

**IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, MAY 18, 1998**

Present: Chairman John C. Drobinski, Maryann K. Clark and Kirsten D. Roopenian, Selectmen.

The statutory requirements for notice having been met, the meeting convened at 7:30 p.m. at the Fairbank Senior Center.

Town Forum – 232nd Session

Art awards were presented to the children whose art appeared in the 1997 Town Report.

Reports were presented by Steven Ledoux, Town Manager; Lyn MacLean, Historical Commission; Lee Swanson, Committee for the Preservation and Management of Town Documents; Sheila Stewart, Finance Committee; June Allen, Permanent Landscape Committee; Gilbert Wright, Board of Appeals; Stephenie Cook, Sudbury School Committee; Bill Place, Director of Public Works; and Timothy Coyne, Earth Decade Committee.

Chairman Drobinski welcomed Kirsten Roopenian to the Board and stated the Board has been busy since January preparing for Town Meeting and mentioned the new liaison assignments were made and will be distributed to the boards and committees. He then stated the Board of Selectmen will invite each board and committee at least once this year for a general meeting with them, and the Board of Selectmen will be committed to smooth communication with boards, committees and the public. It is also noted, Lyn MacLean of the Historical Commission submitted a report on the former Boston & Maine Railroad Section House Located at South Sudbury, Mass., prepared in April of this year by Richard Conard of Wayland, MA.

A taped recording of the Forum will be kept on file in the Selectmen's Office for a period of one year.

Transfer and Recycling Station

Town Manager Ledoux submitted a memo to the Board of Selectmen regarding Transfer Station rates. He stated there was \$3,800 left in retained earnings and in order to preserve these funds, the rates will have to be adjusted. He recommended to the Board the Option 3 scenario listed on the memo submitted.

Selectman Clark suggested the Town implement a study to obtain further information, and Town Manager Ledoux agreed and stated the Town will need to compile more data regarding the Transfer Station use. Selectman Roopenian stated she would like more information in order to form an opinion. Another discussion took place with Timothy Coyne of the Earth Decade Committee regarding the Enterprise Fund, which was established to operate the Landfill and remained in place for the Transfer Station. Town Manager Ledoux commended Bill Place for his efficiencies and for budgeting one Hazardous Waste Day per year.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept Town Manager Steve Ledoux's recommendation of Option 3, as follows: 1) plan is adopted for six months with a sticker price of \$95; 2) the DPW develops and implements a pay per bag system, effective January 1, 1999; 3) bulk item permits are set at \$31.50 a cubic yard with a minimum charge of ½ cubic yard, or \$15.75; and 4) by April 1, 1999, the Selectmen review the financial condition of the Transfer Station to determine its continued operation for FY00 and beyond.

Public Hearing – Rose/Gorgone Dog Hearing

Present: Pamela Rose, Alan Rose, Philip Gorgone and Dog Officer Betsy DeWallace.

The Board was in receipt of the following correspondence:

1. A formal complaint against Mr. Philip Gorgone's Golden Retriever of 76 Churchill St., by Mr. and Mrs. Rose, 7 Tudor Rd., made at the Town Clerk's Office on May 1, 1998.
2. A memo dated May 14, 1998 from Dog Officer Betsy DeWallace to the Board of Selectmen describing attacks on April 27, 1998, and May 5, 1998, by Mr. Gorgone's Golden Retriever on Mr. and Mrs. Rose's Chow.
3. A letter dated May 13, 1998, from the Roses' next door neighbor, Ms. Michelle Watkins, describing an attack on April 27, 1998, by two Golden Retrievers on Mr. and Mrs. Rose's Chow.
4. A letter dated May 15, 1998, from the Roses' neighbor across the street, Mr. Barry Katz, describing an attack on April 27, 1998, by two Golden Retrievers on Mr. and Mrs. Rose's Chow.
5. A report written by Robin R. Knox, D.V.M., of the Sudbury Animal Hospital describing the condition of the Rose's Chow after it was attacked on April 27, 1998, and veterinary bills.

Chairman Drobinski opened the public hearing by swearing in both parties, who by raising their right hand, swore to give truthful testimonies.

First, the Board heard from Pamela Rose who owns a male Chow that is nine years old and is restrained by an invisible fence and is consistently walked with a leash. Mrs. Rose stated that her Chow and Mr. Gorgone's nine-year-old, male Golden Retriever do not get along and her Chow has been attacked three times within a two-week period. Mrs. Rose presented pictures to the Board of her Chow's ear, which was badly mutilated by Mr. Gorgone's Golden Retriever. She stated she has incurred \$400 in veterinary bills within two weeks and her children are very upset with what happened to their dog. Mrs. Rose submitted photos of her Chow's injuries and stated she would like to see some restraint of the Golden Retriever.

