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Board of Selectmen
January 14, 2016
Town Hall

Present: Mark Sprague
Stanley Wysocki
Thomas J. Frain
Don Lowe, Town Administrator
Linda L. Day, Town Secretary

Chairman Sprague called the Board of Selectmen's meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

POLE HEARINGS – Hudson Road, Green Road and Sampson Road
Mr. Mark Caisse, Tree Warden visited the sites and all locations have been staked.

Hudson Road: The Board of Selectmen opened the hearing continued December 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. on the petition of Verizon New England Inc. and Massachusetts Electric Company (NGRID) to place One (1) jointly owned (JO) pole numbered T.33S/E.33-84 on the easterly side of Hudson Road at a point approximately one thousand two hundred (1,200) feet northerly from the center line of Century Mill Road. The new pole will support the existing pole line and replace the guy wire removed from a tree.

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Frain, the Board of Selectmen voted to approve the petition. (Sprague – yes, Wysocki – yes, Frain – yes)

Green Road: The Board of Selectmen opened the hearing continued December 28, 2015 at 7:05 p.m. on the petition of Verizon New England Inc. and Massachusetts Electric Company (NGRID) to place One (1) jointly owned (JO) pole numbered T.3S/E.33-84 on the southwesterly side of Green Road at a point approximately three hundred fifty (350) feet southeasterly from the center line of Main Street. The new pole will support the existing pole line and replace the guy wire being removed from a tree.

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Frain, the Board of Selectmen voted to approve the petition. (Sprague – yes, Wysocki – yes, Frain – yes)

Sampson Road: The Board of Selectmen opened the hearing continued December 28, 2015 on the petition of Verizon New England Inc. and Massachusetts Electric Company (NGRID) to place One (1) jointly owned (JO) pole numbered T.20S/E.20-84 on the westerly side of Sampson Road at a point approximately seven hundred (700) feet southerly from the center line of Green Road. The new pole will support the existing pole line and replace the guy wire being removed from a tree. Mr. Blicharz agreed to attempt to move the pole back from the road a minimum of a foot as recommended by Mr. Caisse.

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Frain, the Board of Selectmen voted to approve the petition with the understanding that Mr. Blicharz will move the pole back a minimum of a foot. (Sprague – yes, Wysocki – yes, Frain – yes)

MIDDLESEX MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

Police Chief Nelson recommended that the Board of Selectmen execute the Middlesex Mutual Aid Agreement that would allow Bolton's police officers to provide mutual aid and support, and traffic enforcement across town lines.

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Frain, the Board of Selectmen voted to execute the Middlesex Mutual Aid Agreement. (Sprague – yes, Wysocki – yes, Frain – yes)

APPOINTMENT OF POLICE OFFICER

After review of 9 employment applications and resumes, followed by interviews of 6 applicants, and a successful background check Police Chief Nelson recommended that the Board of Selectmen appoint Jose Santiago as a full time Patrol Officer. Mr. Santiago has approximately 10 years of police experience and came highly recommended.

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Frain, the Board of Selectmen voted to appoint Jose Santiago as a full time police officer. (Sprague – yes, Wysocki – yes, Frain – yes)

ADOPTION OF STRETCH CODE

Mr. Michael Sauvageau, Building Inspector met with the Board of Selectmen to discuss the adoption of the stretch code. Currently any community that has not adopted the stretch code uses the 2012 International Energy Code which is the building code for energy compliance. A stretch code community uses the 2009 International Energy Code. It is anticipated that the stretch code will be modified this coming year. The stretch code is an amendment to the Massachusetts State Building Code which is one of the requirements to qualify for Green Community designation which would allow the town to access Department of Energy Resources related projects and makes the town eligible to apply for grants for local power and energy efficiency projects. Mr. Sauvageau stated that the stretch code is the way to go and noted that the cost to go to the stretch code is marginal with what it costs now to comply with the 2012 code.

A joint meeting between the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board will be scheduled to continue discussions about the stretch code and proposing an article for the Annual Town Meeting in May, 2016.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Update on Minuteman: Mr. Lowe reported that the Building Committee met with representatives of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) to present the building project. The MSBA will vote on the Minuteman building project on January 27, 2015. The cost of the project is \$144.9 million and with a reimbursement rate of 31.2% the project will be eligible for \$45.3 million in reimbursable expenses provided every community approves the Regional Agreement by June 30, 2016. If the Agreement is not approved by every community the reimbursement funds will not be received.

Mr. Lowe investigated other options for vocational tech high schools if Bolton were to withdraw from the Minuteman agreement and Assabet Valley is at capacity, Montachusett Tech had a wait list of 100 students and Nashoba Valley did not appear to be a good fit.

Information regarding Minuteman will be posted to the website prior to the Special Town Meeting.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN BUSINESS

Special Town Meeting: On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Frain, the Board of Selectmen voted to call a Special Town Meeting on Monday, February 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. (Sprague – yes, Wysocki – yes, Frain – yes)

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Frain, the Board of Selectmen voted to approve **Article 1: Unpaid Bill for Fiscal Year 2015.** (Sprague – yes, Wysocki – yes, Frain – yes)

On a motion made Wysocki and seconded by Frain, the Board of Selectmen voted to approve **Article 2: Amendments to the Regional School District Agreement of the Minuteman Regional Vocational School District.** (Sprague – yes, Wysocki – yes, Frain – yes)

The Advisory Committee didn't have the opportunity to vote their recommendations for the articles on the Special Town Meeting warrant. Therefore, the Advisory Committee will give their recommendations on town meeting floor.

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Frain, the Board of Selectmen voted to close and execute the Special Town Meeting warrant for Monday, February 8, 2016. (Sprague – yes, Wysocki – yes, Frain – yes)

Slater's Liquor License - Home Rule Petition: The Board of Selectmen reviewed requested revisions submitted by Mr. Theodore C. Speliotis, House Committee on Bills in the Third Reading to the home rule petition for Slater's liquor license. On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Sprague, the Board of Selectmen voted to approve the revisions as requested. (Sprague – yes, Wysocki –yes) Mr. Frain recused himself from this discussion and left the meeting room.

Fotini's Liquor License – Change of Corporate Name: The Board of Selectmen reviewed documentation submitted by Mr. and Mrs. Anastasios Kessarar to change the corporate name for Fotini's Restaurant & Bar to Fotini's Restaurant and Bar, Inc. On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Frain, the Board of Selectmen voted to approve the change as requested. The documentation will be forwarded to the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission for their review and approval. (Sprague – yes, Wysocki –yes, Frain – yes)

Bolton Access Television Expenses: On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Frain, the Board of Selectmen voted to release \$26,535.94 from the Comcast fund to Bolton Access Television for their operating expenses. (Sprague – yes, Wysocki –yes, Frain – yes)

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Frain, the Board of Selectmen voted to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. (Sprague – yes, Wysocki –yes, Frain – yes)

Respectfully submitted by Linda L. Day

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