

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

June 12, 2017

Chairman Michael L. Champoux called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Wilmington Middle School, 25 Carter Lane. Present were Selectmen Gregory B. Bendel, Kevin A. Caira, Michael V. McCoy and Edward P. Loud, Sr. Also present was Town Manager Jeffrey M. Hull.

Chairman Champoux asked those present to rise and he led the pledge of allegiance. Chairman Champoux recognized Representative James Miceli was present this evening.

TREASURY WARRANTS

Chairman Champoux asked for a motion to accept the Treasury Warrants. A motion was made by Selectman McCoy, seconded by Selectman Bendel and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen accept Treasury Warrants 48, 48A, 49, 49A, 50 and 50A.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Selectman Caira, seconded by Selectman McCoy and by the affirmative vote of four with Selectman Loud abstaining, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of their meeting held March 13, 2017 and all action taken is hereby ratified and confirmed.

MICHAEL J. WOODS, DPW DIRECTOR, RE: PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION RELATIVE TO BUTTERS ROW BRIDGE

Chairman Champoux stated that the Board changed their venue in anticipation that there would be interest in this topic and thanked residents who were in attendance. Chairman Champoux stated that, currently, the Town does not have a specific plan in place for the disposition of the bridge.

Town Manager Hull introduced Michael Woods, Director; Paul Alunni, Town Engineer and Jamie Magaldi, Operations Manager of the Department of Public Works. He stated that Mr. Woods has had conversations with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) regarding the bridge. MassDOT indicated that there is a priority system with how Massachusetts bridges are repaired and/or replaced. The Butters Row Bridge is safe, there are some deficiencies, a couple of which will be addressed this construction season. MassDOT is looking for some consensus from the Town on what the Town is looking for relative to the bridge.

Mr. Woods stated that at the request of the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen, the Department of Public Works was present to provide the facts as they are known about the bridge. The Department of Public Works prepared a PowerPoint presentation, which was presented by Town Engineer Paul Alunni.

Following the presentation, Chairman Champoux asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board.

Selectman McCoy stated that in 1987 there was discussion of a two lane bridge and, at that time, the residents were in favor of keeping the bridge a single lane bridge. He stated that a few months ago he met with residents at the Town Hall and discussion revolved around a single lane bridge. He listed various roads in town and noted that they were laid out as scenic roads. He spoke about drivers utilizing short cuts to get between point "a" and point "b".

Selectman Caira stated that he requested this be brought forward due to the safety of the bridge. Safety is the main concern, fire apparatus cannot cross over the bridge due to the weight limit. He stated that he would be in favor of a two lane bridge with sidewalks. He acknowledged the volume of traffic.

Selectman Bendel noted the timeliness of the conversation based upon the opening of the park, the approval of 48 units of housing on Main Street and development on Chestnut Street.

Selectman Loud stated that safety is the biggest concern. Selectman Loud asked why there is no work being conducted on the stringers if they are in poor condition. Mr. Alunni stated that it is a good question. The state has advised that the short term project for the summer is to replace the decking. The decking is scheduled to be replaced and one would think they would not replace decking on poor stringers.

Selectman Loud asked if the Town still has the design from years ago regarding a two lane bridge. Town Manager Hull does not believe the Town would be able to utilize the engineering design.

Chairman Champoux stated that the biggest concern is safety. This bridge was initially built in the 1920s, with reconstruction in the 1980s.

Chairman Champoux asked if there were any questions or comments from the audience. Chairman Champoux asked speakers to provide their name and address for the record. Representative Miceli stated that the Town and members of the Board can contact him for assistance. He stated that he is on the Ways and Means Committee and has been known to move projects from the back burner.

Residents spoke expressing concerns relative to the volume of traffic, speed of traffic, litter, property damage and pedestrian safety. Many residents spoke in favor of a two lane bridge with sidewalks. The following is a list of residents who offered comments regarding the Butters Row Bridge.