Dog Officer Betsy DeWallace commented these dogs were arch enemies and she did not believe they would ever get along. She mentioned Mrs. Rose's Chow and Mr. Gorgone's Golden Retriever where the discussion of a prior dog hearing. Ms. DeWallace stated that Mrs. Rose has complied with the requirements of the prior hearing and her Chow has been fully and successfully restrained. She also suggested that Mr. Gorgone's Golden Retriever be restrained and leashed.

Mr. Gorgone stated he will take precautions and to restrain his Golden Retriever as soon as possible. He explained he has looked into an invisible fence and has considered a chain-link fence to enclose his back yard.

Selectman Clark questioned whether either of these dogs had been altered and believed that fencing would be appropriate. She stated the Golden Retriever cannot be allowed to run free.

Mr. Gorgone stated his Golden Retriever was not altered and did not know if his family would agree with altering the dog, as he is approximately nine years old. Mrs. Rose also stated her Chow was not altered.

Next, Selectman Clark suggested that Mr. Gorgone reimburse Mr. and Mrs. Rose for their veterinary bills. Mr. Gorgone stated, in the past, Mrs. Rose's Chow bit his son and he was not compensated for any medical or veterinary bills. Mr. Rose stated he would be willing to forgo any reimbursement; however, at the time, he did not know about Mr. Gorgone's bills. Chairman Drobinski commented he did not think the Board

had statutory authority to enforce Mr. Gorgone to reimburse Mr. and Mrs. Rose. Mrs. Rose expressed she would like a guarantee that the Golden Retriever would be restrained and would like to see some restitution, considering her Chow's ear will never stand up again.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To continue this dog hearing for six months to measure the restraining results of Mr. Gorgone's Golden Retriever, which such restraint shall be put in place within the next thirty days, and to revisit the Board of Selectmen's statutory authority regarding restitution.

Minutes

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of May 4, 1998, regular and executive sessions, with the following two changes to the regular session: 1) page 3, Selectman Roopenian stated the dollar amounts were listed as \$75 and \$100, but should be \$100 and \$75 for the per pupil amount; and 2) Selectman Clark wanted to include on page 5 Chairman Drobinski designated her as an official representative of Sudbury at the I-495 Initiative meetings and she accepted.

Council on Aging

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept \$144.08 in miscellaneous donations for deposit into the Council on Aging Van Donation Account and to authorize the Council on Aging to expend the same for purposes of operating and maintaining the Council on Aging vans.

George J. Raymond Scholarship Fund

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: Acting as Co-Trustees of Town Donations, at the request of Co-Trustee and Town Treasurer Maureen Valente, to release \$946.46 from the George J. Raymond Scholarship Fund for payment of the 1997-98 scholarship for Michael Hwang.

Pamet Systems, Inc.

The Board received a copy of a letter to Police Chief Peter Lembo dated January 14, 1998, stating the price of the 4-car mobile data system had been reduced to reflect the mobile installation costs and the CDPD installation. Also forwarded to the Board was a copy of the \$49,000 quote given to Sgt. Peter Fadgen.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve a contract by the Police Department with Pamet Systems, Inc., 1000 Main Street, Acton, for a four-car mobile data system, in accordance with their proposal dated January 14, 1998/Quotation No. 01138-1, in the amount of \$49,000. (\$23,000 is being paid from a grant.)

Congregation B'nai Torah

The Board received a communication dated May 11, 1998, from Steven K. Dresner, writing on behalf of Congregation B'nai Torah, asking for permit approval for 400 members of their congregation to march from Woodside Road to their new synagogue location down Landham Rd. to Rt. 20 on September 13, 1998 at 2:00 p.m.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To grant a permit to Congregation B'nai Torah to conduct a march of its members and families from its old facilities on Woodside Road, along Landham Road, to its new location on Boston Post Road, on Sunday afternoon, September 13, 1998, subject to meeting the requirements of the Police Department and furnishing proof of liability insurance with the Town of Sudbury named as co-insured.

