

State of Rhode Island

County of Washington

In Hopkinton on the sixth day of June 2016 A.D. the said meeting was called to order by Town Council President Frank Landolfi at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 1 Town House Road, Hopkinton, RI 02832.

PRESENT: Frank Landolfi, Barbara Capalbo, Sylvia Thompson, David Husband, Thomas Buck; Town Solicitor Kevin McAllister; Town Manager William McGarry; Town Clerk Elizabeth Cook-Martin.

The meeting opened with a moment of silent meditation and salute to the Flag.

HEARINGS

CDBG AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRESERVATION SET ASIDE REQUEST

The Council opened a hearing on a request by Canonchet Hills (CH), L.P. (aka Canonchet Cliffs III) asking the Town of Hopkinton to submit on its behalf an application to the R. I. Commerce Secretary, Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD) for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. OHCD has established a CDBG set aside fund at the state level for affordable housing development or preservation. Canonchet Hills is seeking funding in the amount of \$499,000 under the preservation category. The Planning Board has reviewed the proposed Community Block Grant activity and determined that it did not conflict with the general policies set forth in the Town's Comprehensive Plan. A complete package of supportive documentation was available for inspection if there were any questions.

CDBG Coordinator Geoffrey Marchant was present. Also present: William Canning, property manager for Canonchet Cliffs.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Husband asked about fiscal responsibilities for the Town if anything should go wrong as he did not want the taxpayers to be on the hook. He also asked whether the town would be endorsing or co-signing the application. Mr. Marchant stated this would be a straight forward rehab of an existing facility that

was brought online around 1992 so it has some age on it and some of the infrastructure is in need of rehabilitation. It was financed at a pretty high interest rate so the cash flow suffers because they limit the occupancy of low/moderate income people and the rent, so the income is restricted by deed restriction covenants. Mr. Marchant stated the Town is the applicant to the State of Rhode Island and explained there was an involved process to obtain the release of funds starting with an environmental review process as step one, provided it is funded, and it was his experience with these matters that he expected the project would most likely convert to exempt; it's not old enough to be historic, it's not in a flood plain, there are no wetlands on site; it's an existing facility and there will be no change in density so it would probably convert to exempt. He further explained that there were federal requirements that had to be adhered to that included but was not limited to bidding the work, developing a scope of work, federal contract provisions attached to each of the bids, Section 3 employment obligations, monitoring of certified payroll reports on a weekly basis, the proper permits will have to be pulled, the work completed, inspected and signed off and we pay based on the work completed. He stated if everyone does what they supposed to do and we ensure that they do, there should be no liability on the Town's part. Councilor Husband asked if it has it been done before at Canonchet Cliffs. Mr. Marchant responded yes. Councilor Thompson stated it had all been done before with CDBG funds and we could be on the hook for any of it if it is not done properly, but she added it is done properly. Mr. Marchant noted the State had established a set-aside about three years ago of roughly \$1.5 million. He reported he had spoken to Michael Tondra, who runs the office for the State, and found that no one had applied for the set-aside funds last year so the money is sitting there and is not being used. He noted that a project of this size is too big for CDBG alone, but a project of this scope can fit within the parameters of the set aside. Councilor Capalbo stated she was at the Planning Board Meeting and was familiar with the details and has no problem with it. She felt it will help the low-income population, Canonchet Hills has been very useful in helping with that, and the building needs renovation. She questioned if it would affect any of the Town's CDBG funds planned for municipal purposes. Mr. Marchant responded no, it was a separate pot

