Meeting Posting

Notice of Public Meeting – (As required by G.L. c. 30 A, c. §18-25)

Proposed Agenda – Rev 1

- Surplus Space Rental – School Department
- Stretch Energy
- Treasure’s Position
- Facilities Committee
- Review & approve prior meeting minutes
- Any other business
- Adjourn
DATE: April 9, 2019   PLACE: Town Hall Annex – Meeting Room B

Attendees
Committee-Present: Wendy Guthro, Sandra MacKay, Adam Tigges, Larry Warfield   Absent: David Miller
Other Attendees:
   School Department - Nichole Coscia, Tom Murphy,
   Town Administrator - Paul Sagarino, Jr.

Topics
1. Surplus Space Rental – School Department
   The LABB collaborative is renting administrative office space at the High School this year. They are paying rent of approximately $63,000 per annum. Without this article the School Committee can only expend rent collected for the maintenance and upkeep of that portion of the facility the renter occupies. At the end of the year any remaining balance must be turned over to the town. By accepting this part of MGL Chapter 40 Section 3 the School Committee will be allowed to accumulated rental funds from year to year and expend them for upkeep and maintenance of facilities as required.
   Motion: To approve as presented   (Moved: Tigges, Second: MacKay , 4-0-0)

2. Stretch Energy – Town Administration
   Burlington wants to join the Massachusetts Green Communities program. This allows us to compete for state grants for energy saving projects. The town must satisfy 5 criteria to qualify. They believe that we meet 4 of the 5. The remaining criteria would be to adopt the “Stretch Building Code”.

   The Stretch Building Code is an enhancement to the state’s building code which contains additional energy saving requirements for new construction, both residential and commercial. These requirements add about $2,000 cost to new residential construction.

   Burlington previously considered and dismissed this program earlier this decade due to concerns that additional costs on new construction would dampen the development in town and the tax revenue it generates, thereby putting us at a competitive disadvantage. Since then over 200 Massachusetts cities and towns have adopted this code. Also over that same period the standard Building Code and the Stretch Building Code have grown closer.

   The committee raised questions about the source and assurance of future funding for this program or if we could withdraw from this program if the requirements became too burdensome. Two of the criteria describe requiring as-of-right development rights. While Administrator Sagarino assured us that Planning has assured him that Burlington met these criteria we need a better description of what this means to the town.

   This article was held over to our next meeting to allow town administration to provide some more detailed answers to the committee.
3. Treasurer / Collector Position
With Saturday’s election the position of Treasurer / Collector was converted from an elected to an appointed position. Also as a result the position and its department are no longer responsible directly to the voters but to the Selectmen. This article is a housekeeping article to reflect that change.

Motion: To approve as submitted (Move: Guthro, Second: MacKay, 3-0-1)

4. Facilities Committee
Chairman Tigges relayed that he received two responses that this committee has been inactive since the Human Services Building project was started. Given the late hour the topic will be held over to our next meeting.

5. Review & approve prior meeting minutes
Motion: To approve as revised (Move: MacKay, Second: Guthro, 4-0-0)

6. Any other business
The committee decided to reschedule our May 14 meeting to May 7 to allow us to vote on the Stretch Building code article prior to May Town Meeting

7. Adjourn (4-0-0)