

IN BOARD OF SUDBURY SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2009
EXECUTIVE SESSION
(10:25 P.M – 10:50 P.M.)

Present: Chairman Lawrence W. O'Brien, Vice-Chairman William J. Keller, Jr., Selectman John C. Drobinski, Town Manager Maureen Valente, Director of Planning and Community Development Jody Kablack and Sudbury Community Housing Specialist Beth Rust

Annual 2009 Town Meeting Land Transfer Articles 16 and 17 - Discussion

Director of Planning and Community Development Jody Kablack reviewed the current status of these two parcels. They are owned by the Town, having received them through tax-title takings. The Sudbury Housing Trust completed feasibility studies on the parcels in the fall of 2008 in preparation for the Annual 2009 Town Meeting.

A neighbor meeting was held on March 23, 2009, which most abutters to the two parcels attended. They expressed strong concerns over the proposed transfer to the Sudbury Housing Trust for the development of affordable housing, including references to past discussions with various Town officials over zoning status and future disposition.

Ms. Kablack also mentioned that site-specific, affordable-housing issues have rarely, if ever been successful at Town Meeting, and that it is likely the concerned residents would mount a campaign to vote in opposition to these articles, potentially impacting the overall housing program.

The parcels are small, and could only support single-family homes. It is projected that each would require a subsidy of approximately \$175,000, which is about the same as a Home Preservation unit.

Today, the Trust strategized options, and proposed offering the abutters, by letter, the option to purchase the parcels. If strong interests surface, the Town would then pass over the articles at the 2009 Annual Town Meeting.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To authorize Director of Planning and Community Development Jody Kablack to send a letter to abutters of the Town-owned parcels on Pinewood Avenue and Hudson Road, offering these abutters the option to purchase the parcels.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Attest: _____
Maureen G. Valente
Town Manager – Clerk