TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

BOARD OF SELECTMEN WORKSHOP MEETING - 6:00 p.m.

June 16, 2015

PRESENT:	Robert Dubois, Chairman Michael Catalano	Margo Bik, Vice Chairman Paul Haughey
ABSENT:	Daniel Keefe	

OTHERS PRESENT: Daniel Keyes, Town Administrator William Walsh, Solar Project Charles Sawyer, Water/Sewer Chairman Howard Bailey, ONYX representative Patrick Costello, Town Counsel James Sullivan, DPW Superintendent John McTernan, ONYX representative Nicholas Bik, Resident

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL – ATTENDANCE:

As noted above.

3. REVIEW EARTH REMOVAL LICENSE - ONYX BUILDING CORPORATION:

Mr. Costello noted that the drainage issues on Park and Farm Street appear to have been resolved. The issue with the ponding on the Bik property was discussed. Mr. McTernan explained that a permit was not issued and therefore the work could not be done. Mr. Costello noted that the amendment to Paragraph 4 should mitigate the ponding issue which Mr. McTernan noted would be completed by the Fall.

Complaints were received from Pickering Road residents that gravel was being removed from that area. Mr. McTernan noted that the trucks were not carrying gravel, but rather logs that had been cut down.

A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mr. Catalano, to approve the earth removal permit. There was no further discussion and the vote passed on a 3-0 vote with Mrs. Bik abstaining.

4. WOONSOCKET REGIONAL WASTEWATER:

The issue of billing from Woonsocket Regional Wastewater was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mrs. Bik, to authorize Attorney Costello to contact Woonsocket's City Counsel to arrange for a meeting with an arbitrator (not a mediator) to bring this issue to a close. There was no further discussion and the motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

5. SOLAR BIDS:

Mr. Keyes, Mr. Walsh and Ms. Greenblatt held interviews all day today with the four candidates and they unanimously chose Kearsarge Energy for the solar project. A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Haughey, to allow the Town Administrator, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Costello and Ms. Greenblatt to enter into contract negotiations with Kearsarge Energy. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.

6. MELANSON HEATH:

A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Haughey, to allow the Town Administrator to renew the contract with Melanson Heath for another year (to do FY 15 audit) at a cost of \$30,000. There was no discussion and the motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Haughey. There was no discussion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Boucher Recording Secretary

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cc: Board of Selectmen Town Administrator Town Clerk

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