TOWN OF BURLINGTON, MA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
General Session – 8:00 a.m.
Grandview Farm

MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2015

Board of Selectmen Present: Michael Runyan, Chairman; Christopher Hartling, Vice-Chairman; Robert Hogan; Daniel Grattan; Joseph Morandi
Also Present: John Petrin, Town Administrator; Paul Sagarino, Assistant Town Administrator; John Sanchez, DPW Director; Michael Kent, Police Chief; Richard Holland, Town Counsel; John Shortsleeve, Consultant; Emily Wright, DPW Operations Analyst Candidate; Craig Robinson, School Facilities.

The Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

Appointments:
John Sanchez presented Emily Wright for appointment as Operations Analyst within the DPW. Petrin made the appointment and on Bob Hogan/Chris Hartling motion, the Board voted 5-0 to waive their 15-day waiting period.

Fire Chief Steven Yetman has recommended Loreen Perron for the position of Administrative Secretary within the Fire Department. Petrin made the appointment and on Bob Hogan/Chris Hartling motion, the Board voted 5-0 to waive their 15-day waiting period.

Solar:
The Board had a discussion as to engaging in solar contracts with Syncarpha. Messrs. Holland and Shortsleeve were present to discuss the topics with the Board, in particular, the factor of risk. Each gentleman had provided a memo in advance of their role in the process with background as to what has occurred. The Board reviewed these with the gentleman and probed as to the issue of risk, particularly the areas of law change and the value of future credits. The Town stands to gain approximately $10M over a twenty-year period from this project and could be risking a loss of up to $3M in certain situations.

It was agreed that the biggest risk would be in the Legislature changes the laws relative to credits and solar and does not protect communities with projects in place. It is assumed that all changes would be done prospectively and not be made retroactively. The projects proposed are for two parcels in Burlington and one in Bedford all owned by the Davis companies.

The Board is taking the information received under advisement and will make a decision at their meeting of August 17th. Selectmen Grattan and Hartling left at the end of the discussion.

Adjourn:
Motion: Selectman Hogan moved to adjourn at 8:50 a.m. Seconded by Selectman Morandi and approved. (3-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,
John D. Petrin, Town Administrator