

Stow Board of Selectmen
Town Building – Warren Room
June 27, 2017

Present were Selectmen, Brian Burke, Don Hawkes, Ingeborg Hegemann, Tom Ryan and James Salvie. Also present were Town Administrator Bill Wrigley and Administrative Assistant Maureen Trunfio.

At 7:00 p.m. Mr. Burke called the meeting to order.

Public input: None

Chair comments: Mr. Burke noted that Ari Schultz is home from the hospital and the entire Town wishes him the best for a full speedy recovery. He reported that the Gleasondale Bridge listening sessions will take place on Wednesday, June 28th and Thursday, June 29th in Town Building. He reported that the last day to register to vote for the July 20th election is June 30th. Mr. Burke told the public that the Hudson Bridge near the rotary will close beginning July 5th. He announced, with regret, the passing of long-time Stow resident Richard Martin of Honey Pot Hill Orchard.

Annual visit and legislative update – Sen. Jamie Eldridge and Rep. Kate Hogan
Rep. Hogan was not able to attend. Senator Eldridge was present and addressed the board regarding his priorities and the State budget.

Correspondence: None

Minutes

Mr. Hawkes moved to accept the meeting minutes of the May 23, 2017 meeting as amended. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Mr. Hawkes moved to accept the meeting minutes of the June 13, 2017 meeting as amended. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Public Hearing – Special Town Meeting Traffic Articles

At 7:30 p.m. Mr. Burke opened the public hearing regarding July 10th Special Town Meeting Traffic Articles by reading the legal notice.

The Town Administrator gave a summary of the options offered to municipalities through the Municipal Modernization Act. These would give the Town the ability to lower speed limits in certain areas of Town and to create safety zones.

Bruce Fletcher former Superintendent of Streets was present and read some notes he had prepared. He submitted his notes as part of the record. He was not in favor of the proposed changes. Resident Dave Siewerski spoke in support of Mr. Fletcher.

The Board decided that it would discuss this article further at their meeting preceding STM.

At 8:04 p.m. Mr. Hawkes moved that the public hearing for the Special Town Meeting traffic warrant articles be closed. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Approved July 25, 2017

Candidate Interviews and discussion/Vote re: Lake Boon Commission Vacancy

There is currently one vacancy on the Lake Boon Commission. The Selectmen's Office has received letters of interest from two candidates. Both candidates Theresa O'Riorden, who currently serves on the LBC and resides at 12 Davis Road, and Kris Krablin, 107 Kingland Road, were present and spoke with the Board. The Board of Selectmen usually consider a recommendation from the LBC, but did not receive one. The Chair thanked both candidates for their interest and service. They voted to appoint Kris Krablin to the Lake Boon Commission to serve a three-year term.

Mr. Salvie moved to appoint Kris Krablin to the Lake Boon Commission for a three-year term expiring June 30, 2020. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed 4:1. Mr. Ryan, Mr. Hawkes, Mr. Salvie, Ms. Hegemann, aye. Mr. Burke, nay.

Presentation on Plantation Apartments Phase II – Nina Schwartzschild/Greg Roy

Mr. Ryan reported that he had filed a conflict of interest form today because his wife, Deb Woods wife is on the Board of Directors of the Stow Elderly Housing Corporation. He added that he doesn't have any personal conflict of interest but he wanted to make everyone aware of his relation to her position.

Real Estate Development Consultant, Nina Schwartzschild (representing the Stow Elderly Housing Corporation) and Engineer Greg Roy were present to speak with the Board. They explained the intent to build 37 one-bedroom units in Stow and requested a letter of support signed by the Chair of the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Salvie moved that the Board issue a letter of support dated June 27, 2017 for the Site Eligibility Determination request for the Plantation Apartments II proposal, to be submitted to the state Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD), and authorize the Chairman to sign it. Mr. Hawkes seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Inter Municipal Agreement for the purposes of procuring Regional Housing Consultant Services

The Planning Board requested that the Selectmen consider the approval of an Inter Municipal agreement that would allow the Town to procure housing related services regionally. Funding for this purpose was passed at 2017 Annual Town Meeting. The Board voted unanimously to approve and sign the agreement.

Mr. Salvie moved that the Board approve and sign an agreement with the neighboring communities of Bolton, Boxborough, Hudson, Devens, and Littleton for Regional Housing Consultant services, for the Planning Board and Stow Municipal Affordable Housing Trust, as delineated in the Inter municipal Agreement. Mr. Hawkes seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Carver Hill grant application - Conservation Department

Conservation Agent Kathy Sferra was present and asked the Board to sign a letter of support for a grant application she will be submitting regarding a Conservation Restriction (CR) at Carver Hill Orchard. The vote at 2017 Annual Town Meeting to approve the CR passed

overwhelmingly. The vote at Town Meeting also authorized the Town to apply for this grant. The Board voted unanimously to issue the letter of support to be submitted with the grant application.

On the recommendation of Conservation Coordinator Kathy Sferra, Mr. Hawkes moved that the Board issue a letter of support for the Stow Conservation Commission application for LAND Grant funding from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, and authorize the Chairman to sign it. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Letter of Support for Habitat Project on Pine Point Road Property and Plantation Apartments Phase II project

Carolyn Read, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of North Central Massachusetts was present to request that the Board sign a letter of support addressed to the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) expressing support for the development and construction of two housing units to be built on a corner lot at Pine Point and Sudbury Roads. Article 36, relating to this item, was approved at 2017 Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Hawkes moved that the Board issue a letter of support for Habitat for Humanity North Central Mass. project to develop and construct two housing units on property on the corner of Sudbury Road and Pine Point Road. Mr. Salvie seconded the motion and it was passed 4:1; Mr. Salvie, Mr. Hawkes, Mr. Ryan, Ms. Hegemann, aye; Mr. Burke, nay.

Mr. Salvie moved to execute and authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board the DHCD Local Initiative Program Application for permit projects related to Pine Point Development by Habitat for Humanity as presented at this meeting. Mr. Hawkes seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Discussion/vote on permit for Recreation Department Boating Program

The Recreation Department requests permission each year to continue its boating program for Camp Stow using canoes and kayaks, and when camp is not in session, rent out the canoes and kayaks when the Town Beach is open.

On the recommendation of the Lake Boon Commission, Mr. Hawkes moved to grant a Commercial Use Permit to the Stow Recreation Department for its boating program for Camp Stow and the Town Beach, for the 2017 season and valid through December 31, 2017. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Wrigley reported that he met with MassDOT representatives and found that the Box Mill Bridge is on the State's TIP list to be destroyed and rebuilt.

Discussion/vote on Annual July 1 Appointments

Mr. Salvie moved to make the appointments of individuals and committee members as presented on two pages of meeting materials, identified as pages three and four, with the exception that the

Stow Municipal Affordable Housing Trust should read Ingeborg Hegemann Clark rather than James Salvie, for which the positions, were posted and for which the applicants have applied. Mr. Hawkes seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

One-year Appointments, with terms ending on June 30, 2018:

- Assabet River Trail Inter municipal Steering Committee, Stow Representative: Donald B. Rising
- Recreation Commission: Samantha Altieri, Eric Bachtell, Michael Busch, and Dan Nicholson
- Emergency Management Officer: Fire Chief Joseph Landry
- Fence Viewers: Selectmen
- Hudson Light & Power Representative: Arnold Epstein
- Minuteman Advisory Group on Interlocal Coordination (MAGIC) Selectmen Representative: Don Hawkes
- Street Numbers: Catherine Desmond
- Tree Warden: Bruce E. Fletcher
- Veterans' Graves Committee: Tom Zavorski
- Town Counsel: Huggins & Witten, LLC
- Superintendent of Streets: Michael E. Clayton
- Full-time Firefighters:
John Paul Benoit, Captain; Barry Evers, Call Training Lieutenant; Mark W. Guerin, Call Lieutenant;
and Gregory A. Vogel, Firefighter/EMT
- Firefighter/EMT/ADMN: Judson Swinimer
- Call Firefighters/EMTs:
Michael Scimeca, Call Lieutenant; Erick Benoit, Call Lieutenant; Matthew Olson, Call Lieutenant;
Jeremy Fiorvanti, Jason Galofaro, Jonathan Murphy, Suzanne Siewierski, Michael Trioli, Jeffrey
Lyons, Keith Villa, Paul Dudley, Todd Jakubek, Kristina Ellis, Timothy Gray, Jack Bertonassi,
Andrew Bolton, Jack Stafford, James Kelley, Nicholas Trioli, and Camden Herlihy
- Call Firefighters:
Barrett Dilling, Scott Dwinells, Larry Stafford, Gregg Silverio, Kevin Benoit, George Nunez, Jeffery
Stupak
- Apprentice Firefighters:
Steve Landry and Eddie Warren
- Special Police Officers:
Robert E. Blanton, Jonathan Butler, John Connors, John Fantasia, Christopher Harrington, Lee
Heron, Richard Manley, Michael Smith, Steven Sturtevant, Darlene Trefry and Mark Trefry
- Prisoner Watch duty:
Deborah Richardson, Darlene Trefry, Phyllis Tower and Richard Tower
- Public Safety Dispatchers:
Jonathan Butler, John Fantasia, Brandon Murphy, and Darlene Trefry

Two-year Appointments with terms ending on June 30, 2019

- Stow Municipal Affordable Housing Trust:
Michael Kopczynski, Quince Papanastassiou, Laura Spear

- Springfest Organizing Committee:
Samantha Altieri, Heather Chagnon
- Full-Time Police Officers:
Lieutenant Ralph Marino, Prosecutor Gary Murphy, Officer David Goguen, Sergeant Darren Thraen, Officer Sean Collins, Detective Sergeant Michael Sallese, Officer Robert Nelson, Detective Cassandra Ela, Officer Christopher Kusz, and Officer Luke DeZago

Three-year Appointments with terms ending on June 30, 2020:

- Agricultural Commission: Elizabeth Painter
- Cable License Advisory Committee: Robert Mong
- Conservation Commission: Cortni Frecha and Serena Furman
- Historical Commission: Rosemary Bawn and Patrick Hopkins
- Registrar of Voters: Robert Walrath
- Treasurer-Collector: Pamela Landry
- Trustee of the Randall Relief Fund, the Randall Town Fund and the Town Farm Fund: Jeffrey Smith

Five-year Appointments with terms ending June 30, 2022

- Zoning Board of Appeals: Bruce Fletcher; Associate: Ruth Kennedy Sudduth

Selectmen's FY 2018 Committee Appointments with terms ending on June 30, 2019:

- Stow Municipal Affordable Housing Trust: ~~James Salvie~~ Ingeborg Hegemann

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Liaison Reports

Mr. Salvie reported that the Capital Planning Committee met on June 22 regarding Special Town Meeting articles and concluded that the Lake Boon Dam is not a Capital item. They took a vote to support Article 1, the purchase of land on Old Bolton Road and to support Article 3, Randall Library Septic Repair and they voted unanimously in support of both articles.

Mr. Burke noted that the Town has been granted intervenor status in the Eversource process. A meeting will be held in Boston a week from Friday.

Mr. Ryan reported that he attended the ceremony, as requested by the Board, for Reverend Tom Rosiello, and presented a citation.

Ms. Hegemann reported that the Conservation Commission has accepted a resignation and had met and voted to make a recommendation for a new member.

Adjournment

Mr. Hawkes made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Maureen Trunfio

Administrative Assistant

Documents used at meeting:

2-page document from Bruce Fletcher re: comments on proposed Traffic Articles

Letter dated 6/27/17 from Senator Jamie Eldridge

Notice of Public Hearing re: Stow Traffic Articles from 7/10/17 STM Warrant

Letter dated 5/8/17 from Theresa O'Riorden expressing interest in LBC vacancy

Letter dated 6/1/17 from Kris Krablin expressing interest in the LBC vacancy

Letter from the BoS dated 6/17/17 to be executed by the Chair and sent to Chrystal Kornegay of DCHD
Inter Municipal Agreement for procuring Regional Housing Consultant Services to be executed by the Board

Letter dated 6/28/17 to be executed by the Chair to be sent to EOEEA re: a grant proposal put forth by the Conservation Agent.

Letter of Support dated 6/27/17 to be executed by the Chair and sent to Toni Coyne Hall of the Local Initiative Program

Permit for commercial use of boats at Pine Bluff issued to the Stow Recreation Commission

List of July 1 appointments to Boards, Committees and Commissions

View meeting at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoR1ufs39Po&list=PLleWzm30B26OGK_uon_rPJCPqcfbFnejl