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TOWN OF BURLINGTON

Meeting Minutes

DEPT./BOARD: Burlington Select Board
DATE: Monday, January 9, 2023 Regular Session
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Burlington Town Hall, 29 Center Street Main Meeting Room, 2nd Floor/
and Cisco Webex On-Line Meeting

MINUTES

Members Present: Nicholas Priest, Chairman; Michael Runyan, Vice-Chairman; Joseph Morandi; James Tigges; Michael Espejo

Staff Member Present: Paul Sagarino, Jr., Town Administrator; John Danizio, Assistant Town Administrator, Gerry McDonough, Police Traffic Unit, Tom Browne, Police Chief, Marge Yetman, Council on Aging Director, Gary Gianino, Treasurer/Collector, Paul Tierney, Assessor, Tom Hayes, Town Engineer, Mark Dupell, Inspector of Buildings /Zoning Officer, Andy Connerty, Fire Chief, John Keeley, Conservation Administrator, Christine Shruhan, Executive Director of Burlington Youth and Family Services

Chairman Priest called the Burlington Select Board meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

001 Citizen's Time – Sunil Prajapati he wanted to know why the Town employees come to work every day.

002 Appointment: Civil Engineer

Tom Hayes recommended Gage Morin he is currently interning with engineering, Paul accepted the recommendation and asked the Board to waive the 15 day waiting period

Motion: Member Morandi moved to appoint. Seconded by Member Runyan and approved. (5-0-0)

003 Appointment: Local Building Inspector

Mark Dupell recommended Mike Kenney he worked for the Building department before, Paul accepted the recommendation and asked the Board to waive the 15 day waiting period

Motion: Member Espejo moved to appoint. Seconded by Member Morandi and approved. (5-0-0)

004 Appointments: Fire – Captain & LT

SELECT BOARD:

NICHOLAS PRIEST, CHAIRMAN ♦ MICHAEL RUNYAN, VICE-CHAIRMAN ♦ JAMES TIGGES ♦ MICHAEL ESPEJO ♦ JOSEPH MORANDI

Andy Connerty recommended Michael Bibbey for the captain's position, Paul accepted and asked the board to waive the 15 day waiting period.

Andy Connerty recommended Brendan Micciche for the lieutenant position, Paul accepted and asked the board to waive the 15 day waiting period.

Motion: Member Morandi moved to appoint. Seconded by Member Espejo and approved. (5-0-0)

Motion: Member Morandi moved to appoint. Seconded by Member Espejo and approved. (5-0-0)

005 Appointment: Conservation Commission

John Keeley recommended Rob Sheehan for conservation commission board, Paul accepted the recommendation and asked the Board to waive the 15 day waiting period

Motion: Member Espejo moved to appoint. Seconded by Member Morandi and approved. (5-0-0)

006 Approval: Conservation Land Purchase

Years ago this was brought forward and approved for purchase and the land owner backed out, the Board voted to restart the discussion for purchase.

Motion: Member Tigges moved to restart the process to purchase. Seconded by Member Morandi and approved. (5-0-0)

007 Update: Youth and Family Services - Grant

Executive Director Christine came before the Board to tell them about the 700 thousand dollar federal grant they received to assist with homelessness focusing on ages 17-25 year olds

008 Update/Discussion: Property Relief Tax Programs

There are a few assistance programs available please reach out to the COA or family youth and services for help

009 Approval: Senior Work Off Program

Would like to increase the pay from 12 – 15 to match minimum wage, earn up to 1500.00 off the RE taxes you can work up to 125 hours per calendar year, currently 10 seniors participating in the programs with about 13,000 in savings over all

Motion: Member Tigges moved to accept. Seconded by Member Espejo and approved. (5-0-0)

010 Appointments: Elderly & Disabled Taxation Fund Committee

We had zero interest from our advertising over the past 4 to 6 weeks, a few calls were made to recruit a few members.