of money. Councilor Capalbo asked if the State would consider our application which would take up roughly one third of the set aside. Mr. Marchant believed the State would; he reiterated they had no applications last year. Councilor Thompson asked when it had become Canonchet Hills. William Canning was present. He has been managing the property for the past twenty five years. Hopkinton Housing was an association that put together Canonchet I and Canonchet II and they were combined together because they had to install sprinkler systems; they refinanced and installed upgraded fire connections and fire hydrants on the property. Canonchet Hills is a limited partnership with Hopkinton Housing. He explained they have a 10% mortgage with RI Housing. If they would allow us to refinance at a lower rate down to 5% there would be \$15,000.00 more per year that could be put towards improvements for the tenants. The problem is RI Housing & Mortgage will not allow them to pay the mortgage off. He stated there are local bankers who are willing to pay it off for them but RI Housing has first right of refusal. He stated Canonchet Hills is willing to keep it low income housing. He stated RI Housing wants them to make the repairs that need to be made and if they were refinancing, they could do that, but it is not feasible financially with only 23 units and no way to amortize a million dollars for 23 units. He stated they will give them additional money for improvements inside the units for the tenants to bring them up to code. If nothing happens there is only a \$300,000.00 mortgage left on the property to pay off. He added that the tax credits have all subsided but the Canonchet Hills Board has an obligation keep it low income housing. The Canonchet III rents are a little higher in income than that of Section 8 and were designed for those in the community who had a little higher income. Councilor Buck commented that his fellow Councilors already asked the questions. He noted they had been good tenants and good partners in Town over the years. Councilor Landolfi asked about the first right of refusal by RI Housing. Mr. Canning noted they have that with all their properties. The only way they will give approval to refinance or pay off the mortgage is if there is a deed restriction of another 25 years of low income housing. Council President Landolfi asked if that would be the case when financing with other banks. Mr. Canning stated no and explained that across the country with Section 8 housing, developers are paying off

mortgages and converting them into market rate apartments or condo's because these facilities were built 25 years ago, and in certain areas the value has gone up and they no longer want to rent to low income housing. Council President Landolfi commented on how that could be done if its deed restricted. Mr. Canning noted keeping the low income housing for the life of the mortgage protects the community. Mr. Canning explained they will re-write the deeds with new financing package with the 25 year deed restriction. Council President Landolfi asked if they any idea about the rates from RI Housing. Mr. Canning stated he was hoping for 5% to 5.5%; the problem is there are a lot of additional fees with RI Housing, but he would be happy with 5% to 5.5% as it would provide them with necessary cash flow.

Public Comment:

John Hines stated he had lived at Canonchet III for 8 years and that he sees the need for the request to be granted in a sense that he was aware they have struggled, each year not to raise rent, but this year it went up by \$5.00. He felt Town Council is in a position to help and hopes the Town Council will give it sincere review. There were no other comments.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR BUCK TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION SUBMITTAL FOR THE CDBG AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRESERVATION SET ASIDE REQUEST SUBMITTED BY CANONCHET HILLS (CH), L. P. (AKA CANONCHET CLIFFS III).

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Capalbo, Thompson, Husband, Buck

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

The Council opened a hearing on a zoning ordinance amendment request filed by Kevin Murphy, Esq. on behalf of Home Loan & Investment Bank, FSB, One Home Loan Plaza, Warwick, RI 02886 for property owned by Home Loan & Investment Bank, FSB and located at 1100 Main Street, Hope Valley, RI 02832, identified as Assessor's Plat 27 Lot 150 a Commercial Special Zone continued

from May 16, 2016 for receipt of Building & Zoning Official’s opinion. Building & Zoning Official Brad Ward’s opinion was received.

Attorney Kevin Murphy was present with John Murphy, Jr. Filing fees had been paid and notice posted. A stenographer was present to record the proceedings. A copy of the transcript will be attached and made part of this record.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON TO CLOSE THE HEARING AND SET JUNE 20, 2016 AS THE DATE FOR A DECISION.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Capalbo, Thompson, Husband, Buck

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

CONSENT AGENDA

The May 16, 2016 and May 23, 2016 Town Council Meeting Minutes were removed from the Consent Agenda.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS: Accept the May 16, 2016 Allied Court Reporters transcript as the record pertaining to the Home Loan & Investment Bank, FSB Zoning Text Amendment Hearing; Executive Session Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2016; Set June 20, 2016 as a hearing date for a Multi-Event Permit filed by Holly Tree Campground; Set July 5, 2016 as the first Town Council Meeting in July due to Independence Day Holiday; Set September 6, 2016 as the first Town Council Meeting in September due to Labor Day Holiday.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Capalbo, Thompson, Husband, Buck