Sudbury Research Center, Inc. – Driveway Access Easement

The Board was in receipt of a copy of a correspondence to Town Counsel Paul Kenny from Associate Counsel David K. Moynihan of Cummings Properties stating the Amendment of 50' Wide Driveway Easement has been executed by Sudbury Research Center, Inc. and incorporates the Town's requested revisions.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To grant and sign on behalf of the Town, pursuant to the April 1997 ATM authorization under Article 36, an amended Driveway Access Easement to Sudbury Research Center, Inc. to allow for the erection of a sign or signs and/or permanent markers within the Easement, on the former Unisys property, North Road.

Powder Mill Road and Powers Road – Intersection Stop Sign

Present: Department of Public Works Director I. William Place.

The Board was in receipt of a letter dated May 4, 1998, to Town Manager Ledoux from I. William Place, Director of Public Works, with an attached Petition for an additional Stop Sign northbound on Powdermill Road at Powers Road.

I. William Place reviewed with the Board the history of the intersection. He stated the intersection was redesigned to include a three-way stop sign, but the neighbors have petitioned to have an additional stop sign to make this intersection a four-way stop once more. Mr. Place then stated if another stop sign were to be added to this intersection, it would be impossible to make a left turn on to Powers Road. Mr. Place also commented speeds have been monitored, but accidents continue to happen. Mr. Place showed the Selectmen a map showing why the intersection was not designed for a four-way stop. He recommended to the Board not to add a fourth stop sign and to enforce the 30-mph speed limit.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To have the Police Department ensure public safety by monitoring this intersection, enforcing the speed limit for six months and reporting the results to the Board of Selectmen.

Public Hearing – Let's Eat, Inc., d/b/a Sky Restaurant

Present: Stephen T. Corcoran, Manager, Sky Restaurant.

Acting as the Licensing Authority, in accordance with MGLc 138, Chairman Drobinski opened a public hearing to consider the application submitted by Stephen T. Corcoran, Manager, Sky Restaurant, for a change in the description of the premises.

Mr. Corcoran explained to the Board he would like to build an outside deck to provide outdoor dining, measuring 18' x 25' on the east side of the building and accessed solely from the lounge. He stated Sky Restaurant would like to remain competitive with other facilities in town that offer outdoor dining. He mentioned the parking would be the major concern as he would lose three parking spaces, but would continue to have as many parking spaces as are required for his establishment.

The Board received the following verbal and written reports:

1. FIRE CHIEF: Has no concerns with the proposal for outdoor dining on a new deck;
2. BUILDING INSPECTOR: No problems with the proposal, provided seating does not exceed established capacity. There is very limited change to the parking lot, and he has ruled it does not require site plan approval.
3. POLICE CHIEF: Sees no problem unless abutters are opposed, in which case he also would not be in favor.
4. BOARD OF HEALTH: Robert C. Leupold, R. S., Health Director, submitted a memo stating, "The total seating capacity for Sky Restaurant at 120 Boston Post Road is limited to 234 seats. The septic system at 120 Boston Post Road was upgraded in 1996 for the above seating capacity. Therefore, the additional deck is acceptable if seating capacity is not increased."

Selectman Clark questioned how the deck would be enclosed and Mr. Corcoran replied the deck would be 18" off of the ground and surrounded by window boxes. Selectman Roopenian questioned if the neighbors would be affected by any loud music and Chairman Drobinski asked if there were going to be any outdoor speakers. Mr. Corcoran replied there would be no outdoor speakers and the outdoor dining area would be for light dinner and conversation on tables covered with umbrellas. Selectman Clark mentioned the Board of Health letter submitted in regard to the seating capacity including the new deck. Mr. Corcoran clarified the seating would be provided for 226 people, including the additional outdoor seats, and that he would remain in compliance with seating capacity of 234.

Chairman Drobinski requested Mr. Corcoran review a letter from the Attorney General's Office regarding awareness and training related to alcoholic consumption. Mr. Corcoran stated he had received the same letter and stated the bartenders and wait staff at Sky Restaurant are trained and attend refresher courses every six months.

The Board concurred with Selectman Clark that the deck for outdoor dining would be a nice addition.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To grant approval of, in accordance with MGLc 138, the application of Let's Eat, Inc., d/b/a Sky Restaurant, Stephen T. Corcoran, Manager, 120 Boston Post Road, Sudbury, holder of a Restaurant License for the Sale of All Alcoholic Beverages, for permission to change the description of the premises by adding: "18' x 25' Deck for dining on east side of building, accessed solely from Lounge".

Annual Appointments

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: The Board accepted the resignations of the following board and committee members and asked Town Manager Ledoux to send each person a letter of appreciation and thanking them for their service:

Council on Aging: Frank Ricciardi and Anne B. Schoechert

Cable Television Committee: Harriet E. Rosenberg

Commission on Disability: Jacqueline McGuire

Negotiating Advisory Committee: Edward S. Campbell and Steven R. Wishner

Resource Recovery Committee: Craig E. Blake

Youth Commission: Timothy B. Lee

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To make the following annual appointments (all appointments are subject to acceptance):

Council on Aging: to appoint Arletta G. Cioffari to replace Josiah Frost and John Rhome to replace Frank Ricciardi, and reappoint Carol Oram, all for a term of three years ending on April 30, 2001; and to appoint Esther M. Mann for a term of one year ending on April 30, 1999, to replace Anne B. Schoechert.

Earth Removal Board (Board of Appeals Associate): to reappoint Paul S. Hovespian, Jeffrey H. Jacobson, Mark A. Kablack, and John F. Sylvia for a term of one year ending on April 30, 1999.

Cable Television Committee: to appoint Robert Kavanagh, Ex-officio (Sudbury Schools), and reappoint Martin Greenstein, M. Jacob Kuykendall, Mary B. Lisman, Hans J. Lopater, Daniel D. Rosen, Douglas E. Smith, Mark W. Thompson, Frederick G. Walker, Ex-officio (Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School), and Jeffrey Winston for a term of one year ending on April 30, 1999.

Assistant Director of Civil Defense: to reappoint Robert A. Noyes for a term of one year ending on April 30, 1999.

Director of Civil Defense: to reappoint Michael C. Dunne for a term of one year ending on April 30, 1999.

Civil Defense, Radio Operator: to reappoint Marvis M. Fickett for a term of one year ending on April 30, 1999.

Conservation Commission: to approve the reappointment of Richard Bell and Bridget Hanson for a term of three years ending on April 30, 2001.

Fair Housing Committee: to reappoint Thomas W. H. Phelps for a term of three years ending on April 30, 2001.

Fence Viewers: to appoint Maryann K. Clark, John C. Drobinski and Kirsten Roopenian for a term of one year ending on April 30, 1999.

Historical Commission: to reappoint Adolf P. Bahlkow and Harriett P. Ritchie for a term of three years ending on April 30, 2001.

Juvenile Restitution Program: to reappoint Rosalind R. Gurtler, Nancy Schaffer, Frank M. Vana and N. Jane West Young for a term of one year ending on April 30, 1999.

Labor Relations Counsel: to approve the reappointment of Richard W. Murphy, Esq. for a term of one year ending on April 30, 1999.

Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Designee: to approve the reappointment of Steven L. Ledoux for a term of one year ending on April 30, 1999.

Memorial Day Committee: to reappoint George Cyr, William R. Duckett and Winifred C. Grinnell for a term of three years ending on April 30, 2001.

Metropolitan Area Planning Council Representative: to reappoint Richard A. Brooks for a term of three years ending on April 30, 2001.

Negotiating Advisory Committee: to reappoint Richard W. Murphy, Esq., Roy T. Sanford, and Marjorie R. Wallace for a term of one year ending on April 30, 1999.

Permanent Building Committee: to reappoint James M. Cummings and Elaine L. Jones for a term of three years ending on April 30, 2001.

Permanent Landscape Committee: to reappoint Elizabeth B. Bishop for a term of three years ending on April 30, 2001.

Preservation and Management of Town Documents: to reappoint Curtis F. Garfield and Russell P. Kirby for a term of three years ending on April 30, 2001.

Board of Registrars: to reappoint Lisa M. Evans for a term of three years ending on April 30, 2001, in accord with recommendation, dated May 2, 1998, from the Democratic Town Committee.

Resource Recovery Committee: to reappoint Sue W. Pettengill for a term of three years ending on April 30, 2001.

Sealer of Weights and Measures: to reappoint Courtney W. Atkinson for a term of one year ending on April 30, 1999.

Sudbury Cultural Council: to reappoint Geraldine Apostle, Elizabeth Bernstein and Janice Rudolf for a term of three years ending on September 26, 2001.

Sudbury Water District Water Resource Protection Committee: to reappoint James F. Occhialini for a term of one year ending on May 31, 1999.

Surveyor of Lumber and Measurer of Wood: to reappoint Russell DiMauro for a term of one year ending on April 30, 1999.

Town Historian: to reappoint Curtis F. Garfield for a term of one year ending on April 30, 1999.

Town Report Committee: to reappoint Mary A. Barnett, Jane B. MacDonald, and Linda M. Wallace for a term of one year ending on April 30, 1999.

