

# **SPECIAL MEETING NORTH SMITHFIELD TOWN COUNCIL**

**SEPTEMBER 4, 2012**

**KENDALL-DEAN SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

**7:00 P.M.**

The meeting began at 7:00 P.M. with the prayer and the pledge to the flag. Council members present were Ms. Alves, Mr. McGee, Mr. Yazbak and Mrs. Charest. Mr. Zwolenski had a work commitment. Town Administrator Hamilton and Town Solicitor Nadeau were also in attendance.

## **DISCLAIMER**

Mrs. Charest read the following disclaimer: “It is the board’s understanding that this meeting is being videotaped for future broadcast on cable television. Please be advised that this videotaping is being done by private citizens. It is not being done on behalf of the Town of North Smithfield, nor is the Town of North Smithfield in any way sponsoring or affiliated with it. It is not a public record. The Town of North Smithfield especially disclaims any liability for the contents or the accuracy thereof. Any video tape of this meeting or any other use of said video tape or other recording and the contents thereof are solely the responsibility of the parties doing this video taping.”

## **NATIONAL GRID INTERSTATE RELIABILITY PROJECT**

Mr. David Berren, Principal Project Manager for the Interstate Reliability Project, provided an overview of the project. He reviewed

**the needs, benefits and details; major permits, approvals and consultations; and the timeline. There will be approximately 75 miles of new transmission lines running from Millbury, Massachusetts through Rhode Island and into Connecticut. The approximate cost of the project for all three states is \$540 million. The estimated first year taxes for North Smithfield are \$1.8 million from RI Reliability and \$2.3 million from Interstate Reliability. It is hoped that construction will begin in early 2014 and facilities will be in service by December 2015.**

**MOTION by Mr. Yazbak, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted unanimously on an aye vote to take a five-minute recess at 7:22 P.M.**

**The meeting resumed at 7:26 P.M.**

**PUBLIC HEARING RE: CONTINUATION OF SLATERSVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT MAP**

**Mr. Yazbak recused himself from this discussion because he is a fifty percent owner of a building located in the district.**

**Mr. Ericson explained he is looking to continue the historic district for two more years for that area that has already been established. He noted that the National Parks Service strongly encourages towns to create historic districts.**

**There were no questions from the audience.**

**MOTION by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mr. McGee, and voted 3 to 0 (Mr. Yazbak recused) to close the public hearing on the Slatersville Historic District map.**

**MOTION by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mr. McGee, and voted 3 to 0 (Mr. Yazbak recused) to have the first reading on September 17, 2012.**

#### **ANDREWS TERRACE/BRANCH VILLAGE SEWER PLAN**

**MOTION by Mr. McGee, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted 4 to 0 on an aye vote to table this to September 17th to enable Mr. McGee to gather more information.**

#### **APPOINTMENT TO ZONING BOARD**

**There was no appointment and this was continued to September 17th.**

#### **APPOINTMENTS TO JUVENILE HEARING BOARD**

**There were no appointments and this was continued to September 17th.**

#### **1ST READING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT RE: DETERMINATION OF SEWER ASSESSMENTS**

**MOTION by Mr. Yazbak to pass this on to the Sewer Commission for its comments.**

**Ms. Hamilton stated she has reached out to the three members who resigned but at this moment there are only two members and**

**therefore no quorum.**

**Mr. Yazbak withdrew his motion.**

**MOTION by Mr. Yazbak and seconded by Mr. McGee to send the proposed ordinance to existing and recently resigned Sewer Commission members to see if they would like to make comments.**

**Ms. Hamilton stated the Council may want to look at the entire ordinance for consistency.**

**Mr. Nadeau was uncomfortable with referring the ordinance to individuals who are not on committees. He would prefer to invite the present and ex-members to a Town Council meeting to discuss it in public.**

**Mr. Yazbak withdrew his motion and Mr. McGee withdrew his second.**

**MOTION by Mr. Yazbak, seconded by Mr. McGee, and voted 4 to 0 on an aye vote to schedule a public hearing for October 1st and to invite the existing and ex-members to attend.**

## **1ST READING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT RE: CERTAIN ONE-WAY STREETS**

**The Council discussed eliminating the paragraph making Church Street in Slatersville a one-way on Sundays between 6:30 a.m. and**

**12:30 p.m.**

**The proposed ordinance would allow travel on Lapre Road from Great Road to the intersection of Oaklawn Road in a westerly direction only.**

**MOTION by Mr. Yazbak, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted 4 to 0 on an aye vote to accept this as the first reading.**

### **PACHECO PARK FIELD LIGHTS**

**Public Works Director Raymond Pendergast has had discussions with the Little League Board of Directors who would like to enter into a financial agreement with the town for the purchase of lights for the girls' softball field at Pacheco Park. Mr. Rob Skinner, NSLL President, explained the loan proposal with Musco Lighting would be for \$32,000 over five years at a rate of 5.35 percent.**

**Mr. Yazbak questioned whether the town can guarantee a loan for a private entity and asked if Finance Director Brian Silvia could research that.**

### **CONSERVATION EASEMENTS ON IRON MINE HILL ROAD FROM SUSAN GUERARD**

**Mr. Ericson explained that Ms. Guerard has signed three conservation easements on two lots on Iron Mine Hill Road. These easements preclude further development of more than six acres of residential land.**

**Mr. Nadeau had not had the opportunity to review the easements and asked if the Council would table until the next meeting.**

**MOTION by Mr. Yazbak, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted 4 to 0 on an aye vote to table this matter to September 17, 2012.**

#### **HALLIWELL SCHOOL BUILDING TASK FORCE REPORT**

**MOTION by Mr. Yazbak, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted 4 to 0 on an aye vote to turn over the report to the School Committee so they may analyze it.**

**MOTION by Mr. Yazbak, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted 4 to 0 on an aye vote to give the School Committee no more than 60 days to review the report and report back to the Town Council.**

#### **PROCEDURE FOR RECOMMENDATION OF CHANGES TO THE DISTRICT USE TABLES**

**Since Mr. Zwolenski had requested that no vote be taken on this matter because he was unable to attend this meeting, MOTION by Mr. Yazbak, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted 4 to 0 on an aye vote to table this matter to September 17, 2012 and that no further work be done by the Ordinance Development Committee or referral to the Planning Board until the discussion is held at that meeting.**

#### **REFERRAL TO PLANNING BOARD FOR RECOMMENDATIONS ON**

## **DISTRICT USE TABLE**

**Again, since Mr. Zwolenski had requested that no vote be taken on this matter because he was unable to attend this meeting, MOTION by Mr. Yazbak, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted 4 to 0 on an aye vote to table this matter to September 17, 2012 and that no further work be done by the Ordinance Development Committee or referral to the Planning Board until the discussion is held at that meeting.**

**After Mr. Ericson voiced some concerns, Mr. Nadeau proposed that the Council defer the issues to the next meeting. If the Planning Board opts to go forward with recommendations at their next scheduled meeting, the Council has no ability to tell them they cannot.**

**MOTION by Mr. Yazbak, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted 4 to 0 on an aye vote that the Council's actions this evening be communicated to the Planning Board so the Planning Board Chairman knows what the Council said with the motion.**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Mr. Nadeau would prefer to have the discussion with all five members present and he asked that it be continued to the next meeting.**

**MOTION by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mr. Yazbak, and voted 4 to 0 on an aye vote to continue this executive session to September 17, 2012.**

**MOTION by Mr. Yazbak, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted 4 to 0 on an aye vote to adjourn at 8:25 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Debra A. Todd, Town Clerk**