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

The May 16, 2016 Town Council Meeting Minutes were corrected on page 4, line 13, “Phase II” should be “Phase III”; page 18, last line, “non-confirming” should be “non-conforming”, page 21, second line, strike “is” and replace with “asked

about”, page 21 line 13, add to the end of the sentence “left of extraction” after the word acres.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO APPROVE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2016 AS AMENDED.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Capalbo, Thompson, Husband, Buck

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 23, 2016.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Capalbo, Thompson

OPPOSED: None

ABSTAIN: Husband, Buck

SO VOTED

Councilor’s Husband and Buck abstained as they were not in attendance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Michael Geary of 229 Ashaway Road was present. He thanked the Town Council for all they do and did not feel they were recognized often enough. He noted one of the hats he wore was President of the Fishing Club. His stated his concern was how well did the Town know about the transit hub at exit 1. Council President Landolfi explained he had attended several meetings with the State and noted it was on this agenda for an update by the committee. He stated there were a lot of moving parts to the project: the \$9 million dollar TIGER grant has been approved but they still need \$3 to \$4 million more from the State. It’s a complicated project and initially, he and Mr. McGarry were advised that the State would involve the Town and get our input as much as possible with regard to the RFP, etc. He added that the Town may not be able to stop it. Mr. Geary felt it was put out quietly so he wanted to know how well known the project was; he is concerned about the fuel tank being situated next to our water which sustains all of us. Council President Landolfi stated there are concerns about the primary aquifer. He was

told that the he gas tanks will be above ground which he felt was a decent compromise in terms of aquifer protection. He stated they seem to be fast tracking the plan but he is glad we have been part of the process and he would periodically place the matter on the agenda for an update. Mr. Geary wanted to stay apprised and felt the taxpayers should be updated. He referred to what was happening in Burrillville. His concern was that as soon as the check is signed on the grant they would begin to break ground. He stated he would support Welcome Center but not take a chance on contaminating the aquifer. Council President Landolfi noted he had initially ignored many of the emails he received from the State but eventually felt that being involved better than not being involved and felt it was best to have Town Council members on the committee.

Dorothy Gardiner of Canonchet Driftway felt the approach by Town Council was similar to Jim Jones and the drinking of the cool aid. She noted RI has the dubious distinction of not having any fracking or oil production, yet have two of the most devastating spills: Canob Park and Pascoag, both lost their wells and must rely on a public water supply. She noted the Hope Valley cluster community now gets Town water because they have contaminated each other's wells. This project was similar. It would place an outhouse and gas tanks on top of our well that would contaminate our aquifer. She doesn't believe if it will happen, but when it will happen. She is concerned that someday we will have a silent spring with fish dying, frogs disappearing, birds that no longer sing and deer that can no longer be hunted because their carcasses have been contaminated. She felt the Town should lie down in front of the bulldozers and say no. It is our sole source aquifer and the State has already screwed up many projects.

Dora Hellner of Hillside Avenue thanked the two speakers before her as she agreed with their statement. She pointed out that on Route 3 there is a WWF sign that says epic fail, save our fresh water. She stated she is saddened by whole venture that is being pushed on us by the State. Once our water source is endangered it affects our entire food chain, she asked that the Town Council get

involved in fighting it and reported she is trying to get as many town's people involved as well as it is placing our lives and our wildlife in danger.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT

Council President Landolfi reported the Chariho Centennial Lions Club (formerly Richmond Lions Club) were looking for members and would be holding an information night on June 1, 2016 from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM at the Richmond Country Club, 74 Sandy Pond Rd., Richmond, RI. The Club currently has 15 members but needed 20 members to make a charter. Annual dues are \$60.00 and they meet once a month.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager William McGarry reported on May 13, 2016 that he, Finance Director Brian Rosso and Town Planner James Lamphere attended a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) seminar held at NEIT in East Greenwich to learn more about the many types of grants and low interest loans that USDA offers. U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse was the keynote speaker, along with Joanne E. Demars, the rural development coordinator. He noted we are particularly interested in USDA, as they may be the primary financiers of any future Hope Valley Waterline Extension project. On May 25, 2016, he met with engineer Tony Nenna to review the final engineering plans and file a formal application to RIDEM for a wetlands permit for the proposed Town Hall consolidation project presently on hold. Because of anticipated changes to RIDEM wetland regulations, it is in the Town's best interest to apply for the wetlands permit, prior to more restrictive regulations being imposed. The general theory was that the wetlands buffer would be extended from 50 feet to either 75 feet or 100 feet.

