

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2000

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

The statutory requirements as to notice having been met, the meeting convened at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 322 Concord Road.

Boy Scout Citizenship Badge

Chairman Drobinski welcomed Michael Toran of Boy Scout Troop 61 to the meeting and encouraged him to ask questions as the meeting proceeded. Michael is working on his Citizenship and Community Badge.

Utility Petition 00-01– Boston Edison Co.

The Board was in receipt of a request, dated December 13, 1999, from Richard Schifone, Rights & Permits Supervisor, Boston Edison Company, asking that the Board approve Utility Petition 00-01 of Boston Edison Company for installation of a stub pole (301/8S) and anchor guy on Hunt Road, and stating the pole was necessary to provide additional support to pole 301/8 and private property pole line strain. Attached was Boston Edison Company Plan entitled “Plan of HUNT RD, SUDBURY Showing PROPOSED LOCATION OF GUY STUB POLE”, dated December 4, 1999. The Board received a report, dated January 11, 2000, stating both Electrical Inspector Art Richard and Building Inspector Jack Hepting have no problems with this petition.

Selectman Clark wondered why the pole and guy wire could not be installed on the opposite side of the road and not cross over the road. It would be preferable to keep it all on one side.

The Board agreed to continue this matter until clarification could be received from Boston Edison.

Minutes

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the executive session on November 17, 1999, the special meeting of December 9, 1999, the executive session of January 6, 2000, and the regular and executive sessions of January 10, 2000.

Council on Aging

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept \$114.30 in miscellaneous donations, to be deposited into the Van Donation Account and to authorize the Council on Aging to expend said funds for the purpose of operating and maintaining the Council on Aging vans.

Walkway Easement – Goodman’s Hill Road

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept, on behalf of the Town, a Walkway Easement from Gary Girzon and Carrie Fuchs along Goodman’s Hill Road, dated June 7, 1997, as shown on a plan entitled: “Plan Showing Walkway Easement over land of Gary Girzon & Carrie Fuchs, 166 Goodman’s Hill Road, Sudbury, MA”, dated April 23, 1997, and drawn by Sudbury Engineering Department.

Surplus Office Equipment

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve, under Town Property Bylaw Art. XII, the request, dated January 14, 2000, of the Police Department to dispose of a desk no longer useful.

Street Banners – New Mill Village

The Board was in receipt of a letter, dated January 10, 2000, from David L. Levington, Sudbury Chamber of Commerce, stating the Chamber’s plan to install 25 banners on Boston Post Road to publicize the New Mill Village, similar to the banners used to promote the newly renovated Goodnow Library. Mr. Levington stated the Design Review Board has been involved in the project.

Interim Town Manager Valente stated Jack Hepting, Building Inspector, reported there is no conflict with signage laws or zoning regulations.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the proposal of the Sudbury Chamber of Commerce to display 25 banners along Route 20 to advertise the new Mill Village, subject to approval by the Massachusetts Highway Department.

Right of First Refusal – Hawes Property

The Board met to consider the Town’s right of first refusal to purchase approximately 5.21 acres of land bordering Dudley Road and the southerly side of Tippling Rock Road, shown as Lot 2 on plan of land entitled, “Plan of Land in Sudbury, Mass. Prepared for Ralph E. Hawes”, dated May 17, 1999, by Schofield Brothers of New England, Inc., pursuant to Notice of Intent under M.G.L.c.61B,s.9, to sell said land assessed on the basis of recreational use, for residential use, postmarked December 8, 1999, and received December 10, 1999.

The Board was in receipt of the following:

1. Memo, dated January 18, 2000, from the Board of Assessors, stating its decision to make no recommendations regarding the Town’s Right of First Refusal on this parcel.
2. Memo, dated January 14, 2000, from the Planning Board, stating its vote to recommend the Town not exercise its option to purchase said property.

3. Letter, dated January 19, 2000, from Peter J. Buxton, Chair, Park and Recreation, stating the Park and Recreation Commission voted unanimously to recommend against purchase of the land for recreational use, noting that the land area is too small for field sports considering field maintenance and management together with vehicle parking.

4. Letter, dated December 23, 1999, from Deborah Dineen, Conservation Coordinator, recommending the Town secure a 15-foot wide trail easement through the parcel as it represents the final link for connecting the Route 20/Star Market area with pedestrian trails on Nobscot Mountain.

5. Letter, dated January 20, 2000, from the Sudbury Valley Trustees, stating SVT does not have the ability or intent to pursue protection of this parcel at this time.

Interim Town Manager Valente stated the attorney for the sellers was recently notified of the interest in obtaining a conservation trail easement on the parcel, but no response has been received. Selectman Clark suggested making the vote indicate the Town was serious about obtaining such an easement, the location to be mutually agreeable to both parties. Discussion followed.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To not exercise the Town's right of first refusal to purchase approximately 5.21 acres of land owned by Ralph E. Hawes and Martha A. Hawes, bordering Dudley Road and the southerly side of Tippling Rock Road, shown as Lot 2 on plan of land entitled, "Plan of Land in Sudbury, Mass. Prepared for Ralph E. Hawes", dated May 17, 1999, by Schofield Brothers of New England, Inc., pursuant to Notice of Intent under M.G.L.c.61B,s.9, to sell said land assessed on the basis of recreational use, for residential use, postmarked December 8, 1999, and received December 10, 1999, subject to successfully securing a trail easement in conjunction with the Conservation Commission, the location of which shall be mutually agreeable to all parties.

Petition Articles -- 2000 Annual Town Meeting

Chairman Drobinski stated the Board is accepting petition articles received since January 10, 2000, for inclusion on the 2000 Annual Town Meeting Warrant and stressed to viewers that the Board is taking no position on any of them.

Selectman Clark asked for confirmation on the number of acres involved in the article concerning the former Unisys property. Chairman Drobinski stated a map would be included in the Warrant so residents know the precise land in question.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept the following petition articles for inclusion on the 2000 Annual Town Meeting Warrant: (1) To designate a portion of the former Unisys property for conservation purposes; and (2) To raise and appropriate \$300,000 for the construction of a Little League Baseball Complex.

Selectman Articles and Warrant Reports -- 2000 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Selectman Roopenian stated wording is being prepared for the Community Preservation Act.

Interim Town Manager Valente stated final review can be made on February 7, 2000.

After discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve Warrant reports for the following articles:

Stabilization Fund
Street Acceptances
FY00 Budget Adjustments
Town-Wide Comprehensive Facility Study
Dissolve Traffic Management Committee
Gruber Conservation Restriction
Bell Atlantic Easement
Prohibition and Regulation of Overhead Utilities
Extension of Sudbury Historic District
Increase Board of Selectmen to Five Members
Appointment of Health Director by Town Manager
Preservation of Historically Significant Buildings

Ordering of 2000 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

After discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To place Article 41 – Appt. of Health Director by Town Manager, and Article 42 – Increase Selectmen Membership to Five Members in position after Article 9 – Street Acceptances, and to insert the Land Bank Article immediately before the Land Bond Authorization Article and to renumber the warrant accordingly.

Town Forum – 242nd Session

At 8:10 p.m. Chairman Drobinski convened the 242nd Session of the Town Forum.

Marilyn MacLean, Chairman, Sudbury Historical Commission, presented a proclamation to Harriett P. Ritchie honoring Ms. Ritchie for her many years of service to the Town as designer of 15 cup plates and tireless worker for the Historical Commission. A gift from the Historical Commission and a photo collection of Harriet's contributions were also presented. Refreshments were served to those present.

Various representatives of the Town's boards and departments updated the Town on their activities. Reports were presented by Marilyn MacLean, Historical Commission; Stephenie Cook, School Committee; Lee Swanson, Preservation and Management of Town Documents; and John Drobinski, Selectmen. Selectman Roopenian stated the Board will be preparing an informative presentation with respect to financial concerns, i.e., budget hearings, Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School expansion, and walkway funding. Interim Town Manager Valente reported tax bills went out on time, and the budget was submitted to the Finance Committee. Ms. Valente stated Assistant Town Manager Terri Ackerman worked her last day recently; her duties have temporarily been divided among other staff.