Traffic Management Committee: to reappoint Stephen Mecca for a three-year term ending on April 30, 2001.

U.N. Day Chairman: to reappoint Elaine K. McGrath for a one-year term ending on April 30, 1999.

Veterans' Advisory Committee: to reappoint William R. Duckett, Spencer R. Goldstein, Winifred C. Grinnell, Fred H. Hitchcock, Jr., Edward P. Rawson, and Vincent P. Surwilo for a term of one year ending on April 30, 1999.

Wayland-Sudbury Septage Committee: to reappoint Robert A. Gottberg for a term of one year ending on April 30, 1999.

Youth Commission: to appoint David Gotthelf, Ex-officio, (L-S Liaison) and to reappoint Ronald B. Conrado, Thomas E. Lopez, Ex-officio (School Liaison), and Neal A. Shifman for a one-year term ending on April 30, 1999.

Special Constables Non-Paid: to reappoint Michael C. Dunne, John B. Hepting, Earl D. Midgley, and Arthur J. Richard for a term of one year ending on April 30, 1999.

Special Constable Paid: to reappoint Joseph D. Bausk for a term of one year ending on April 30, 1999.

Health Services

A memo from Board of Health Director Robert Leupold, dated May 18, 1998, was submitted to the Board stating Community Social Worker Martha Lynn is requesting mental health services; and the Board of Health has voted to request \$3,350 be allocated for expenditure in FY98 from the Sherry Cavanagh Fund for such mental health services.

Subject to the approval of Co-Trustee Maureen Valente, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: Acting as Co-Trustees of Town Donations, to approve the above-requested allocation of \$3,350 from the Sherry Cavanagh Fund for mental health services.

Hosmer House

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the request of the Historical Commission to expend \$792.63 from the E.B. Hosmer Fund for the cleaning and restoration of paintings.

Conservation Commission – Joint Meeting

Surrey Lane

Present: Parker L. Coddington, Bridget Hanson, Stephen M. Meyer, Michael S. Stiller, Charles L. Zucker, and Coordinator Deborah Dineen, Conservation Commission.

Ms. Dineen reviewed how the Conservation Department manages parcels designated as Conservation Land under MGLc 97. She described the Surrey Lane property as a one-acre parcel abutting the Hop Brook Conservation Land and the Fort Devens Annex. She explained Surrey Lane is 100% wetland and has been managed by the Conservation Commission for 18 years. Ms. Dineen also stated trails have been redesigned on this parcel and vandalism has occurred, including the destruction of a turtle bridge, which has been rebuilt twice. Ms. Dineen stated the Conservation Commission is asking the Board to have Surrey Lane officially transferred to Conservation and made part of the Hop Brook Conservation Land.

After a brief discussion by the Board, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To endorse the designation of the Surrey Lane parcel as Conservation Land, to be managed by the Conservation Commission, as part of the Hop Brook Conservation area; and to submit an article for the next Annual Town Meeting to approve this designation.

Fort Devens

The Board received a copy of a memo to Town Manager Ledoux from Conservation Coordinator Deborah Dineen dated May 12, 1998, with a copy of a joint letter from Edward M. Kennedy and Marty Meehan to Acting Secretary of the Army, Robert M. Walker, regarding the Fort Devens Sudbury Annex Transfer Status (over 250 acres located in Sudbury).

Ms. Dineen asked the Board, on behalf of the Conservation Commission, to help with Public Safety and Access issues in connection with the Fort Devens Annex by writing letters to Senators Kennedy and Kerry and Representative Martin J. Meehan. The reason for the letters, Ms. Dineen explained, is to pressure the Department of Defense to fund the clean up of the Fort Devens Annex area and to secure the older facilities on the site. She stated the Army knows the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service wants the land, but, until this point, the Army has only agreed to clean up the contamination. Ms. Dineen explained the Department of the Interior does not have the funds for this process, and they need the Defense Department to be responsible for these Public Safety and Access issues.

Ms. Dineen stated the wildlife manager, Bud Olivera, is more concerned with the North side of the Annex and will leave it to the Town to decide what to do to make the property safe for public access. She also stated Mr. Olivera would make an appointment to speak with the Board in the future.

After a brief discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To have Town Manager Ledoux send letters to the Department of Defense, to Senators Kennedy and Kerry and to Representative Meehan regarding Public Safety and Access issues in connection with the Fort Devens Sudbury Annex.

