TOWN OF BURLINGTON, MA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
General Session - 6:00 p.m.
Burlington Town Hall, Main Hearing Room

MONDAY JUNE 10, 2019

**Board of Selectmen Present:** Joseph Morandi, Chairman (7:10), James Tigges, Vice-Chairman; Robert Hogan, Michael Runyan; Nicholas Priest

**Also Present:** John Danizio, Assistant Town Administrator

The Vice-Chairman called the Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

113  **Approval**

**Vote to Approve a zero interest Bond to be issued to the MWRA for Inflow / Infiltration - MWRA Phase 11&12 as approved at the Annual Town Meeting of May 13, 2019**

Present was Town Treasurer Brian Curtin with a request from Bond Counsel for a specific motion from the BOS in order for the Town Treasurer to move forward with the zero interest bond in the amount of $2,225,000 for the Inflow / Infiltration-MWRA Phase 11 & 12 that was approved at the May 13, 2019 Town Meeting.

**Motion:** Selectman Runyan moved to vote to approve that the sale of the $277,500 Sewer Bond of the Town dated June 17, 2019, to Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (the "Authority") is hereby approved and the Town Treasurer or other appropriate Town official is authorized to execute on behalf of the Town on a Loan Agreement and a Financial Assistance Agreement with the Authority with respect to the bond. The bond shall be payable without interest on May 15 of the years and in the principal amounts as provided on the June 10, 2019 vote sheet. **It was further voted** to approve that each member of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certification, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing vote. Seconded by Selectman Hogan and approved (5-0-0)

114  **Approval:**

**Use of Town Common**

**Indian Americans for Burlington**

**Festival of Lights / Diwali Celebration**

Present were Indra Deb, Gini Pookottil, Shital Bhammar and Ranjani Saigal seeking authorization to use the Town Common for the annual Diwali Festival of Lights Event on September 29, 2019 from 12noon to 8:00pm with the gazebo being used and decorated with lights. They are working with the Recreation Department to have the gazebo prepared and to ensure there is maintenance for trash. They have requested to keep open the restrooms in the Annex as was done last year. The rain date is October 6, 2019 at from 12noon to 8:00pm. The group was congratulated for a well-run event the previous year.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**

**Joseph Morandi, Chairman • James Tigges, Vice-Chairman • Robert Hogan • Michael Runyan • Nicholas Priest**
Motion: Selectman Morandi moved to approve the Use of the Town Common for the Indian Americans for Burlington's Indian Americans for the Diwali / Festival of Lights event on September 30, 2018 from 12:00 P.M. to 8:00 p.m. and that the group work with Recreation for both this event and for the lighting of trees on the week of October 27, 2019, during the actual week of Diwali. Seconded by Selectman Priest and approved. (5-0-0)

115 Approval: Use of Handicapped Parking Fine Fund Annual Request - Portable Restrooms
Selectman Hogan, liaison to the Disability Access Commission, explained that the commission was recommending approval for use of the Handicapped Parking Fine Fund in the amount of $2,652 in order to provide funds to offset the difference in cost between regular and handicapped accessible portable restrooms for Burlington parks, same to be spent under the control of the Recreation Department.

Motion: Selectman Runyan moved to approve the amount of $2,652 to be used to offset the cost difference between regular and handicapped accessible portable restrooms as requested by the Recreation Department and recommended by the Disability Access Commission Seconded by Selectman Priest and approved. (5-0-0)

116 Public Hearing: Grant of Location Verizon for NStar and Eversource McIntire Drive
The public hearing was opened. Steve Bigley was present representing Verizon for NStar and Eversource. John Danizio (ATA Danizio) explained that this was a request for approval of a petition to request permission for pole placement necessary to provide new services to residents. Mr. Bigley said they were requesting to locate poles, wires, cables and fixtures including the necessary anchors and guys and other such sustaining and protecting fixtures to be owned and used in common by Verizon to place one pole (P.2) on the easterly side of McIntire Drive to a point approximately 25' northerly from existing pole, P. 1 located on the easterly side of McIntire Drive. The request to relocate a pole would alleviate trespass issues. DPW had no issues with the request. The BOS was satisfied with the request as submitted.

