

Board of Selectmen Meeting: October 20, 2014

Present: Searle, Gibbs, Tsagaris, McCauley (Absent), Murphy

Also Present: Larsen (entered the meeting at 7:45pm), Jop, Connolly

Minutes Approved: November 3, 2014

Ms. Searle reviewed the dates of the upcoming League of Women Voters precinct meetings. She announced that Town Meeting would start the following Monday and that the RDF will be open for the first of six Sundays in fall.

1. Citizen Speak

None

2. Executive Director's Update

Minutes

Upon a motion made by Ms. Tsagaris and seconded by Ms. Gibbs the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2014 Board of Selectmen's Meeting.

3. Comcast

Manny Fertado joined the Board. Mr. Fertado reviewed the Comcast petition to install PVC.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Tsagaris and seconded by Ms. Gibbs the Board voted unanimously to approve the petition from Comcast Cable Inc. to install approximately 275' of 3" PVC within Street from Existing Pole # NT/5 on River Street heading northerly toward Washington Street: Entering onto private property #16 Washington Street, as described in drawings.

Ms. Tsagaris exited the meeting to attend the Planning Board meeting at 7:15pm.

4. National Grid

Deerfield Road

Dennis Regan, National Grid, representative joined the Board. Mr. Regan reviewed the petition for Deerfield Road to install gas main.

Chelsea Frankenfield resident at 15 Deerfield Road approached the Board and asked how they can be involved in process. Mr. Regan responded that she should contact National Grid's marketing and sales department.

Ms. Nancy Joyce of 8 Deerfield Road approached the Board. Ms. Joyce noted that she hasn't received any information on how the gas main will be hooked up and how much damage there will be to their property. Mr. Regan described the process for installing the gas main. Mr. Murphy asked if the neighborhoods had been notified of work. Mr. Regan noted that state regulations prohibit National Grid from soliciting perspective customers. Ms. Jop noted the abutters were notified of the hearing.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Gibbs and seconded by to approve the petition from National Grid to install and maintain approximately 460 feet more or less of 4 inch gas main in Deerfield Road, Wellesley, from the existing 3 inch gas main at Shelburne Road, easterly to house #21 to serve houses #8, #9, #18, #20 and #21.

Redwing Road

Mr. Regan reviewed the petition to install a gas main on Redwing Road.

Dr. Harris Holstein of 22 Redwing Road approached the Board. He noted he has lived at this address since 1956. In the forest behind his house is a gas main transmission line that supplies gas to the City of Boston. He noted his residence will be surrounded with two gas lines if this gas main is allowed to be installed. He noted that he will have gas lines on now the north and south side of house. If there is ever a leak the leak will follow the fault which would be undesirable as it is unsafe.

The Board noted that they would contact the DPW and get more information on transmission lines and delay approving this petition until they receive an answer.

Ms. Tsagaris returned to the meeting at 7:32pm

Draft Special Town Meeting Motions

Mr. Connolly reviewed changes to motions which had previously been reviewed by Town Counsel.

5. North 40 Update

Mr. Murphy noted that there was a notice on the Town website regarding deferring a decision on the North 40. He briefly reviewed the history of the timing of the North 40 in order to bring it to Special Town meeting. He noted that over the course of time a number of issues needed to be addressed and the amount of information that needed to be digest was significant. Rather than rush the process, it was decided to defer the decision. Currently there is no new time table.

Ms. Searle reviewed two ways of dealing with the question if the Town is offered the opportunity to purchase the North 40. Special Town Meeting can be adjourned until a later date or Special Town Meeting will be absolved and another Special Town Meeting will be called at a later date. The Board decided to call a second Special Town Meeting if the need arose.

Mr. Larsen entered at 7:45pm

6. Old Business/New Business

Ms. Tsagaris noted that last year anonymous donors contributed to the holiday lights in the Wellesley Square. Additional donors have come forward and the Town will be able to put lights on 74 more lampposts as well as 6 or 7 additional trees. The MLP and DPW are waving labor costs for putting in outlets and electricity. The lights will go on day after Thanksgiving.

Andy Patten joined the Board. He updated the Board on Advisory's activities for the week. He noted that they will have the Permanent Building Committee in to discuss Fiske and Schofield final numbers as well as the windows project. Advisory hopes to vote all 5 articles this week.

The Board was polled all aye to go into executive session to discuss the acquisition of real property.

Public session ended at 7:54 pm

The Board of Selectmen's meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm