

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 1996

Present: Chairman John C. Drobinski and Selectman Lawrence L. Blacker

The statutory requirements as to notice having been met, the meeting was convened by Chairman Drobinski at 7:10 p.m. in the library of the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School; Selectman Maryann K. Clark arriving at 7:30 p.m.

Town Meeting

Article 8 - Designate Attached Single Family Housing District

Selectman Blacker imparted a discussion with Mr. Myron Fox, attorney for the Green Company, and request that Article 8 be indefinitely postponed since Article 7 was defeated.

Article 9 - Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District Budget

Following discussion with Finance Committee Chairman Kathy Precourt, wherein she stated that the Minuteman representative was going to recommend that Minuteman School reconsider their budget, the Selectmen agreed to be supportive of a budget reduced by \$100.

Article 19 - Personnel Administration Plan

Selectman Clark suggested the following for this article: Indefinitely postpone the article and immediately ask the Moderator to allow the Town Manager to adopt this Personnel Administration Plan. The Town Manager recommended that upon deletion of the Personnel Bylaw pursuant to Town Meeting vote on Article 19, he would immediately adopt the deleted Personnel Bylaw until a complete review could be undertaken. Upon requesting the advice of Town Counsel, he explained that Town Meeting is the mechanism for deleting old items from the Bylaws and upon his advice, Selectman Clark, understanding this was a housekeeping mechanism, agreed to support the passage of this article provided Town Manager adopted this Personnel Bylaw upon its deletion by Town Meeting vote.

Article 20 - Release Agricultural Preservation Restriction

The Selectmen agreed that this article be postponed to the first order of business on April 8, if it comes up this evening.

Article 26 - Construct Highway Equipment Building

Town Manager, Steven Ledoux imparted a discussion with Robert Noyes, Highway Surveyor, that Mr. Noyes was inclined to indefinitely postpone this article pending a solid plan for the capital expenditure. Selectman Blacker was inclined to indefinitely postpone this article because alternatives have not been considered to this construction i.e., the possibility of privatizing services or leasing space from an individual.

Article 27 - Town Building Improvements

This article is to be indefinitely postponed as these funds are in the budget.

Article 28 - Fire Station No. 2 Repairs

Chairman Drobinski advised that the Fire Chief is going to recommend indefinitely postponing this article.

Article 29 - Resurfacing Parking Lots and Playgrounds

This article is to be indefinitely postponed.

Article 30 - Amend 1994 ATM Article 62

The Board of Selectmen agreed that this article should go forward as it was not a money article.

Article 31 - Extraordinary School Repairs

Selectman Blacker question whether this article should be indefinitely postponed. Chairman Drobinski stated that the engineering for these repairs could not be accomplished if the article is indefinitely postponed because there are no additional funds. He also advised that although School Superintendent Dr. Hurley expressed in a letter that there was a health and safety issue at the schools, there is no mention from any of the engineers of these issues.

The question was then raised that should the schools not 'indefinitely postpone' this article, is it viable for the town to have a special town meeting. Town Manager, Steven L. Ledoux, expressed the opinion that if the schools try to have this article passed, the town should also try to have its money articles passed. A strategic point would be to postpone all town money articles until after Article 31 and see if the schools get their money. If Article 31 is defeated, then indefinitely postpone all money articles to a special town meeting. Selectman Blacker stated that putting off all capital expense articles until the fall to allow for strategic capital planning would be in the best interest of the town. He also stated that he was informed by the School Committee that it made no difference financially whether the article was passed now or in the fall, because the project would not start for a year. He then advised that when this article comes up, he is going to recommend indefinitely postpone, with an explanation to the hall as to why they recommend this action.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned to the High School Auditorium to attend and participate in Town Meeting until its close.

Attest: _____
Steven L. Ledoux
Town Manager-Clerk