OLD BUSINESS

RIDOT TRANSIT HUB UPDATE

There was an update on the RIDOT Transit Hub Update regarding the last meeting where our Town representatives, Councilor Capalbo, Councilor Thompson, Mr. McGarry and Richard Prescott were present. Councilor Capalbo stated they went to the State House for a meeting where there were architectural choices with four to five different proposals and based on the proposals, it was

apparent they had listened to the Town's input. There were good people there from RIDEM who were concerned about the water. There was intermodal transport representatives, other DOT personnel, architectural people reviewing what the Welcom Center would look like. She stated she doesn't have a problem with a Welcome Center she has a problem with the fuel and the protection of the aquifer which she doesn't want to give an inch on. The plans already had planned on accommodating the three historic cemeteries and an indigenous drum rock. They paid attention to the water as very crucial. The septic is to be located towards the highway; they addressed walkways, permeable surfaces for water retention and protecting against oil and gas. The buildings were on the modern-side, it was handicap accessible, there was a place for bikes, there were accommodations for buses – she felt too many as the present Park and Ride has only 9 people who use the buses. She stated they brought up as many points as possible; the design is not yet finished. She stated they have a \$9 million dollar TIGER Grant, and \$3 million to \$4 million dollars more was needed. She feels they will need more like \$24 million. She stated they are trying to fast track the project and they mentioned the fuel tanks will be located above ground and that the EPA will be involved so we will see how it goes. Richard Prescott attended the meeting and they paid attention to him. Councilor Thompson noted the EPA must come in and conduct an environmental study, when that will be is not known at this point but there will be an opportunity for public and Town Council comment. It also was not known what type of septic will be installed and what the cost would be. We will have to wait for the EPA study. She stated at the end of the meeting, she spoke to the engineer and she informed them that some Councilors not in favor of and she is not. She hopes the Town Council will vote on whether or not they are for it. She noted the State will do what it wants. She asked people to let the Town Council know of any concerns. She stated even though Canob Park was contaminated there was ample land for a well. There is no land for a well at the exit. Her hope is that after the EPA review it gets scaled back. She had no issue with including electric car ports. She noted at a previous meeting, she learned the other rest stop can't be used as it was part of Federal Highway System. It only allows for parking, bathroom facilities and vending

machines. The plan is to use it for trucks. Councilor Buck asked if they had any architectural drawings. If they did it without gas and he has no issues. His concern is that the RIDOT will do what it wants and we will have no say so he would like as much town input as possible and the gas is the biggest concern. His aunt lived at Canob Park and he was aware of what they went through. With regard to the style of the building he hoped for a New England style vs. modern 21st Century. He asked about the round-about and if it had been nixed. He explained he doesn't want it at Route 3. He doesn't want the property clear cut; once they are off Route 95, they've got them so there is no reason to clear cut the cedar trees; just a road with low voltage lighting. He noted there had been talk of above ground tanks but they still have to link the tank to the pump and that will have to be underground. He thought the best thing when asked to participate. He stated he made contact with Senator Reed's office asking him to hold off on the TIGER Grant, as we knew nothing about it; Senator Reed was awarding it and in charge of it, but he heard nothing back. He did not believe there was a single councilor who would do anything maliciously to change Hopkinton. Council President Landolfi stated I haven't put it on for a council vote as he was concerned about jeopardizing the RIDEM Grant and the Categorical Aid Restoration. He would prefer to do so after the State Budget was passed. He did not want people to think the Council was in favor of a gasoline station at the aquifer. He stated he will list it on the agenda periodically for updates and eventually for a vote. Councilor Capalbo noted they also reviewed the Dark Sky Ordinance and LED ordinance. Unfortunately, the old fashioned design looked like a strip mall. Councilor Husband noted the Welcome Center is good for the State but this Welcome Center is bad for the Town; he felt it was a deterrent to the filling stations and restaurants in Town; we've received no promises from them regarding local businesses; he felt we will see a Wendy's or a Popeye there. He stated it is also taking prime taxable land away from us. He hasn't seen anything that will protect the historic cemeteries and he fully expected that if they wished to use the land they will move the markers and will pave over those who lie there. Councilor Thompson stated the other item was whether or not the bus terminal/transit hub will be simply another place for people to park or if it would be for the nine people who use a bus and there was no answer on that yet.

