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TOWN OF BURLINGTON

Meeting Minutes

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

DEPT./BOARD: Select Board
Strategic Planning Session

DATE: June 14, 2023
Wednesday

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: Grand View Farm
55 Center Street

Discussion: Goal/Objectives

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

Staff Present: Paul Sagarino, Town Administrator, John Danizio, Assistant Town Administrator, Brian White DPW Director

Resident: Shari Ellis

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Runyan the subject of the meeting was to set goals no voting would take place. Member Espejo spoke briefly on the incidents in Town from the past week he shared some of the information resident and School Staff received.

Accessory Dwelling Units: The Board would like to mimic what the Town of Bedford did see the attached for the details. They would like Department heads to weigh in.

Trash and Recycling Program- Proposal: DPW Director Brian White discussed the details of a potential cardboard recycling program if it were to come back. The DPW site has a gated site that could be used for this, which could be on a limited basis, for example start off doing one Saturday morning a month. With an increase weekly starting in the Christmas season. The Board was mixed on putting the dumpsters and this service back in. This item was tabled for now. Some composting discussion began but it would be more of the resident partnering with the company directly.



Seasonal Decorative Seasonal Streetlight Banners: Based on the current poles flags seems like a better option because the setup is already there so no additional cost would be needed for that part, who will be charge? Maybe done in phases not all at once. Decorative flags not advertising.

May 2023 Warrant Article #23 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training: Several ideas were purposed, more discussion on the particulars need to be had. The Board reviewed the documents that were shared. Members Espejo and Priest discussed the programs from Network for Social Justice, Chair Runyan would rather see something that was for the full community.

Use of Town Common: Need a plan on when people can request for the following calendar year and if we could split the Common into two areas so two events could happen on the same day? Members felt January for the following year was fair and the common can handle more than one event at a time on most occasions.

Field Maintenance Funding: Potentially joining forces with the recreation commission to assist with the field and park needs in Town, to create a request for a line in the operating budget for field maintenance.

Personnel – Alternative Scheduling Ideas: Would have like to try a pilot program this summer but discussions started to late, but it is something they would like to continue to talk and think about, hiring pool is scares and some of this seems to be about schedules so making a more flexible schedule or 4 day work weeks may help increase the hiring pool.

Fox Hill School Building Committee Update: See the attached for timeline still early phases no decision has been on if we will go 4 from schools to 3.

American Rescue Plan Act – Recap: Proposals: Closeout:

Departmental Structure/Reorganization Ideas: Would like to bring to Town Meeting in September for funding to start a reorganization plan.

Police Station Feasibility Study: It appears but hasn't been completely confirmed that the Police Station will fit on the existing site including the Sculpture Park lot, plan to update TM in September in January real solid plans and will be looking for funding in May

Government Review: We are convinced we need change in our current structure, in the end it would be a ballot vote.

Meeting Closed @ 7:43
Submitted by:
Lyn Mills
Recording Clerk