SPECIAL SESSION TO DISCUSS NATIONAL GRID AND SMALL CELL EQUIPMENT

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

Update: National Grid:
Chairman Hartling followed up on the public safety concerns since National Grid has locked out their line workers. He described temporary workers doing the work and the leadership issues. It was agreed to review what other towns are doing and to get fully informed and to place a moratorium on any new street work being requested. It is recommended that information and education be brought forward at a future meeting.

Motion: Selectman Hogan move to approve a moratorium on all new street gas work, except for emergencies until further notice. Seconded by Selectman Tigges and approved and motion passed. (5-0-0)

Approval:

| Grant of Location on Seven (7) Utility Pole |
| Attachment of Small Cell Communications Equipment |
| Verizon Wireless for Installation of Small Cell Units |

Selectmen Tigges said there are seven applications currently before the BOS. He added that a policy with Town Counsel working with a Small Cell Communication Equipment committee as well as an application form, with both being to address future applications. Committee members selected will be multi-faceted in order to provide numerous points of view from different aspects. The town can only restrict these installations for limited reasons which the policy will address. Through the BOS to the Town Administration Selectman Tigges provided the recommended members to be on the Small Cell Communication Equipment Committee to work with Town Counsel:

John Clancy, Inspector of Buildings
Lt. Kevin Cooney, Police Department
Deputy Chief Mike Patterson, Fire Department
Kate Moskos, Purchasing Analyst
Tom Hayes, Town Engineer
Amy Warfield, Town Clerk

Kristin Kassner, Planning Director
Libby Walendziewicz, Board of Health
Brenda Rappaport-small cell background & Board of Appeals
Adam Tigges, Bylaw Review Chairman
Kristin Russo, Resident

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:
CHRISTOPHER HARTLING, CHAIRMAN • ROBERT HOGAN, VICE-CHAIRMAN • JOSEPH MORANDI • MICHAEL RUNYAN • JAMES TIGGES
Motion: Selectman Tigges moved to accept the appointments through the Board of Selectmen to the Town Administrator as presented and to waive the standard fifteen-day waiting period. Seconded by Selectman Runyan and approved.

Dan Klasnick, Attorney for Verizon, was present to explain that seven applications have been submitted to Burlington for a Grant of Location to use existing utility poles that are already in use. The equipment he said is expected to improve overloaded cell phone reception. Verizon Wireless and its competitors are trying to stay on par with the public demand of the present and future. He described the canister equipment at the top of the pole and the additional remote radio heads and electrical meter equipment along the sides of the pole.

Libby Walendziewicz, member of Board of Health and the Small Cell Communications Equipment committee, addressed concerns with radio frequency and how it will affect humans and animals. Attorney Klasnick replied that all equipment will be in compliance with the FCC. He provided a comprehensive plan which included sites currently being requested and sites that are expected to have requests going forward in the near future. There is no master plan available.

The final regulation will include responsibility for the removal of equipment no longer in use because at this time companies are not meeting their removal obligations. It will also recommend that equipment not be placed on double poles.

It was agreed to continue the public hearing to allow time for the committee to continue to work with counsel on the draft regulation and application.

Motion: Selectman Tigges move to continue the discussion to October 22, 2018. Seconded by Selectman Hogan and approved. (5-0-0)

Adjourn:
Motion: Selectman Hogan moved to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Runyan and approved. (5-0-0)

Submitted by,

Betty McDonough
Recording Clerk