Sharon Kelley-Parrella 145 Chestnut Street	Christine Moses-Chen 79 Chestnut Street	Rachael Salazar 43 Towpath Drive
Kevin Connolly 4 Elizabeth Drive	Judith O'Connell 2 Lockwood Road	Ken Hahn 37 Mill Road
Eileen Calvo 23 Chestnut Street	Charles Przyjemski 13 Hillside Way	Kevin MacDonald 140 Andover Street
Dotty Plouffe 3 Factory Road	Sean Madden 81 Butters Row	Elizabeth Lawrence 5 Gatehouse Lane
Susan Earls 60 Butters Row	Rich Abbott 4 Elizabeth Drive	Ruth Moses 79 Chestnut Street
Joseph Jackson 57 Chestnut Street	Margaret Hayes 7 Gatehouse Lane	Kim Delling 136 Marion Street
Susan Roy 49 Butters Row	John Romano 247 Burlington Avenue	Antone Lawrence 5 Gatehouse Lane
Jeremy Holland 133 Marion Street	Barb Ungaro 53 Butters Row	Anita Thomas 9 Fenway Street
Robert Spencer 675 Main Street	David Ragsdale 18 Marion Street	David Moses 79 Chestnut Street

Scott Neville
215 Chestnut Street

Matt Devlin
5 Apple Tree Lane

It was noted that the Town is working with Green International to develop a design for the redevelopment of Route 38 from Burlington Avenue to the Woburn city line.

Police Chief Michael Begonis spoke to the number of motor vehicle crashes on the bridge or at the intersection and the circumstances surrounding each. He advised that multiple speed studies show an average speed of 27 miles per hour.

Fire Chief Richard McClellan spoke in favor of a two lane bridge stating that it would be easier for fire apparatus to cross.

Many residents expressed their desire to be able to walk to the Yentile Farm Recreational Facility safely. Residents spoke about constructing sidewalks along Butters Row. Mr. Woods advised that the construction of sidewalks would be costly because it would involve land takings. In addition, trees on one side of the roadway would have to be removed and would drastically change the character of the neighborhood.

COMMUNICATIONS

Town Manager Hull reviewed a memorandum from Valerie Gingrich, Planning & Conservation Director, relative to the Butters Row Bridge. Ms. Gingrich advised that the Planning Board took up discussion of the Butters Row Bridge at their regularly scheduled meeting of June 6, 2017. The Planning Board discussed road safety and traffic circulation and decided to express their unanimous support for the reconstruction of the Butters Row Bridge as a two-lane bridge.

Town Manager Hull reviewed his memorandum regarding the Finance Committee. He advised that the Finance Committee Appointing Committee met on Thursday, June 8, 2017 and voted to reappoint Theresa Manganelli and John Doherty to three year terms and voted to appoint Neal Couture to fill the vacant seat held by Robert Palmer.

Town Manager Hull reviewed a letter from Eric Duffy, Community Manager, Relay for Life. Mr. Duffy addressed the letter to neighbors of the Wilmington High School advising them of the event scheduled for June 16-17, 2017.

BOARD TO CONSIDER ISSUING A COMMON VICTUALER LICENSE TO PANCHO'S INC. DBA PANCHO'S CANTINA FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 206 BALLARDVALE STREET, UNIT 7

Town Manager Hull noted that the Board of Selectmen met with Michael Newhouse, Esq., and Mr. Elisandro Chavez relative to an All Alcohol License. At that time Health Director Shelly Newhouse had not had the opportunity to speak with the applicant and make a recommendation relative to the Common Victualer License. Since that time Ms. Newhouse was able to provide the Board of Selectmen with a favorable recommendation. Al Spaulding, Building Inspector, advised that he reviewed the application and there are no outstanding zoning issues.

Chairman Champoux asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman Loud, seconded by Selectman McCoy and by the affirmative vote of four with Selectman Caira abstaining, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen grant a Common Victualer License to Pancho's Inc. DBA Pancho's Cantina for property located at 206 Ballardvale Street, Unit 7.

BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST OF KRISTEN STOKES FOR RESIDENTS OF JACOBS STREET TO HAVE A NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY ON SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2017 FROM 2:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

The request was reviewed by the Police, Fire and Public Works Departments who have no concerns. Chairman Champoux asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman Bendel, seconded by Selectman Loud and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen grant the request of Kristen Stokes for residents of Jacobs Street to have a block party on Saturday, June 17, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST OF SHERI PALMISANO FOR RESIDENTS OF LUCAYA CIRCLE TO HAVE A NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2017 FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 11:00 P.M.

The request was reviewed by the Police, Fire and Public Works Departments who have no issues. Chairman Champoux asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman Loud, seconded by Selectman Caira and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen grant the request of Sheri Palmisano for residents of Lucaya Circle to have a neighborhood block party on Saturday, August 12, 2017 from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

BOARD TO CONSIDER RATIFICATION OF TOWN MANAGER'S APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT N. OLIVERI TO THE WILMINGTON COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

After the Board of Selectmen meeting of May 23, 2017, Town Manager Hull contacted Mr. Oliveri and suggested that he have a conversation with Dee Genetti, Chairman, Commission on Disabilities, to determine if he would be interested in serving on that commission. Mr. Oliveri spoke with Ms. Genetti and Town Manager Hull was advised that Mr. Oliveri was interested in serving on the Commission on Disabilities. Chairman Champoux asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman Bendel, seconded by Selectman Caira and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen ratify Town Manager Hull's appointment of Robert N. Oliveri to the Commission on Disabilities.

