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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Memorial Town Hall
4/8/19
7:00PM-General Meeting~3rd floor meeting room, Town Hall

Selectmen Present: Douglas W. Dawes, Clerk; Gary C. Fowler, Steven Sadler, and Charles Durney

Others Present: Donald Cudmore, Interim Town Administrator; Janet Pantano, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Joseph Bonavita, Chairman; Michael Farrell, Town Administrator

7:00PM Call to order

Invocation-Douglas W. Dawes
Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Dawes sent well wishes to Town Administrator Mike Farrell for a speedy recovery and he welcomed Don Cudmore as Interim Town Administrator.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing to be continued to April 22, 2019-SQF, LLC/Tilson Request to place a new utility pole for an AT&T Small Wireless Facility in the public right-of-way
Tuck O'Brien, Tilson was present

Mr. Fowler moved to open the Public Hearing for SQF, LLC/Tilson Request to place a new utility pole for an AT&T Small Wireless Facility in the public right-of-way. Mr. Durney seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Fowler moved to continue the Public Hearing for SQF, LLC/Tilson Request to place a new utility pole for an AT&T Small Wireless Facility in the public right-of-way to Monday, April 22, 2019 at 7:00PM. Mr. Durney seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Fowler moved to close the Public Hearing for SQF, LLC/Tilson Request to place a new utility pole for an AT&T Small Wireless Facility in the public right-of-way. Mr. Durney seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

WARRANT and MINUTES

Minutes of March 11, 2019

Mr. Fowler moved to approve the minutes of March 11, 2019. Mr. Durney seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS

ATM Warrant May 6, 2019-review Planning Board changes

John Cashell, Town Planner was present

Article 18: Amendment of Article I-General Provisions §165-7 Definitions and word usage

Mr. Fowler asked about language change.

Mr. Cashell explained that height of buildings should not be in Building definitions. He stated that it should be under Building Height. He stated that this is just to clean up the bylaw.

Article 19: Amendments to Zoning Bylaws Article XVIII: Marijuana Businesses, Section 165-161 (H) and (I)

Mr. Cashell explained the change and that it would allow the separation distance between marijuana businesses and other uses to be reduced by a supermajority of the Planning Board. He explained the 300ft buffer and that 80% of lots in the overlay district do not meet the current criteria.

Mr. Fowler stated the Planning Board realized that the bylaw excluded some lots and they are in favor of the change. Mr. Dawes stated that all these businesses have to go before the Planning Board for Site Plan Approval.

Article 21: Amendment to Chapter 29-Building Construction- “Stretch Energy Code”

Mr. Cashell gave a hand out on the Stretch Energy Code.

Mr. Fowler stated he was uncertain of how he feels about this article.

Mr. Cashell stated that this makes sure buildings are built energy efficient. He stated the code is for renovations and building projects. Mr. Fowler asked if this would affect furnaces. Mr. Cashell stated no just insulation and such.

Mr. Sadler asked about older homes and town hall. Mr. Cashell stated if you take walls down to studs you would have to add insulation and there are energy codes for this already. He asked about permit costs. Mr. Cashell stated would have a HERS tester which would be an addition cost. Mr. Sadler asked increase of cost of permit. Mr. Cashell stated it would be small as permit charge goes by cost of renovation.

Mr. Sadler stated that if the Building Inspector already does some of this so why have the bylaw.

Mr. Cashell stated that this is one of the steps to be a Green Community. There are only a couple other items and the town will have the ability to be a Green Community. He stated 250 cities and town are already and this will allow the town to apply for more grants. He stated that he would like to get a grant for this building to get new windows. He stated if residents know what is involved, they would be in support of the article. Mr. Cashell stated town looked at this a few years ago and because we have a municipal light department there was a surcharge. He stated that this has changed and now there is no surcharge.

Mr. Durney stated that to get the Green Community criteria do we need more than this. Mr. Cashell stated need 5 items and this would be one and others are within reach. He explained that town vehicles have to be energy efficient and that they are already.

Mr. Fowler stated that the Building Inspector should be at ATM for any questions.

April 8, 2019

Mr. Cashell stated that the he has someone from the State attending for any questions. He stated that right off the bat we would be eligible for \$140K Grant.

Mr. Durney asked for the FAQ documents to put on social media for residents to read ahead of time.

ACTING TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Dawes asked Mr. Cudmore if he had any updated for the board.

Mr. Cudmore stated that it has been quiet and we are handling things.

Mr. Dawes asked if the town moderator will be present for the annual town meeting. Mr. Cudmore stated we have been in touch via email. Ms. Pantano stated she has talked with Ms. Enos and she plans on being present.

APPOINTMENTS and APPROVALS

CoA recommendation of the appointment of Jeanne Robertson to the CoA term to expire June 30, 2021

Mr. Fowler moved to appoint Jeanne Robertson as a member of the Council on Aging term to expire June 20, 2021. Mr. Sadler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Mr. Fowler stated that the CPC will hold a public hearing/informational meeting public Tuesday on the CPC articles for town meeting.

Mr. Fowler stated that he would like to see the board hold a workshop on the Fire Department. He stated that we should get started on a workshop can wait for Mr. Farrell or hold before he returns. He stated that the board should meet and discuss the MRI Report. He recommended meeting on Monday, April 29th. Mr. Durney stated that it would be a good idea to have a meeting to discuss the report and the board will need more than one night to discuss. Mr. Sadler stated Chief Mitchell and should be present and maybe someone from MRI. Mr. Fowler stated the we can talk with Chief Mitchell and see if MRI can attend.

Mr. Fowler moved to hold a workshop to go over the Fire Department MRI report dated October 2, 2018 on Monday, April 29, 2019. Mr. Sadler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, April 22, 2019 at 7:00PM, 3rd floor meeting room, Town Hall

Monday, May 6, 2019 at 6:00 PM-Middle/High School

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fowler moved to adjourn. Mr. Sadler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.

Documents used in this meeting:

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