

May 7, 2018

The May 7th meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Soter with Mrs. McNulty, Mr. Spencer and Mr. Connor in attendance.

Reorganization

The meeting was turned over to Ms. Bokoski who asked for nominations for Chairman. Mrs. McNulty made a motion to nominate Mr. Soter as Chairman, seconded by Mr. Connor with all members voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Soter asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr. Connor made a motion to nominate Mr. Spencer as Vice Chairman, seconded by Mrs. McNulty with all members voting in the affirmative.

On a Spencer/Connor motion, the Board unanimously voted to amend the Development Agreement between the Town of Bellingham and Bellingham Active Adult, LLC by changing the name from Bellingham Active Adult, LLC to NECC Active Adult, LL. A copy of the amendment is attached.

Historical Commission Interview – Robert Donahue

Mr. Donahue stated he has been a Bellingham resident since 1969 and would like to give back to the Town. He stated he has always been a history buff and reads a lot of history books. He feels he would be an asset to the Historical Commission.

On a Spencer/Connor motion, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Robert Donahue to the vacant three-year position on the Historical Commission.

Conservation Commission Interviews

- Brian Norton

Mr. Norton stated he has been a Bellingham resident for 12 years and has been on the Commission for 9 years. In that time, he has only missed 2 meetings. He stated he has completed all units for ConCom education.

- Michael Roche

Mr. Roche stated he grew up in Bellingham and wanted to give back to the Town. He stated he has gained knowledge from being on the Commission for 3 years and noted he has a lot more to learn.

Mr. Spencer asked Mr. Roche if he has had disagreements with other Commission members with regard to decisions. Mr. Roche stated that most of the time, the Commission is in full agreement. However, majority rules at the times when there are some disagreements.

- Arianne Barton

Ms. Barton stated she has a BS in Environmental Science and is employed as an environmental consultant. She has been an associate member on the Conservation Commission for about 2 years and has learned quite a lot from this experience.

Mr. Soter asked Ms. Barton if the company she currently is employed for performs work in Bellingham. She answered in the affirmative. Mr. Soter asked Ms. Barton if she was a voting member, how many times she would have had to recuse herself. She stated twice so far.

Mr. Matthews asked Ms. Barton if she feels she has the experience and expertise to be an asset to the Commission and she answered in the affirmative.

Lori Fafard stated she has served the ConCom for 15 years and cannot think of a better person than Arianne to take over her position. Ms. Fafard is giving her support to Arianne.

- Michael Colman

Mr. Colman stated he is a consulting arborist and is looking for an opportunity to contribute to the Town. He stated he has been a resident for 20 years.

Mr. Soter asked Mr. Colman what experience he would bring to the Conservation Commission. He stated he works with all types of plants and makes sure specifications are met during development to protect resources. Mr. Colman stated he is a Master Arborist and has been participating in the preservation of plants for 20 years.

Mrs. McNulty asked Mr. Colman what is involved in becoming a Master Arborist. He stated education and passing tests. He noted once you become a Master Arborist, you must keep up the education and it must be renewed every 3 years.

Mr. Connor asked Mr. Colman why he decided to apply for the Conservation Commission at this time. He stated he has more time available since running his own business.

Mr. Matthews stated that Mr. Colman has interesting and valuable skill sets. He asked Mr. Colman if he would be interested in sitting as an associate member as a learning experience. Mr. Colman answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Soter stated that no action was taken on Michael O'Herron's reappointment and he is serving until such time as he is reappointed or another individual is appointed to that position. Mr. Soter noted Mr. Colman could be appointed to this position.

Discussion was held on this position and it was decided to invite both Mr. Colman and Mr. O'Herron to the June 4th Selectmen's Meeting.

On a Spencer/Connor motion, the Board voted to reappoint Brian Norton and Michael Roche and to appoint Arianne Barton to the three-year vacancy.

The motion carried on a 3-1 vote with Mr. Soter opposing.

On a Spencer/Connor motion, the Board unanimously voted to accept the April 23rd minutes as submitted.

On a Spencer/McNulty motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Common Victualler license renewal for Rosewood Restaurant, Hartford Ave.

On a Connor/Spencer motion, the Board unanimously voted to ratify Mr. Fraine's appointments per attached list.

On a Spencer/McNulty motion, the Board unanimously voted to reappoint Tara Damiano to the Board of Assessors for a three year term.

On a Spencer/McNulty motion, the Board unanimously voted to reappoint Francis Cartier to the Cemetery Committee for a three year term.

On a Spencer/McNulty motion, the Board unanimously voted to reappoint Kay Page to the Council on Aging for a three year term.

On a Spencer/Connor motion, the Board unanimously voted to reappoint Patricia Leclair to the Board of Health for a three year term.

On a Spencer/McNulty motion, the Board unanimously voted to reappoint Priscilla Compton to the Historical Commission for a three year term.

On a Spencer/McNulty motion, the Board unanimously voted to appoint the Memorial & Veterans Day Committee (list attached) for a one year term.

On a Spencer/McNulty motion, the Board unanimously voted to reappoint Larry Sposato to the Norfolk County Advisory Board for a one year term.

On a Connor/McNulty motion, the Board unanimously voted to reappoint Joanne Arcand and Ernest Pelletier to the Town Common Trustees for three year terms.

On a McNulty/Spencer motion, the Board unanimously voted to reappoint Art Patruzo as a regular member of the Zoning Board for a five year term and Joseph Flanagan and James Jeschke for three year terms as alternate members.

On a Spencer/McNulty motion, the Board unanimously voted to transfer the 911 Grant funds in the amount of \$39,448 from police salaries to police expenses.

Joint Appointment – Selectmen/Planning Board

Phil Devine informed the Boards that he would not be seeking the vacated position on the Planning Board and would remain as the Alternate Member.

- Russell Lafond

Mr. Salisbury, Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Trebino represented the Planning Board.

Mr. Lafond stated he has been a town resident for 22 years. He served on the Library Trustees for nine years and was involved in youth sports. He stated his children are older and this gives him more opportunity to volunteer his time to the Town.

Mr. Soter asked Mr. Lafond what assets he would bring to the Planning Board. He stated he has been in the software business for 25 years and feels he would bring a different perspective to the Board.

Mr. Spencer stated it is his opinion that an individual not as well versed in the position he is applying for tends to ask more questions. He did ask Mr. Lafond if he is ready for the stress that comes with approving developments that may not be popular. Mr. Lafond answered in the affirmative.

Mr. O'Connell asked Mr. Lafond why he feels he would be a good candidate for this position. Mr. Lafond stated he will work hard to get up to speed on Planning Board rules and regulations.

Mr. Trebino asked Mr. Lafond if he sways easily under public pressure. He stated he will listen to information provided by the public, however, he will make decisions following the laws & regulations.

Mr. Spencer made a motion, seconded by Mrs. McNulty to appoint Mr. Lafond to the Planning Board position vacated by Mr. Lord serving until the 2019 Annual Town Election. Board of Selectmen and Planning Board members were polled with all voting in the affirmative.

On a Spencer/McNulty motion, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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