

SELECTBOARD 09/10/11

Present: Chair Jerry Storey, Vice Chair Jaime Heins, Mary Kehoe, Mike Ashooh; also Town Manager Lee Krohn, Finance Director Peter Frankenburg, and others per the sign in sheet.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M.

Approve agenda: request to add second exec session related to litigation (Shelburne Green appeal). Mary as amended, Jamie, 4-0.

Approve meeting minutes of: no 8/6. 8/27 Ashooh, Heins, 3-0-1, Kehoe abstained.

Public Comments:

Selectboard Comments: Kehoe apologized for missing meeting; mentioned ash tree/EAB presentation on Wednesday evening and encouraged attendance. Storey re: grand opening of Library on Saturday.

Town Manager Report: library, dog park progress, 9/11 moment of silence

Change name of Shelburne Tree Advisory Committee: Heins change name to Shelburne Tree Committee effective this evening; Kehoe; 4-0. Questions about public process and ethics and ash trees.

Applicant for Natural Resources/Conservation Committee: Bob Paquin spoke, resident since 1988, Sen. Leahy and USDA experience natural resource issues. NRCC Chair offered strong endorsement. Asked to read ethics ordinance. Heins appointment effective tonight, to 4/22. Ashooh, 4-0. Welcomed.

Use/fee policy for Town facilities: Editorial changes reviewed. Sean Moran, Lakeview Coop, question re fees and exemptions. Asked if smaller groups might have leeway to wait until 2020 to pay re: need to budget for these fees for those who've used rooms before. Policy gives TM some discretion for just this possible purpose. Motion Ashooh approve as presented; Heins; 4-0. Thanks for efforts.

Town Beaver Control Protocol: Storey offered protocol; may not be decided tonight. Some changes needed – p.2 killing of trapped beavers – killing beaver, not killing trapped beaver... need add education re: 'humane killing'; add GMAD as a resource. Question re: trapping... should SB have to approve? Josh Dien offered thoughts... will 'emergency' truly arise? Does SB involvement make sense? Be clear on steps and accountability; need Board notice, but not involvement in decisionmaking. Colleen Parker joined by telephone. Further questions re: non-lethal measures; but is trapping always lethal? Transport may not be lawful. Next step to revise and revisit; include Josh, Lisa, Sharon, Mike, etc in further review.

Updated Town Road and Bridge Standards: Kehoe adopt as recommended items 1-4 and 7 as needed for maximum possible reimbursement from FEMA and State for damage repair after declared disasters; no on 5 & 6 as not mandatory; Heins; 5-0.

Policy on collection of delinquent taxes: new draft, streamlined. Need to add lien at least at one year after anniversary date, effectively giving taxpayer two years to pay. Reverse statement... will go to tax sale unless mitigating circumstances... such as... and other actions... Frankenburg: useful to have policy in place. Suggestions: change due date? Reason for April 15 is it's 30 days from final due date of March 15. April 15 = anniversary date as basis for rest of the timeframes. Clarify. ID TM as collector of

delinquent taxes. Question of paying principal first. Revise and bring back. Kehoe noted we have achieved much progress in short order.

Authorize voting delegates for VLCT/PACIF Town Fair: business meeting of the membership. Heins authorize Jerry Storey; Lee Krohn alternate. Kehoe, unanimous.

Plans for economic development forum on 9/24: Heins described; impressive panel; will be moderated; focus on business retention, anchored in Town Plan; time for Q&A; will be in Community Room at new Library; Ashooh assisting. Take place of regular meeting in entirety.

Open Space Agreement for Gurwicz property: land area reviewed on plan. Ashooh motion authorize TM to sign; Kehoe; 5-0.

Exec Session re: Fire/Rescue/Healthy Living project. Two motions:

1. Heins, Ashooh; 5-0.
2. Heins, Ashooh, 5-0.

Exec Session #2: Storey disclosed potential conflict of interest re: appearance. Lives in same neighborhood as appellant; is an appeal by individual, not by association; does not feel compromises objectivity or fairness and can participate fairly. No objections raised.

Motion 1 Kehoe; Heins; 5-0.

Motion 2: Kehoe; Heins; 4-0-1 Parker abstain.

Entered exec sessions.

The Board came out of exec session at 9:10 P.M.; Ashooh, Heins, adjourn at 9:10 P.M. 4-0 vote (Parker had departed by telephone at that time).