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

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017

Board of Selectmen Present: Daniel Grattan (until 7:00 p.m.), Chairman; Christopher Hartling, Vice-Chairman; Robert Hogan; Michael Runyan; Joseph Morandi
Also Present: John Petrin, Town Administrator

GENERAL SESSION
Pledge of Allegiance
The Chairman called the Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

001 Discussion: Health Insurance - Retiree Contribution
Town Administrator John Petrin (T.A. Petrin) presented for consideration the recommended proposals for future retiree contributions towards health insurance to go from 80% to 70%. The change would not affect already retired employees. Management and labor committees have been apprised of the submitted proposal. The monthly premium after age 65 is still lower than active plans. It was agreed to bring this forward for a vote in the beginning of 2017.

002 Discussion/Approval: January zoning Bylaw Article
Rezone Landlocked Forest Parcels
Christine Warren said she and Town Meeting Members Jonathan Sachs and John Iler were present seeking a vote of support from the BOS for a January Town Meeting warrant article that would request to change the zoning of the Landlocked Forest from General Industrial to Open Space. Ms. Warren said it would more match its use. Mr. Sachs talked about preserving the property from developers.

Selectmen Runyan and Morandi said they take the responsibility of being the custodians of the Landlocked Forest very seriously. Selectman Runyan expressed disappointment that the BOS were not consulted during the process of creating this warrant article.

T.A. Petrin explained that the property is protected and any changes require legislative approval per Article 97. The BOS discussed there being a full review of what is allowed in Open Space.

Selectman Hogan said he understands the logic for the proactive attempt and was not against the request but stressed that there are no plans to sell the property.

Selectman Hartling said he appreciates the desire to put this forward but an Open Space designation may create unforeseen obstacles, and he is opposed to this warrant article at this time in order to keep study options available for potential future needs of the town.

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Chairman Grattan was comfortable with the request because of the laws in place which create hurdles for future developers.

DPW Director John Sanchez was present and expressed concern for how this change in zoning could impact future water distribution needs for DPW noting that structures are not permitted in the Use Table for Open Space.

T.A. Petrin recommended an ad hoc committee first be formed to discuss the issue with Town Counsel on how to move forward and how to present to Town Meeting. The Building Inspector could clearly outline for Counsel and Town Meeting what isn't allowed in Open Space. Mr. Sachs was satisfied with this recommendation and said they were seeking to protect it from developers such as occurred in 2008.

Dave Miller, Town Meeting Member, said changing the zone to Open Space was high on the Master Plan list.

The members agreed to take a vote on this article.

Motion: Selectman Runyan moved to oppose Article 5, to Rezone Landlocked Forest Parcels to Open Space as written. Seconded by Selectman Morandi. (3-2-0 and the motion to oppose passed)
3 in favor of opposing a change to Open Space: Selectmen Morandi, Hartling and Runyan
2 in favor of a change to Open Space: Selectmen Grattan and Hogan

Selectman Grattan departed the meeting.

003 Public Hearing Alteration of Premises
(Contd from 12/19)
Slesar Bros. Brewing Company, Inc.
d/b/a Burlington Beer Works/34 Cambridge Street

The petitioner requested this public hearing be continued to the meeting of February 13, 2017.

Motion: Selectman Runyan moved to continue the public hearing for the second request for an Alteration of Premises at 34 Cambridge Street, Slesar Bros. Brewing Company, Inc., d/b/a Burlington Beer Works. Seconded by Selectman Morandi and approved. (4-0-0)

004 Public Hearing Change Liquor License from
(Contd from 11/28 & 12/19
Wine & Malt to Wine & Malt with cordials
Bickford's Family Restaurant d/b/a Bickford's Grille
6 Cambridge Street

The petitioner requested this public hearing be continued to the meeting of February 13, 2017.

Motion: Selectman Hogan moved to continue the public hearing to upgrade the Wine & Malt license to Wine & Malt with cordials at Bickford's Family Restaurant d/b/a Bickford's Grille, 6 Cambridge Street. Seconded by Selectman Morandi and approved. (4-0-0)

005 Review/ Final Approval: January 23, 2017 Town Meeting Warrant
Article 6 Fund the Burlington Police Patrolman's Association Contract and
Article 7 Fund the Burlington Police Command Officers' Contract: Both of these contracts are still under negotiation and are expected to be withdrawn.
Article 8 Transfer from Free Cash to Reserve Fund: This is a traditional yearly article to transfer $100,000 from Free Cash to Reserve.

**Motion:** Selectman Hogan moved to approve Article 8, Transfer from Free Cash to Reserve Fund in the amount of $100,000. Seconded by Selectman Runyan and approved. (4-0-0)

Article 9 Transfer of Funds FY2017 Various Accounts
There are no requests to transfer funds at this time and this article is expected to be withdrawn.

**006 Discussion:** FY18 Budget Process
T.A. Petrin said the BOS had approved financial guidelines in December, and Department Heads would next be coming to the meetings to describe their budgets. At this time their budgets are being submitted to the Budget Analyst and Ways and Means is setting up subcommittee meetings.

**007 Subcommittee Reports**
Selectman Runyan reported that the 4th of July committee is seeking volunteers.

Selectman Hogan said the Fire Station 2 committee meetings are going well and progress is being made.

Selectman Morandi stated that the last day to discard Christmas trees will is the week of January 16 with decorations and plastic bags removed.
The deer bow hunting season at the Landlocked Forest closed on December 31, 2017.

Selectman Hartling reported that the Burlington High School hockey game with Arlington High School at Frozen Fenway on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 is a unique and exciting event.

**008 Town Administrator’s Report**
T.A. Petrin said the architect is on board for the fire station and 33 and 61 Center Street were going out to bid for a second time.

**009 Chairman’s Report:** None.

**010 Old/New Business:** None.

**011 Citizen’s Time:** No one spoke

Adjourn

**Motion:** Selectman Morandi moved to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Hartling and approved. (4-0-0)

Submitted by,

Betty McDonough
Recording Clerk
001 Discussion: Health Insurance- Retiree Contribution - 11/2016 Retiree Health Insurance - premiums for town and employee for all plans;

002 Discussion/Approval: January zoning Bylaw Article/Rezone Landlocked Forest Parcels - Warrant and Backup for rezoning Landlocked Forest; Information Sheet on Landlocked Forest Parcel; email from DPW; map of Landlocked Forest

003 Public Hearing: Alteration of Premises/ Slesar Bros. Brewing Company, Inc./d/b/a Burlington Beer Works/34 Cambridge Street - public hearing notice; email from J Clancy 1/5/17 34 Cambridge Street, Burlington Beer Works modified floor plan; 8/23/16 email from Planning; floor plan; parking lot plan; retail alcoholic beverages license application monetary transmittal form; petition for change of license; resolution from board of directors;

004 Public Hearing: Change Liquor License from Wine & Malt to Wine & Malt with cordials/Bickford's Family Restaurant d/b/a Bickford's Grille/6 Cambridge Street - note re attorney asked for a continuance to 1/23/17; public hearing notice; 12/16/16 note from office manager that fire and building have informed the office that they are satisfied with the request for cordials; floor plan; amendment application; applicants statement; 10/12/16 letter from Bickford's re have attained attorney; 9/21/16 ltr from Bickfords re board of directors’ approval of request;

005 Review/Final Approval: January 23, 2017 Town Meeting Warrant -

006 Discussion: FY18 Budget Process - 12/20/16 memo from J Petrin re Operating Guidelines for FY18

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009 Chairman’s Report -

010 Old/New Business: -

011 Citizen’s Time: