

Stow Board of Selectmen
Town Building – Warren Room
July 25, 2017

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

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

Public input: None

Chair comments: On a solemn note, Mr. Hawkes reported that Ari Schultz had passed away. He added that the Ari Danger Day Event previously scheduled would occur, as planned, on August 19th.

Correspondence: None

Minutes

Mr. Ryan moved to accept the meeting minutes of the June 27, 2017 meeting as amended. Mr. Hawkes seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

It was decided that the minutes of July 10, 2017 would be held for approval because Mr. Salvie was not present at that meeting.

Appointment to Conservation Commission

Associate member of the Conservation Commission Nicky McGachey was present. She spoke with the Board regarding her interest in being appointed as a full member of the Commission. The Board unanimously agreed to appoint Ms. McGachey as a full member.

On the recommendation of the Conservation Commission, Mr. Salvie moved to appoint Nickole McGachey to the Conservation Commission, to complete an unexpired three-year term expiring June 30, 2018. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Pole Hearing for Walcott Street

At 7:15 p.m. the Chair read the legal notice and opened the public hearing for a pole hearing with Hudson Light and Power (HL&P) regarding Walcott Street. Patrick Lavery was present as a representative for HL&P and stated that he had met with Scott Morse of the Stow Highway Department to discuss the project. Mr. Lavery explained that one pole would be moved 30 feet west and an additional pole would be added to bring power to Jillian Lane. There were no abutters present.

Mr. Salvie moved that the public hearing for relocation and installation of poles on Walcott Street be closed. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Mr. Salvie moved that the Board approve and sign the application by Hudson Light & Power to relocate an existing pole and also install a new pole on Walcott Street at locations specified in the Order for Joint or Identical Pole Locations received by the Selectmen's office June 15, 2017. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Hudson Light & Power (HL&P) Street Light Replacement Grant

Mr. Lavery explained that LED technology for street lights is preferable but was cost prohibitive for quite some time. The technology has improved and the price has become more reasonable over the past year. Additionally the Commonwealth has presented a grant opportunity for this purpose. HL&P had applied for the grant and been awarded the funds. Under this program Stow's 56 street lights will be migrated from traditional to LED light bulbs in the near future.

Mr. Salvie moved that the Board vote to authorize the Town Administrator to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Hudson Light & Power to participate in the LED Street Light Accelerator Program. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Discussion/vote re: signing document for Local Action Unit (LAU) application for Regency at Stow

Mike Kopczynski Chair of the Stow Municipal Affordable Housing Trust and Town Planner Jesse Steadman were present to request that the Board sign the affordable unit application approval for Regency at Stow 55+ community located on Boxboro Road Stow. Mr. Kopczynski explained that there would be four affordable units and three median-income units.

Mr. Salvie moved that the Board vote to authorize the Chairman to sign the Local Initiative Program Application for Local Action Units for the Regency at Stow, as presented by the Planning Department. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

2017 Vet Ruck Saturday, August 19

This walk involves a small number of veterans who are part of the Warrior Thunder Foundation who will walk 200 miles across Massachusetts in order to raise awareness for the issues veterans face when returning from service.. The group is scheduled to pass through Stow early Saturday morning. Public safety officials have checked with other towns the walk will pass through, and don't anticipate any traffic issues.

Mr. Salvie moved to approve the use of Town public ways for the Vet Ruck fundraising walk through Stow on Saturday, August 19, 2017. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Discussion of Operational Management Plan for Ari Schultz fundraising event

Mr. Wrigley discussed the operational management plan for the Schultz event to take place on August 19th. He addressed the myriad of issues currently being negotiated that range in subject matter from liability insurance coverage to grounds/beach/parking management. He told the Board that he felt confident that by the day of the event, a well-coordinated comprehensive management plan would be in place and successfully implemented.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Wrigley mentioned the three capital projects that are progressing toward construction. The first is the new HVAC system for the police station. The second would be the new HVAC system for the lower level of the Randall Library. The third is the Randall Library septic system reconstruction.

Mr. Wrigley told the Board that the hiring process to replace Prosecutor Murphy is underway. The initial in-house departmental candidate evaluation has been completed and the Town Administrator's team will now review the results of that work. A recommendation for hire would be submitted to the Board as soon as all evaluations have been completed.

Mr. Wrigley left the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Liaison Reports

Mr. Hawkes reported that the Lake Boon Commission had met the prior week.

Mr. Salvie mentioned that the Library Building Committee would be meeting next week.

Mr. Ryan made a motion to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. Mr. Salvie seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Maureen Trunfio
Administrative Assistant*

Documents used at meeting:

Order for Joint or Identical Pole Locations

Notice of Public hearing re: Pole Hearing

HL&P drawing of pole locations dated 6/15/17

Addendum #1 PON ENE 2017 002: LED Street Light Accelerator Program MOU

Community Support Narrative, Project Description and Documentation for LAU Regency at Stow

View meeting at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lbrQ7z3wmck&list=PLleWzm30B26OGK_uon_rPJCPqcfbFnejl&index=7