

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1996

Present: Chairman John C. Drobinski, Maryann K. Clark and Lawrence L. Blacker.

The statutory requirements as to notice having been met, the meeting was convened at 8:10 a.m. by Chairman Drobinski in the Town Hall.

Town Manager Selection

Present: Fire Chief Michael Dunne and Highway Surveyor Robert Noyes.

Selectman Blacker noted the qualification of all three finalist candidates; however, he expressed his preference for Steven L. Ledoux, most particularly for his enthusiasm for the Sudbury position and his approximate twelve years of experience as a Town Manager at one location. Selectman Clark stated her concurrence with the choice of Mr. Ledoux because of the way he answered interview questions and his experience. Chairman Drobinski stated that he was in agreement with Selectmen Blacker and Clark.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To authorize consultant Mark Morse to enter into negotiations with Steven L. Ledoux for the purpose of executing an employment contract with him for the position of Town Manager for the Town of Sudbury.

Severance Payment - R. E. Thompson

The Board approved a response to a letter dated January 31, 1996, from Mr. Thompson's Attorney, Myron J. Fox, advising Mr. Fox that funds for contracted severance pay (exclusive of sick leave buyback and vacation pay) would not become available until appropriated by the 1996 Annual Town Meeting. Chairman Drobinski signed said letter.

Discussion ensued on methods of funding the severance. Selectman Blacker informed the Board that Town Counsel would be preparing a letter on this subject which would be forwarded to the Finance Committee for their consideration. It was agreed to hold any action on amending the Budget Adjustment Article at this time.

The Board was in receipt of a petition article (requiring legal revision) to fund the severance contract. It was agreed to number it as Article 2B, making the Budget Adjustment Article, 2A.

Executive Session

At 8:30 a.m., it was on motion by roll call unanimously

VOTED: To go into Executive Session to discuss a collective bargaining matter relative to the Fire Department.

(Chairman Drobinski, aye; Selectman Clark, aye; Selectman Blacker, aye.)

It was announced that open session would reconvene following Executive Session.

Article 23 - Voter Information Special Act

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A letter dated January 30, 1996, had been received from the Board of Registrars requesting that the Board of Registrars' name be removed from the Special Act, as that Board did not want to participate in the process of preparing information on ballot questions for dissemination to voters.

The Selectmen agreed to substitute the Board of Selectmen in the Special Act and also to eliminate other wording as recommended by Town Counsel. The Board directed that Mr. Sullivan of the Mass. Office of Campaign & Political Finance be so notified and advised that Selectman Blacker would be contacting him.

Article 44 - Amend Zoning Bylaw, Art. IX.III.C.2.a - Permitted Uses, Industrial Districts

The Board agreed to a correction in the report.

Article 20 - Release Agricultural Preservation Restriction

Selectman Blacker requested that plans and data be provided for the Board's February 12 meeting concerning this article, showing what land is under restriction, what is owned by this particular owner, and what access is needed, etc., in order for the Board to take a position on the matter. It was noted that the article was submitted as a courtesy to the landowner, but the report needs to be reviewed and possibly revised, as it currently infers support by the Selectmen. A position has not yet been discussed or taken on the article.

Wood-Davison House Fund

Mr. Thompson informed the Selectmen he was preparing to calculate the proper amount to be returned to the Sudbury Foundation, at its request, from the Wood-Davison House Fund. Town Counsel has ruled this can be done because the full terms of the grant had not been met, whereas, outright donations to this Fund cannot be returned. Mr. Thompson also stated he was investigating the possibility of Town Meeting transferring some of the Wood-Davison funds for the Sudbury History Sequel article. [Later, it was learned from Town Counsel that a court order would be required to do this - Town Meeting does not have the authority to redirect use of donations under the Selectmen's jurisdiction given for a specific purpose.]

Open Meeting Law Complaint

The Board acknowledged receipt of a letter dated February 1, 1996, from the Middlesex Assistant District Attorney requesting information relative to a complaint filed by Ralph Tyler concerning the Board's meeting of January 11, 1996.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard E. Thompson  
Interim Town Manager-Clerk