BOARD TO CONSIDER EXECUTING DRAINAGE EASEMENT AGREEMENT, 40 BURLINGTON AVENUE

Town Engineer Paul Alunni advised that an existing municipal drain line currently traverses 40 Burlington Avenue. The drain line collects runoff from Burlington Avenue and discharges to a wetland system behind the parcel. The owner of the property is willing to grant the Town an exclusive permanent easement to operate and maintain this section of the Town's drainage infrastructure.

Chairman Champoux asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman Loud, seconded by Selectman McCoy and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen execute the drainage easement agreement for 40 Burlington Avenue.

BOARD TO CONSIDER EXECUTING ROADWAY EASEMENT AGREEMENT, 21 NORTH STREET

Town Engineer Paul Alunni advised that a portion of the existing roadway shoulder for North Street currently encroaches on 21 North Street. The owner is willing to grant the Town an exclusive permanent easement to operate and maintain this section of the Town's roadway infrastructure.

Chairman Champoux asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman Loud, seconded by Selectman Bendel and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen execute the Roadway Easement Agreement for 21 North Street.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kevin MacDonald, Andover Street, thanked Selectman McCoy for identifying potential development at Xpedx.

Mr. MacDonald opined that the carry in carry out policy at Yentile Farm Recreational Facility has failed and that the Town ought to change the policy and locate receptacles at the park.

Mr. MacDonald stated that he had a conversation with Representative Miceli who advised him that if the Town had reached out to him, the Representative would have ensured a representative of MassDOT was present this evening. Town Manager Hull stated that the fact that MassDOT was not present this evening was by design as stated at the beginning of the meeting. Town Manager Hull stated that it was not an issue of slighting Representative Miceli, nor was it an oversight.

NEW BUSINESS

Selectman Bendel noted that ten individuals who applied for the position of Substance Abuse Coordinator are being vetted and interviews scheduled.

Selectman Bendel expressed his desire that the Board have a discussion regarding the budget and potential cuts for the next year.

Selectman Caira wished Selectman Bendel a Happy Father's Day.

Selectman Caira asked whether there has been any activity regarding Olin and the letter received from Mr. James DiLorenzo of United States Environmental Protection Agency. Town Manager Hull advised that the Board is scheduled to meet with Mr. DiLorenzo in September but to his knowledge, there has been no response to date.

Members of the Board of Selectmen thanked Mr. Couture and Mr. Oliveri for agreeing to serve the Town, thanked those who attended the Memorial Day Parade, offered congratulations to local graduates and expressed their support for the Wilmington-Billerica Relay for Life.

IMPORTANT DATES

Town Manager Hull reviewed important dates including:

Sundays Through

October 29 – Farmer's Market – Town Common Parking Lot – 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

June 16- – Wilmington Relay for Life – Wilmington High School

- June 17 Friday afternoon, June 16 to Saturday morning, June 17
- June 20 – Facilities Master Plan Committee – Town Hall – Room 9 – 6:30 p.m.
- June 23 – Rotary Trivia Night – Shriners Auditorium
- June 24 – Flag Retirement Ceremony – Minuteman Headquarters – 2:00 p.m.
- June 26 – Board of Selectmen – Town Hall – Room 9 – 7:00 p.m.
- June 27 – Reading Municipal Light Department “Shred the Peak”
 Buzzell Senior Center – 1:00 p.m.
- June 29- – Fourth of July Festivities – 978-657-8081 (funonthefourth.com) – Town Common
- July 2 – Spectacular Fireworks – July 2
- July 1 – Family Day – Town Common
- July 1 – Library Closed Saturdays for Summer
- July 1 – Wilmington Fire Department vs. Wilmington Police Department
 Charity Softball Game to Benefit The 100 Club of Massachusetts
 Wilmington High School Softball Field – 4:00 p.m.
- July 5 – Concert on the Common – “Perfect Crime” – 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- July 5 – Brush Drop-Off – Old Main Street – 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- July 8 – Brush Drop-Off – Old Main Street – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Selectman Bendel, seconded by Selectman McCoy and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary