



Town of Bellingham

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Daniel Spencer with all members in attendance.

Bonvie Construction Update

Mr. Spencer thanked Mr. Ronald Bonvie of Bonvie Construction for coming in to provide an update on the 55+ community to be built at the New England Country Club. Mr. Spencer stated the Town was anxious to get things going and stated he, as well as the other Board members, are asked on a regular basis when the first houses will be available. Mr. Bonvie stated the delay was a result of the amount of title work that had to be completed on the property. He is now ready to submit his ANRAD to the Conservation Commission which details the new entrance to the community. The new entrance will be closer to Elbow Street and have better site lines for the traffic on Paine Street. Mr. Martinis asked how long before he could get going on the project if all went according to plan with conservation. Mr. Bonvie stated he would guess 1 year after all special permitting had been completed. Mr. Connor asked how the timing of the construction would work given there is a working golf course. Mr. Bonvie stated he is willing to work with the owner of the golf course on this. Mrs. McNulty stated she was disenchanted by Mr. Bonvie seeing that the Town had done everything in its power to get this pushed through and now it doesn't seem like he was all in. Mr. Bonvie stated he had gotten caught up with a few things but those have all been cleared and he is now ready to go on this project.

On a McNulty/Connor motion, the Board unanimously voted to accept the Order of Taking to complete the layout and acceptance of Northeast Drive as a public way.

On a Biagi/McNulty motion, the Board unanimously voted to accept the Order of Taking to complete the layout and acceptance of Stevens Road.

On a Martinis/McNulty motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve the CRPCD Sewer Capacity Allocation Request from ANP Power for an additional 15,000 gpd due to a change in their process.

Mr. DiMartino presented before the Board an Intermunicipal Agreement for a road project on Hartford Ave with the Town of Medway. Mr. Martinis asked which town would be the 'project manager'. Mr. DiMartino stated Bellingham would be doing all the inspections and would be responsible for auditing the invoices and taking the payment requests and splitting them appropriately. They are hoping to bid this project immediately and the construction portion itself should consist of 5-6 months.

On a Biagi/McNulty motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Inter-Municipal Agreement between the Town of Bellingham and the Town of Medway for roadway and drainage improvements.

Complete Street Policy

Mr. Kupfer presented before the Board a Complete Street Policy for review and adoption. Mr. Kupfer explained the Complete Street Policy is a Massachusetts DOT funding program that will provide the Town technical assistance and construction funding to provide streets that are safe for biking, walking, motor vehicles and transit. The first step after adoption would be to have an engineer firm prioritize streets with potential projects. This priority plan is a critical component in the grant funding as these streets listed as a priority to complete will be the ones eligible for the funding. Mr. Kupfer stated about 2/3 (or 270) communities in our state have adopted this policy.

On a Martinis/Biagi motion, the Board unanimously voted to adopt the Complete Streets Policy as presented.

Meagan Thomson of Pannone Lope Devereaux & O'Gara LLC presented to the Board a metes and bounds plan showing the boundaries of the Discontinued Portion of Lafayette Street. The Town had previously discussed but never officially abandoned the portion of Lafayette Street (a paper street) that is located on Bellingham Land Company (the CVS on Pulaski Boulevard's) land. That portion of the "paper way" to be abandoned is a Town way and a vote from the Board would enable the Town to complete the abandonment of the discontinued portion of Lafayette Street.

On a McNulty/Biagi motion, the Board unanimously voted its intention to discontinue the Discontinued Portion of Lafayette Street as a public way and send the discontinuance plan to the Planning Board for its recommendation.

On a Biagi/Martinis motion, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Sharon Blanchard to the Commission on Disability for a 3 year term. Ms. Blanchard is a resident living with a disability and will be a wonderful addition to the commission and bring great insight.

On a Connor/Martinis motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve a Common Victualler License for Bellingham Youth Baseball, April 1st – October 31st, fees waived.

On a McNulty/Martinis motion, the Board unanimously voted to change the name on the Class III Motor Vehicle Junk License to Lynndel Dion and/or Jonathan Dion d/b/a Leo's Used Auto Parts (subsequently removing Richard Dion Jr.'s name).

On a McNulty/Biagi motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve the January 21st minutes as submitted.

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Mr. Fraine announced that the Town's Green Communities application was approved and congratulated all who helped make this happen. Bellingham is now officially designated a Green Community.

Meghan Edwards a college student and resident of Bellingham will be interning with the Planning Department and Mr. Fraine stated she would be reaching out to the Board to survey them as part of the work she is doing for the Master Plan Implementation Committee.

Mr. Fraine announced that February 22 at 9AM is the Board of Selectmen Budget Workshop for any resident who would like to attend.

Finally, Mr. Spencer announced that the Town Elections are set for Tuesday May 5th and any resident wishing to run for an elected position can pull papers from the Town Clerk's office starting Monday February 24th.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hilarie J. Allie', written in a cursive style.

Hilarie J. Allie
Administrative Assistant