient vehicles

Criterion #5: Set requirements to minimize life-cycle energy costs for new construction; one way to meet these requirements is to adopt the new Board of Building Regulations and Standards (BBRS)

After the presentation by Mr. Barry, the Board asked Southampton Building Inspector, Richard Oleksak, to address concerns regarding adopting the Green Communities criteria. Mr. Oleksak stated his concern about the cost to developers to address the stretch code should the town adopt and their potential resistance. There were also concerns raised about changing the town bylaws to include the as-right siting, since in the past it has been difficult for the town to pass zoning bylaw changes. Because there is a Master Planning process underway that will address zoning changes related to energy, discussion ensued in regards to waiting until that process was farther along before moving on the Green Communities incentives. Mr. Barry agreed that if the town wanted to

pursue at some time in the future, he would be willing to meet with developers and attend any meetings that would help promote the town's efforts.

7:30 P.M. DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

Town's Insurance Company

Ed Cauley, Highway Superintendent stated a couple weeks ago they talked about insurance companies and cost benefits, he attended a mass highway seminar this past week at the show, and spoke about a job trailer. He stated it is a time saving device when they look at insurances; there is a cost benefit to the town. He recommended the board to look at one and determine what the long term is and train personnel on safety of job, police, fire, and highway.

Ms. Schindler stated she contract Mick from MIIA and stated we will getting the paperwork to get the quote, if the premiums are higher it is something we have to consider. Chairman Dods stated we will let Ed know once it comes in.

Mr. Cauley stated he plans on attending the BRC meeting on Thursday he updated the board regarding the parking lot and drainage.

Selectman Blanchard asked the Board to ask the Building Inspector to be present at the BRC meeting. He stated it is very important that he attend.

Selectman Phelan stated we need to take care of the water in the basement at the New Town Hall before we take it over. Ed Cauley recommended making that building water proof. Ms. Schindler stated they are aware and they have a punchlist.

Selectman McDougall stated they painted the outside exterior over the old paint, instead of removing it down to the bare wood, priming it and repainting. He further stated they may need to put additional funds aside.

Selectman Blanchard suggested for a couple select board members attend the BRC meeting on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. to voice their concerns.

MOTION: To ask the Building Inspector to attend the BRC meeting this Thursday, or to communicate his concerns to someone (BLANCHARD, no second)

Wages

Mr. Cauley asked the Board to consider giving the Town Hall employees and department heads pay raises. The union and school employees received raises. Ms. Schindler stated it will cost \$53,000 to give those raises to the town hall staff, she stated it includes what the expected increase would have been funded including the contracts, dept head raises not under contracts, staff wages planned increase and her contract and the highway department, they gave raises but didn't fund it. Chairman Dods stated we still have a 15,000 deficit. Mr. Cauley stated there is a savings from the employees that left vs. the new employees at the Highway Department.

Budget request

Barbara Laflam requested in budget preparation the column for "requests" has been recently eliminated and she believes the public should know what the original request was from the department. Mrs. Laflam stated she requested \$1,500.00 for mapping and it was eliminated. Ms. Schindler it was never put in because it last years budget was level funded. Ms. Schindler

confirmed yes, it was in your “requests”. Mrs. Laflam stated because there was no “requested column” at town meeting the public never knew they requested the funds for mapping.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 21, 2010

MOTION: To approve Select Minutes of September 21, 2010 as written. (PHELAN, MCDOUGALL)

Voted and approved 3-0

Selectman Blanchard abstained

II. SIGNATURES

Payroll Warrant and Bill Warrant

Selectman Phelan asked if this was the last payment. Ms. Schindler stated she will find out.

MOTION: To sign bill warrant #W-11-15 \$462,438.27 (PHELAN, BLANCHARD)

Voted and approved 4-0

PCF's

MOTION: To sign the following PCF's: (PHELAN, MCDOUGALL)

Voted and approved 4-0

Regina Shea-Sullivan –ZBA for replacing Christina Craig Ortiz

Regina Shea-Sullivan – ZBA resignation

Janine Domina – ZBA for replacing Regina Shea-Sullivan

II. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

See attached-nothing at this time

III. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events/Meetings

- October 12, 2010 Select Board and Finance Committee Joint Meeting to discuss policies, Town Hall Meeting Room
- October 14, 2010 @ 7p.m. Community Preservation Committee Hearing
- October 19, 2010, November 16th, and 30th Select Board regular meeting
- November 2, 2010 State Election

Chairman Dods stated he will speak with the Smith Vocational regarding the voting booths.

IV. ACTION LIST

Council on Aging Appointment

MOTION: To appoint Nilda Cohen to the Council on Aging. (MCDOUGALL, BLANCHARD)

Voted and approved 4-0

MBI Appointment

MOTION: To appoint Diana Schindler as the MBI representative. (MCDOUGALL, PHELAN)

Voted and approved 4-0

Contract with PVPC, DHCD changes

Ms. Schindler stated they have received a grant for DCHD (Department Community Housing Development; PVPC (Pioneer Valley Planning Commission) is the administrator for it. It has been reviewed by Town Counsel.

MOTION: To sign the grant with the changes. (PHELAN, MCDOUGALL)

Voted and approved 4-0

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Goral Property

Ms. Schindler stated back in March or April the Board received a letter from Mr. Goral which asked if they were interested in purchasing his land on strong road, consists of thirty six acres, they asked the CPC to fund the appraisal which they did. They have the appraisal. It is kept confidential for now they may want to use it for negotiating. The CPC are meeting next week to talk about upcoming projects. She wanted it back on their agenda.

Selectman Phelan asked what they are going to do with the land. Selectman Blanchard stated he would like to add on to the recreational area. He is aware we do not have the funds to develop the Labrie field; he thinks it is worth it to hold onto the land.

Virginia Ahart stated she does not have the exact figures; they may be receiving 122,000 of the state grant. Mrs. Ahart stated as they look at this and try to make decisions the CP funds if they buy the entire piece that piece can only be used for recreational or housing use. None of that land can be used for a school, do they need that amount of acres for a playing field. Selectman Phelan tossed out the ideas of using it for a school or safety complex. Mrs. Ahart further stated CPA money can be spent only up to the appraisal amount.

MOTION: To indicate to CPC the Select Baord are interested in pursuing the purchase, to be determined in various ways. (BLANCHARD, PHELAN)

Voted and approved 4-0

Letter of resignation from Nancy LaBombard

MOTION: To accept Nancy LaBombard letter of resignation. (PHELAN, MCDOUGALL)

Voted and approved 4-0

MOTION: To send a letter to Nancy LaBombard thanking her for time with the Finance and Capital Improvement Committees. (BLANCHARD, MCDOUGALL)

Voted and approved 4-0

Ms. Schindler asked to wait and see who they get on the Finance Committee before posting the Capital Improvement Committee vacancy.

VI. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC

Mrs. Laflam asked what the criteria of the meetings being televised are or not. Chairman Dods stated the audio clerk is ill.

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION M.G.L. # list Topic and reason-
nothing scheduled**

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting. (MCDOUGALL, BLANCHARD)
Voted and approved 4-0

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Regina Shea-Sullivan
Administrative Assistant