Motion: Selectman Tigges moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Selectman Runyan and approved. (5-0-0)

Motion: Selectman Tigges moved to approve the petition as submitted and discussed. Seconded by Selectman Priest and approved. (5-0-0)

117 Continued

- Approve: Transfer All Alcohol Liquor License After Auction From: Lester's Roadside Bar-B-Q, Inc. dba Lester's Roadside Bar-B-Q To: Tawesub Group, LLC dba White Coconut Thai Restaurant

- Approve: Manager

- Approve: Floor Plan

Present were Kanita Sahasakmontri, owner and manager, was present with Attorney Pamela Brown. ATA Danizio said that the applicant was seeking BOS approval to transfer a wines & malt liquor license from Lester's Roadside Bar-B-Q, Inc. dba Lester's Roadside Bar-B-Q which was located at 376A Cambridge Street to Tawesub Group, LLC dba White Coconut Thai Restaurant at 211 Middlesex Turnpike. Lester's Restaurant was closed and the license was officially auctioned off to Ms. Sahasakmontri at a state of Massachusetts publicly advertised auction. They were also
seeking approval of the submitted floor plan and to have Ms. Sahasakmontri as manager of this wines & malt license. Department staff did not have an issue with the request. There is sufficient additional parking to the rear of the establishment and the restaurant is handicapped accessible. The BOS were satisfied with the submitted application.

**Motion:** Selectman Tigges moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Selectman Hogan and approved. (5-0-0)

**Motion:** Selectman Hogan moved to transfer the wine & malt liquor license from Lester's Roadside Bar-B-Q, Inc. dba Lester's Roadside Bar -B-Q to Tawesub Group, LLC dba White Coconut Thai Restaurant at 211 Middlesex Turnpike. Seconded by Selectman Tigges and approved. (5-0-0)

**Motion:** Selectman Tigges moved to approve Kanita Sahasakmontri as manager of Tawesub Group, LLC dba White Coconut Thai Restaurant at 211 Middlesex Turnpike. Seconded by Selectman Priest and approved. (5-0-0)

**Motion:** Selectman Priest moved to approve the floor plan as submitted. Seconded by Selectman Runyan and approved. (5-0-0)

All servers are TIPs certified and Selectman Tigges reminded Ms. Sahasakmontri to have all servers registered with the Police Department, and she agreed.

118 **Discussion/ Application / Petition to Burlington Board of Selectmen for a License to Deal in Junk, Precious and / or Metals or Secondhand Articles for the Purchase, Sale or Barter of Such Articles Per the Town's General Bylaw**

ATA Danizio reviewed the secondhand application that was submitted and approved with amendments by Town Counsel in accordance with the Town's bylaws. Information on fees collected by other towns were provided for BOS review. The office had received two requests from businesses who needed to complete such an application for their leases. Office Manager Betty McDonough explained that there is much work reviewed and collected by the Police Department. Chief Kent sent comments that long term the policy needs to be reworked, but short term the Police Department will work with the existing policy/application and satisfy its requirements.

At this time the BOS agreed with having the application available as necessary but there was no decision made on whether or not a fee would be required. Selectman Tigges said he would review procedures to work with the Police Department in order to establish a list of all establishments that fall under the requirements of the bylaw for the sale of secondhand items and consider a date of compliance.

The board agreed that the application should be used by any establishment requesting one but wish to have further discussions on the need for a fee. Selectman Tigges said he could look into the procedures of current establishments that deal with secondhand items.

119 **Approval:** 61 Center Street Parking Plan

ATA Danizio reviewed the issue of the handicap spaces at 61 Center Street. Town Meeting Member Millie Nash was present. Meetings were held with Marge McDonald, Director of COA and Chris Hanafin, Coordinator of the DAC as well as Ms. Nash and resident Valerie Weldon.
The BOS reviewed the site plans showing the parking lot prior to November 2018 and the proposed plan. Five (5) spaces were illustrated on the Kelly Murray Wing side starting at the exit door working down to the front side walk. The bus will be moved across from these during the evening. There will be five (5) handicap spaces and two (2) senior only spaces on the opposite side close to the building. Two (2) existing handicap spaces on this side of the building but over one row will be removed with the final result being ten handicap spaces and two senior spaces. The BOS and Ms. Nash were satisfied with the plan.