Motion: Member Tigges moved to appoint. Seconded by Member Espejo and approved. (5-0-0)

011 Discussion: Body Worn Cameras Program

The entire department will be wearing the cameras, early spring the Police department received a grant for 184,000, TM will need to approve more funding for remaining costs

012 Approval: Street Opening/National Grid

Withdrawn by the resident without prejudice

013 Discussion/Approval: Parking Restriction – Ardmore Avenue

Suggested remedy is to place no parking signs on the Street from 7am – 7pm Monday through Friday, Joe and Jim will go back out and take another look and decide the best placement for the signs most likely not until the Spring.

Motion: Member Morandi moved to approve. Seconded by Member Tigges and approved. (5-0-0)

014 Discussion/Approval: Parking Restriction – B Street

Suggested some type of signs that state no parking commercial vehicles and possibly towed, more information is needed so that they resolve the problem and don't push it to another street, Joe and Jim will take another look and discuss further with Gerry McDonough Traffic Division and have some type of resolution by spring.

Motion: Member Morandi moved to approve. Seconded by Member Tigges and approved. (5-0-0)

**015 Public Hearing: New All Alcohol License
Goodnight Johnny's – 154 Cambridge Street**

The Client pitched the concept they are looking to achieve, scratch kitchen menu, live music and dancing Friday and Saturday's family atmosphere, hoping to open late 2023

Motion: Member Espejo moved to accept as written. Seconded by Member Morandi and approved. (5-0-0)

Motion: Member Morandi moved to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Member Espejo and approved. (5-0-0)

Motion: Member Tigges moved to approve with condition that special permit is granted. Seconded by Member Espejo and approved. (4-1-0)

**016 Public Hearing: Alteration of Premises
Pyramid Group (Burlington Marriott) 1 Burlington Mall Road**

The Marriott came back with a new alteration design, 38 additional seats enhance the business lounge everyone welcome.

Motion: Member Tigges moved to accept as written. Seconded by Member Espejo and approved. (5-0-0)

Motion: Member Espejo moved to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Member Tigges and approved. (5-0-0)

Motion: Member Tigges moved to approve. Seconded by Member Runyan and approved. (5-0-0)

**017 Public Hearing: Housing Proposal – Winn View Heights II
Rear of 35 Mountain Road**

After discussion the Housing Partnership hadn't turned in their report so the Board opted to wait and would close the Public hearing the Strategic Planning session being held Thursday 1.12.2023 and the vote would take place at the next Board meeting at 1.23.2023. Residents that spoke about issues concerns or favorable were: Jeff Dibona, Kerry and Ron Riley, Janice Cohen, Monty Pearson, Jennifer Goldsmith, Jessica Netishen, Betsey Hughes & Barbara L'Heureux

All emails and letter were posted on the website

Motion: Member Tigges moved to continue @ 5:30 p.m. 1.12.2023. Seconded by Member Espejo and approved. (4-0-0)

018 Discussion: Electronic Sign Policy - DRAFT

Draft was presented more discussion is needed continued to either 2.13.2023 or 2.27.2023

019 Approval: Warrant Article – January TM

Articles 2- 12 voted and approved and Article 19 voted and approved

Motion: Member Tigges moved to approve. Seconded by Member Espejo and approved. (4-0-0)

Motion: Member Tigges moved to approve. Seconded by Member Espejo and approved. (4-0-0)

020 Approval: Minutes – Regular Meeting 11.14.2022

Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Motion: Member Tigges moved to approve. Seconded by Member Espejo and approved. (4-0-0)

021 Subcommittee Reports – Jim no Joe no Mike R Governor Baker has finished his time and he has always been fair to Burlington we have fared very well during his terms **Mike E** National Law enforcement day thank you to all for your hard work

022 Chairman's Report – Hope everyone had a safe and happy New Year, if you were born this year you will mostly likely see 2100, as the cold weather hits please check on your neighbors and as always please step up and volunteer for a committee

023 Town Administrator's Report Paul – The Town received a green community's grant for 129 thousand dollars

Adjourn: Motion: Member Tigges moved to adjourn 9:50 p.m. Seconded by Member Espejo and approved.
(4-0-0)

Submitted by,

Lyn Mills, Recording Secretary