General Discussion

Chairman Meyer and the Conservation Commission asked the Board for feedback on key issues. Ms. Dineen commented on the follow-up with establishing a Land Planning Committee to determine which parcels of land the Town could acquire. She added, the establishment of this committee would give the Town an idea of what is needed or else, by default, the Town could lose valuable parcels. Selectman Roopenian stated this idea was discussed at the Selectmen's meeting held May 4, 1998, and at that time, she handed out to the Board a draft Land Use Priorities Committee format. Selectman Roopenian handed a copy to Ms. Dineen to distribute to the Conservation Committee. Selectman Clark asked the Conservation Commission if they have heard of any other town's experience with these issues. She also mentioned the Town of Westboro passed a Land Bond, acknowledging the types of priority lands and multiple, realistic needs. Ms. Dineen commented she knew of no other pressures in other towns in this regard. Ms. Dineen also stated a final draft of the Open Space Plan was complete and the Board expressed their enthusiasm.

Ms. Hanson discussed streamlining an application process that developers can use for site plan approval. She mentioned other communities have a pre-approval process established and, on behalf of the Conservation Commission, asked the Board for their feedback and thoughts about this idea. Chairman Meyer stated many boards and committees do not know or understand what each require for a site plan application and developers comment the current process takes too much time. He also mentioned applicants have a difficult time getting approval from the Board of Appeals. Selectman Clark stated applicants should go to the Zoning Board first and Chairman Drobinski commented the Board of Appeals is a judicial board that does not have much leeway. Ms. Dineen opined the Board of Appeals should give a little leeway, especially in the reconstruction process. She questioned if there was a way to change the bylaw on redevelopment. Selectman Clark stated a change would take a long time because it is a State Legislative process.

Selectman Roopenian stated she believed there could be a better application process and has already discussed the same with the Planning Board. She stated there was a routing slip already delineated in the Planning Board's procedures, but no one uses it. She stated this routing slip was included in the Land Use Priorities Committee draft she handed out earlier. Selectman Clark opined having a detailed checklist was being cautious. Chairman Drobinski suggested the staff members formulate a checklist and present it to the boards and committees.

Ms. Dineen suggested developing a management plan for Open Space and planning the different uses for specific parcels could make a big difference. Chairman Drobinski suggested Town Manager Ledoux get together with Mr. Place to discuss and coordinate.

There was also a short discussion regarding the need to educate homeowners about cutting down an excess amount of trees. Ms. Dineen commented the Town has some control over the developers, but not the homeowners.

Reports

The Board of Selectmen received a memo dated May 12, 1998, from the Planning Board regarding Goal Setting. The Planning Board will be discussing "projects and priorities" at a special meeting designated solely for this purpose on Tuesday, June 2, 1998, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hudson Road Fire Station, and they are inviting the Selectmen to attend to discuss mutual concerns, issues and activities.

Selectman Roopenian questioned the Board about obtaining and using business cards. The Board agreed it would be a good idea to have cards to give to people when asked at different conferences and seminars.

Town Manager Ledoux stated he attended a breakfast meeting with Congressman John F. Tierney, Martin T. Meehan and Barney Frank to discuss Economic and Civic Leadership in the Commonwealth.

Town Manager Ledoux reported that, several months ago, Digital Equipment indicated they would provide \$10,000 toward the installation of the Powdermill Road Walkway. He stated the commitment occurred just three days prior to the announced buyout by Compaq. He stated he recently received a call from the DEC State and Local Government Relations Manager stating DEC would no longer be able to make this donation and the Powdermill facility may be closed. Town Manager Ledoux mentioned the work on the walkway has begun and the Town will look into other funds that can be used to complete the project.

Town Manager Ledoux reported he met with a representative of the Postal Service on May 12 to receive a status update on their search for a location of a new facility that would serve as a distribution center for Sudbury and Wayland, as well as a retail office. He stated the USPS has indicated they are exploring the Mercury property on Landham and the Post Road, the Mariner Place property on the Post Road, and property on Old County Road. He mentioned although they are a governmental entity and allowed in any zoning district, they are committed to seeking proper zoning and would like the Town's input on these sites in order to continue their search process. It was a consensus of the Board that the Mercury property would not be a viable location.

Town Manager Ledoux reported he was informed by the attorney representing Osco Drug, Methods Machine, and the Green Company that all three entities are abandoning their development plans. He stated the Green Company, regardless of the outcome of the Special Election, will not pursue the development of the Weisblatt property, Osco will drop their interest on the Post Road site, and Methods will not pursue development of the Praxair site.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Attest: _____
Steven Ledoux
Town Manager-Clerk