Council President Landolfi stated he spoke to Frances Lovera by phone and asked if the Town could say no. He said it was hard to say as to whether we could stop it. Council President Landolfi will place the matter on the agenda as needed to talk about it. He noted Director Alviti may come down so he asked people to stay tuned and mentioned there would be public hearings at the State House. Councilor Capalbo stated the public hearings would not be about the welcome center but about bus routes. Councilor Husband asked if they explained about the runoff from the parking area – detention ponds. Councilor Thompson responded that would be something handled by the EPA.

HEARING DATE RE: DRAFT SOLAR ORDINANCE

The Town Council set July 5, 2016 as a hearing date re: draft Solar Ordinance introduced and sponsored by Councilor Thompson.

HEARING DATE RE: AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 173 – FARM VIABILITY ORDINANCE

The Town Council set July 5, 2016 as a hearing date regarding an amendment to the Chapter 173 Farm Viability Ordinance further identified as Hopkinton Ordinance Chapter 5.5 to include a new Section VII. Farm-Based Photovoltaic Solar Energy System (PSES) introduced and sponsored by Councilor Thompson.

NEW BUSINESS

AWARD BIDS:

Applied Emulsified Asphalt Chip Sealing

Two bids were received in response to the advertised RFP: Allstate Asphalt in the amount of \$243,473.25 and Comer Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$150,419.78.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO AWARD A BID FOR APPLIED EMULSIFIED ASPHALT CHIP SEALING TO COMER CONTRACTING, INC., THE LOW BIDDER, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,419.78.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Capalbo, Thompson, Husband, Buck

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

Winter Sand

One bid was received in response to the second advertised RFP. The specifications had been revised after the initial advertisement where no bids had been received.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO AWARD A BID FOR WINTER SAND TO MORRONE TRUCKING SAND AND GRAVEL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10.00, PER CUBIC YARD (PICKED UP) AND \$15.60, PER CUBIC YARD (DELIVERED).

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Capalbo, Thompson, Husband, Buck

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

TEMPORARY STAY OF ENFORCEMENT OF CHAPTER 225, CHAPTER 134, SECTION 27, APPENDIX A - ZONING ENTITLED “SIGNS”

This matter had been scheduled to allow the Council to discuss, consider and vote upon a proposed resolution of the Council to temporarily stay enforcement of Chapter 225, Ordinance, Chapter 134, Section 27, Appendix A Zoning, entitled, "Signs" of the Town's Code of Ordinances as it relates to the Best Way and Spicer gasoline stations. A resolution had been prepared as a result of an inadvertent decision made that allowed Spicer to have an LED sign. Best Way had purchased and installed an LED sign – neither sign is allowed. By way of fairness, the Town Council will consider the resolution and will begin the development of a more up to date LED-related ordinance that is more malleable and reflects advances in technology.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR BUCK TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TO TEMPORARILY STAY ENFORCEMENT OF CHAPTER 225, ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 134, SECTION 27, APPENDIX A ZONING, ENTITLED, "SIGNS" OF THE TOWN'S CODE OF ORDINANCES AS IT RELATES TO THE BEST WAY AND SPICER GASOLINE STATIONS.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Capalbo, Thompson, Husband, Buck

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

The resolution follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL TO TEMPORARILY STAY ENFORCEMENT OF CHAPTER 225, ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 134, SECTION 27, APPENDIX A ZONING, ENTITLED, “SIGNS” OF THE TOWN’S CODE OF ORDINANCES AS IT RELATES TO THE “BEST WAY” AND “SPICER’S” GASOLINE STATIONS.

