

Regular Session Minutes – Selectmen’s Meeting

Bedford High School, Room C-104

Monday, November 4, 2013, 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: William S. Moonan, Chair, Margot R. Fleischman, Caroline Fedele, Michael A. Rosenberg, Mark Siegenthaler, and Town Manager Richard T. Reed

ALSO PRESENT: Town Counsel Brendan Moss; Public Works Director Roy Sorenson; Facilities Director Richard Jones; Code Enforcement Director Christopher Laskey; Finance Committee member Richard Bowen; James Shea, 30 Independence Road; and Press Representative Mary McBride

Chair Moonan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

14-105 Special Town Meeting – Article Recommendations

Town Manager Reed noted that Article 13 was the only article left for which the Selectmen needed to make a recommendation. He announced that there were two possibilities, one was to move forward and the other was to recommend indefinite postponement.

Article 2 – Amend Authorization for Easement Acceptance

Ms. Fleischman reported that Terry Gleason, a member of the Bicycle Advisory Committee, is going to propose an amendment to the article on Town Meeting floor to eliminate the word ‘pedestrian’ which occurs twice in the article. Mr. Reed distributed an alternate motion.

Ms. Fleischman made a motion to recommend approval of Article 2 less the word “Pedestrian” - Amend Authorization for Easement Acceptance. Ms. Fedele seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

Article 13 – Bond Authorization – Town Hall Building Systems Replacement

Chair Moonan reported that the Capital Expenditure Committee voted to recommend postponement until the next Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Reed explained that he provided the Selectmen with two versions of the motion from which to choose.

Ms. Fleischman made a motion to move indefinite postponement of Article 13. Ms. Fedele seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

Article 12 – Amend FY14 Community Preservation Budget

Ms. Fleischman read the wording she would like to say when presenting the Bedford Housing Authority Life Management Collaborative - Item #15 of Article 12 – Amend FY14 Community Preservation Budget. The Selectmen approved the wording.

14-106 FY14 Vehicle and Equipment Bids

Public Works Director Roy Sorenson relayed that he received two bids for two replacement vehicles. They will replace one Facilities vehicle and one DPW vehicle, adding that he received good money for the trade-ins, especially since the pick-up had a Liftgate which adds additional value.

Mr. Siegenthaler made a motion to approve the purchase of one 4 x 4 regular cab pick-up with Liftgate from Stoneham Motor Company, and one 4 x 4 pick-up utility with Liftgate and plan from Bonnell Motors. Ms. Fleischman seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

14-107 Hanscom Airfield – Jet Aviation Project

Mr. Rosenberg asked the Selectmen, as Chair of HATS, for authority to write a letter to Jet Aviation that proposes placing certain conditions on their improvements. The draft letter has been amended several times, so he prepared a draft motion that would encompass any further amendments. He added that HATS wants to be consistent with the conditions that have been proposed since 2002 concerning Hanscom's expansion. He also offered to share a document entitled "Hanscom at the Crossroads". He noted that the Woburn City Council, Wayland Selectmen, Acton Selectmen, and Congressman John Tierney endorsed the letter that calls for an immediate moratorium on any additional passenger aviation including commercial, corporate and jet timesharing, any changes of use and any infrastructure improvements or new development until a regionally driven multi-state, multi-mode transportation plan is in place.

Mr. Rosenberg made a motion that the Bedford Selectmen authorize HATS to request that Jet Aviation propose an alternative improvement plan that does not require modifications to the existing Hanscom Field Airport Layout Plan, which does not encroach on green space, and that an effort be made to decrease paved open space. Mr. Siegenthaler seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

Mr. Rosenberg stated that those are the three main points that are consistent with all the versions of the letter.

14-109 Miscellaneous Action Items – Chapter 268A, Section 20(b) Exemptions

Mr. Rosenberg made a motion to grant Chapter 268A, Section 20(b) Exemptions to Liam Doyle, Gregory Barry, Zack Walters and William Eliason. Ms. Fleischman seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

14-109 Minutes

Mr. Rosenberg made a motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes of October 21, 2013, as amended. Ms. Fedele seconded the motion.

The motion passed 4-0-1, Ms. Fedele abstained.

Mr. Rosenberg made a motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes of October 21, 2013, as written. Ms. Fleischman seconded the motion.

The motion passed 4-0-1, Ms. Fedele abstained.

14-110 Town Manager's Report

The Selectmen discussed whether extending the moratorium allowing temporary freestanding moveable signs for businesses should be extended to January and if it should be an agenda item, as recommended by the Town Manager. The Selectmen wanted to wait to see if the Sign Bylaw article passes at Town Meeting. The Attorney General also needs to approve any bylaw amendment(s) before they become effective. The Selectmen decided to postpone any action.

Mr. Reed reported that Friday was the deadline for applications for the Facilities Director position. He described what the time commitment would be and requested that one Selectman join the panel to interview the candidates. Ms. Fedele offered to assist.

Mr. Reed announced that at the November 18, 2013 meeting, the interviews would be held for the Bedford Housing Authority replacement. There are two applicants. Chair Moonan asked the Selectmen to think about some questions to ask and send them to him.

14-111 Executive Session

Mr. Rosenberg made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation strategy, not to return to Regular Session. Ms. Fleischman seconded the motion.

At this point, Mr. Siegenthaler noted that he would recuse himself due to the nature of this topic and left the room.

The Selectmen were polled: Fedele, aye, Rosenberg, aye, Fleischman, aye, and Moonan, aye.

The Regular Session meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.