Reports concluded at 9:00 p.m. Chairman Drobinski thanked Harriett Ritchie for her service to the Town. Mr. Drobinski then declared Town Forum closed.

In addition to a taped recording, this Town Forum was televised over the local Cable network. Copies of the videotape are available for a period of one year by contacting the Selectmen's Office.

Special Selectmen's Meeting – February 7, 2000

Interim Town Manager Valente asked if the Board would like to schedule a meeting on February 7 to review warrant articles, assign speakers, and take positions on articles. The Board agreed to hold the meeting on February 7, 2000, at Town Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Interim Town Manager Valente announced that the Board of Assessors has withdrawn Article 31 – Date for Issuance of Tax Bills from the 2000 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To delete Article 31 – Date for Issuance of Tax Bills, from the 2000 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Old Lancaster Road

The Board was in receipt of the following:

1. Letter, dated September 22, 1999, from Lisa and Douglas Barth, 286 Old Lancaster Road, requesting several traffic changes to Old Lancaster Road between Peakham Road and Concord Road due to increased traffic, and accompanied by a petition, dated September 8, 1999, containing 62 signatures supporting said traffic changes, itemized below:

- 1) No through traffic at certain hours of the day -- local deliveries and municipal vehicles exempted.
- 2) No through traffic for commercial vehicles at any time -- local deliveries and municipal vehicles exempted.
- 3) Reduce the speed limit, in both directions, to 25 MPH, with a further reduction to 20 MPH on the curve in front of the Highway Department.

2. Letter, dated October 13, 1999, from I. William Place, Director of Public Works and Town Engineer, acknowledging receipt of citizen petition, and stating (1) there are many physical obstructions at or near the end of the traveled way; (2) the road is narrow in places; (3) a commercial vehicle exclusion would require a special permit from Mass. Highway Department; (4) a reduction in speed limit would have to be approved by the Mass. Highway Department; and (5) engineering studies would have to be made concerning through traffic and speed limit to make determination.

3. Letter, dated January 21, 2000, from I. William Place, Director of Public Works and Town Engineer, reporting the cost of an engineering study for a heavy vehicle exclusion to be \$8,500 and the cost to perform a speed zone study of the area to be \$1,000. The studies would take two months to complete.

Interim Town Manager Valente briefly updated the Board on what has happened thus far. She stated the Department of Public Works does not have the funds to pay the estimated cost for the engineering studies in its budget for this year nor is it requested for next year. She reported Mr. Place's belief that a significant percentage of the heavy vehicles reported in the area are DPW trucks or haulers bringing materials to the DPW garage, i.e., gravel borrow, and fuel deliveries.

Selectman Roopenian stated excluding heavy vehicles in an area where the DPW garage is located is unnecessary. In order to comply with the petitioners' requests, the DPW garage would have to be relocated and that is financially and physically not feasible at this time.

Chairman Drobinski stated a portion of the road is very narrow with barely room for two vehicles to meet and pass each other without incident. Ms. Valente reported that residents in the area are adamant about keeping the trees and that Mr. Place has previously attempted to remove obstructions, without success. She stated that, while it is a dangerous passing area, the narrowness of the road has the effect of traffic calming as drivers must be very cautious. Selectman Clark stated the road was laid out as a 40-foot road with a pavement width of 18 feet.

Chairman Drobinski stated there are business owners and vendors who obviously have business in the area who must be allowed access to their customers.

The Board expressed appreciation for the time and effort expended in preparing the petition and securing the signatures and acknowledged the validity of the residents' concerns. They expressed doubt there was much that could be done at this time. Selectman Roopenian suggested increased police presence to monitor speed, especially in the area of the DPW garage. Selectman Clark suggested the issue of sight obstacles could be addressed, though the main concern seems to be the amount of traffic and speed.

Selectman Roopenian described the road as a "cut-through" route as a way to avoid traffic bottlenecks and opined there are many such routes in Sudbury.