**Motion:** Selectman Runyan moved to accept the ten handicapped parking spaces and the two senior parking spaces as shown on the plans as submitted. Seconded by Selectman Priest and approved. (5-0-0)

120  Review/Approval:  
Green Communities Program  
▪ Town of Burlington Anti-Idling Policy  
▪ Town of Burlington Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy

This item was postponed to June 24, 2019.

121  Approval:  
Use of Town Common  
Burlington Rotary Club Luncheon  
Friday, June 14, 2019, 12noon-1:30p.m.

Present was Beverlee Vidoli representing the Burlington Rotary Club seeking BOS permission to use the Town Common for a Burlington Rotary Club luncheon on Friday, June 14, 2019 at the Rotary dedicated area of the common.

**Motion:** Selectman Robert Hogan moved to approve the use of the Town Common by the Burlington Rotary Club on Friday, June 14, 2019 for a Burlington Rotary Club luncheon. Seconded by Selectman Nicholas Priest and approved. (5-0-0)

122  Approval:  
Minutes

**Motion:** Selectman Tigges moved to approve the minutes of:  
**January 23, 2019 Executive Session**  
Seconded by Selectman Priest and approved. (3-0-1 with Selectman Runyan and Priest abstaining)

**Motion:** Selectman Tigges moved to approve the minutes of  
**February 25, 2019 Executive Session**  
Seconded by Selectman Priest and approved. (3-0-1 with Selectman Runyan and Priest abstaining)

**Motion:** Selectman Tigges moved to approve the minutes of  
**April 18, 2019 Strategic Planning Session**  
Seconded by Selectman Priest and approved. (5-0-0)

**May 6, 2019 Executive Session**  
Seconded by Selectman Priest and approved. (4-0-1 with Selectman Morandi abstaining)

**May 6, 2019 Regular Session**
Postponed to June 24 2019.

May 20, 2019 Regular Session
Postponed to June 24, 2019.

123 Subcommittee Reports
Selectman Tigges announced that many were pleased that the grand opening of Pepe's Pizzeria had taken place. The Cops N Cars event arranged by Sgt. Bernie Schipelliti was a very successful and positive event.

Selectman Runyan said he attended the recent Eagle Scout ceremony with Selectman Tigges. Troop 103 continues to produce these quality scouts and the ceremony as enjoyable.
The 4th of July is less than 30 days away and a last call was placed to submit nominations for outstanding citizen for the parade.

Selectman Hogan congratulated Reverend Angela Wells-Bean from the UCC Burlington on the birth of a her child. Congratulations also given to the 2019 Burlington High School graduates.
Former Deputy Fire Chief, Marine, and long-time, dedicated volunteer to Veterans Services passed way on June 7, 2019.
Selectman Priest said he attended the Christopher Joyce Memorial Golf Tournament. A reminder was made to contact Sandi Madigan for events to take place at Grandview Farm.
He recently met with MIS and discussed cyber security to ensure the Town's information is safe.
He had the great opportunity to attend the recent Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program.
A meeting was held on June 5, 2019 for the Master Plan is available to watch on BCAT Commented on seeking volunteers for the July 4th events.
He was pleased to attend the MMA's Mass Selectmen's Association's recent training session for newly elected board members and learned a great deal.

124 Chairman's Report
Chairman Morandi also congratulated Sgt Schipelliti on the successful Cops N Cars event. Funds raised were for People Helping People.

125 Town Administrator's Report

126 Old/New Business
The BOS all commented on the passing of Rich Reid, Buildings and Cemeteries Superintendent. He was well liked by all and will be missed.

ADJOURN

Motion: Selectman Runyan moved to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Tigges and approved. (5-0-0)

Submitted by,

Betty McDonough, Recording Clerk