WHEREAS, On June 25, 2012, the Hopkinton Town Council did adopt an amendment to Chapter 225 an Ordinance to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 134, Appendix A. Zoning, Section 27, entitled “Signs” (hereinafter referred to as the “Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, The intent of said amendment to the Ordinance was to prohibit the use of Light Emitting Diodes (LED) screens for the purpose of certain signage; and

WHEREAS, Due to improved technological advances in the use and regulation of LED signage since the adoption of the above mentioned amendment to the Ordinance, it is the intention of the Hopkinton Town Council to update and re-write said amendment; and

WHEREAS, A gasoline station in Hopkinton known as “Spicer’s” recently was inadvertently allowed to install a LED screen sign that otherwise would be in violation of the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, A separate gasoline station in Hopkinton known as “Best Way” recently installed and would like to use a LED screen sign that would be in violation of the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, It is the belief and expressed intention of the Hopkinton Town Council that these two gasoline stations should be treated equally and fairly with regard to the enforcement of this Ordinance while a comprehensive review and potential amendment of the Ordinance is in the process of being completed.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Hopkinton Town Council, do hereby encourage and support the Town Administration to implement a policy staying the enforcement of the Ordinance as it relates to both the “Spicer’s” gasoline station and the “Best Way” gasoline station until such time as the comprehensive review and potential amendment of the Ordinance by the Hopkinton Town Council is completed.

HB 8075 RELATIVE TO FARMLAND PRESERVATION

The Council discussed HB 8075 Legislation Relative to Farmland Preservation.

Council President Landolfi likened the legislation to “big brother”. Councilor

Buck noted under the current law the Town has first right of refusal on

agricultural land up for resale by the agricultural lands preservation commission.

He referred to 1(c) of the proposed legislation where they want to change that and

prevent the Town’s right to purchase. He felt there must be more to this than how

it appears with regard to development rights and felt it was confusing as written.

Councilor Capalbo commented that it could be any land; acquired by purchase,

devise or gift – the Land Trusts’ or the Town’s. She questioned devise and

Solicitor McAllister likened a devise to be similar to bequeath. Councilor Capalbo

felt we should have this right retained. Councilor Buck expressed concern that the

State could sell it to anyone and the Town doesn’t get first refusal. Councilor

Buck thanked Richmond for bringing it forward. A letter will be sent out to our

legislators informing them of the Town’s position on the legislation.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR BUCK AND SECONDED BY

COUNCILOR THOMPSON TO OPPOSE HB 8075 RELATIVE TO
FARMLAND PRESERVATION.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Capalbo, Thompson, Husband, Buck

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

PUBLIC FORUM

Harvey Buford of Oak Street and Chairperson of the Conservation Commission questioned if the Conservation Commission would have a place at the table relative to the Welcome Center. Council President Landolfi noted that it was possible that Mr. Buford could become a member of the committee. He will send the engineer an email.

John Pennypacker of Lawton Foster Rd. No. and a member of the Conservation Commission asked if the best course of action was to wait and see. Council President Landolfi noted it has not been on an agenda for a vote. He mentioned RIDOT Director Alвити may come down to address the Council. He expressed some concerns of retaliation. Mr. Pennypacker asked about considering a non-binding referendum. Solicitor McAllister can look into that option. Council President Landolfi noted he will keep it on the agenda periodically as needed.

Deborah O’Leary of Pleasant View Drive and a member of the Conservation Commission stated she had been against RIDOT Transit Hub since the beginning. She felt it to be a big waste of money, a fuel accident waiting to happen; that there should be a grass roots effort against it.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR BUCK AND SECONDED BY
COUNCILOR CAPALBO TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HELEN
RUGGIERI AND CHARLES PLACE, JR.

SO VOTED

Elizabeth J. Cook-Martin

Town Clerk