Chairman Drobinski concurred with Ms. Clark's comments about sight obstacles and opined increased signage might be helpful to slow traffic and warn drivers of difficult/narrow roadway.

In conclusion, the Board directed Interim town Manager Maureen Valente to request the Police and Public Works Departments to address the traffic problems on this section of Old Lancaster road in three ways: 1) the issue of sight obstacles be reviewed for correction; 2) signs be placed to slow traffic and warn drivers about the roadway at appropriate places; and 3) police presence be increased to patrol the area for monitoring and controlling speed; and to provide the petitioners with the Board's comments and directive.

Joint Meeting – Cable Television Committee

Present: Douglas Smith, Jeff Winston, Peggy Frederickson, Cable Television Committee; Lawrence O'Brien, Chairman, Planning Board.

Mr. Douglas Smith, Chairman, Cable Television Committee, reminded the Board of his resignation, and reported that Mr. Jeff Winston had stepped into the role as Chairman. Chairman Drobinski thanked Mr. Smith for his accomplishments in the short time he served as Chairman.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept the resignation of Douglas Smith from the Cable Television Committee, effective January 11, 2000, as set forth in a letter of the same date.

Jeff Winston reported Cablevision intends to upgrade Sudbury's system in late spring or early summer, regardless of how the licensing negotiations and possible purchase of Cablevision by another company proceed. The Massachusetts Cablevision franchises are currently up for sale. He added that high

speed Internet access is scheduled by the end of the year. Potential purchasers of the system are all able to provide this access though they are not required to provide it to residential customers.

Mr. Winston stated the Committee is working hard at bringing cable access to the entire Town of Sudbury, and expressed hope that Internet access will soon follow. The Committee is hopeful that Internet access can be offered to businesses soon.

Mr. Winston stated the current Cablevision license expires on April 1, 2000 and that negotiations are in process. The Committee has established four priorities for license negotiation: (1) bring cable service to the entire Town; (2) increase the level of municipal and local access currently in place, (3) improve signal quality; and (4) install municipal I-net. He stated Cablevision would provide the infrastructure for the I-net, running "dark fiber" between all the buildings. He provided copies of a *Boston Globe* article about the State's intention to wire all the schools with high speed Internet access.

Mr. Winston asked for the Board's views on "virtual private networks" in which communication can be accomplished through a private "tunnel" over the Internet. He suggested also building a physical network between all the Town buildings using high speed fiber at an estimated cost of \$200,000.

Selectman Roopenian asked how the physical system would be affected, on a "plug in" basis, if Town offices were to change location in a few years and asked if it is cost effective to build a network with that possibility. She opined it might be prudent to postpone system development until a facilities study can be completed. Mr. Winston stated it was unknown how the system could be affected by changes, as it depends on how the new location would fit into the established ring of points. He advised that the fiber should be installed now while Cablevision is willing to do it at little cost.

Mr. Winston stated the glass fiber was installed by lashing it to the existing cable so no additional permits or approvals from the Town would be necessary. He opined many cables from the street to residences might be replaced in order to handle the increased bandwidth.

Selectman Clark asked how much of Sudbury currently has cable access. Mr. Winston responded approximately 85% of the Town has cable. He stated some areas were not dense enough to warrant cable installation, and those customers subsequently procured satellite dishes. He clarified that using a satellite dish for television reception, however, does not allow for Internet access.

Chairman Drobinski asked what the original agreement stated. Mr. Winston stated it specified doing the entire Town, beginning with a highlighted portion on a map, and following with line extensions. He stated the Committee has spent a great deal of time in recent years negotiating line extensions.

Interim Town Manager Valente asked who makes priority decisions when it comes to choosing one feature over another. Mr. Winston stated the Committee does, based on input from reliable sources and Town officials. He stated the Committee would like to see the acoustics and subsequent program quality improved for the broadcast of the Selectmen's meetings. He stated sometimes it is hard to understand what is going on because the broadcast quality is poor.

Mr. Smith commented the economic status of the Town might dictate what options and services are secured, and what things are optional tradeoffs. He referred to it as "technology vs. economics".

Selectman Roopenian asked about the studio's location. Mr. Winston stated the high school is the ideal choice, as students become involved in learning about broadcasting. He stated Cablevision provides the

equipment and coordinator while the Town provides the physical space for the studio. He added the Committee would like to upgrade the coordinator to a full time position.

Mr. Winston reported Mark Thompson, Technology Administrator for the Town, feels the customized, private, fiber optic network is a priority in the community and the Committee needs some direction from the Board as to which direction to go. The Committee is divided as to priorities. While the Board cannot be expected to comment on the technological aspects of the project, the Committee would like some guidance as to how these advances might be funded. Interim Town Manager Valente reported she has asked Mr. Thompson to put his assessment on paper for review.

Mr. Larry O'Brien asked if the Town is currently using dial-up modems. Mr. Winston clarified that Town offices are using a T-1 line for Internet access. Interim Town Manager Valente stated dial-up modems were replaced with access to the school's T-1 lines about a year ago, connecting various office buildings, though the Goodnow Library has their own network.

Chairman Drobinski stated he would like to see Mark Thompson's comments before offering an opinion and opined not knowing the total costs makes it difficult for the Board to comment. He opined a figure somewhere between the \$30,000 quoted for basic work and \$190,000 for an advanced system might make it through Town Meeting approval.

Interim Town Manager Valente stated the present system is being used all the time, and the Police and Fire Departments have just been added. She added a different system is used to connect to Park and Recreation at the Fairbank Community Center and that equipment is very slow. Mr. Winston opined Mr. Thompson may not have considered transferring everyone to an Internet "tunnel" instead of maintaining the present system.

Interim Town Manager Valente asked about the 5% revenue and how it relates to equipment and services. Mr. Winston responded the revenue would help to fund the studio operation and Cablevision would in turn pass some of that cost along to the consumer at perhaps \$0.50 per month. Discussion followed.

Selectman Clark asked if the Town and Cablevision could split the \$190,000 cost of a new system. Mr. Winston stated it might be a possibility.

Mr. Winston stated an extension might be possible if Cablevision feels progress is being made toward a license renewal. He added those extensions are typically for 60-day periods.

Chairman Drobinski stated a few residents have expressed interest in joining the Committee. Mr. Winston stated that, while the Committee has five voting members, more members are always welcome. He stated many people are unclear as to what the Committee is working on and occasionally they lose interest when the focus is not on internet access, but on cable service.

With regard to RCN, Mr. Smith opined the company may not be interested in Sudbury as they typically focus on areas with a much denser population. Mr. Winston stated RCN generally locates in towns with 100 homes per mile; Sudbury has 35 homes per mile.

Mr. Smith stated the important things to consider are: (1) what options are available; and (2) what the economic payoff is to the Town?

Mr. Winston announced Michael Morrison will join the Cablevision staff, acting as Sudbury's Local Coordinator. Mr. Morrison, who is semi-retired, has a great deal of television experience and will be a tremendous asset.

The Board thanked the Committee for their time and efforts.

AT&T Wireless PCS, Inc. – SP99-351 – Landfill

The Board was in receipt of a memo, dated January 21, 2000, from Paul Kenny, Town Counsel, stating the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has advised it will not approve underground installation of utilities by AT&T Wireless PCS, Inc., in connection with the Landfill wireless facility. He recommended the Board amend its Site Plan decision to allow the placement of utilities above ground.

Interim Town Manager Valente reported potential hazard exists for methane gas to travel along a buried conduit, and the methane could accumulate inside a “dry box”. She stated AT&T Wireless is requesting a waiver from the bylaw to allow above ground installation.

Chairman Drobinski suggested the Town of Wayland be informed of the impending wireless communications facility by the Interim Town Manager.

After discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To amend Site Plan 99-351 Special Permit Decision granted to AT&T Wireless PCS, Inc. for property located at the Sudbury Landfill, Boston Post Road, to allow the placement of utilities above ground, based upon the determination by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protections and others that underground placement presents a significant health hazard with the potential for methane gas to travel along buried conduit, and to further waive compliance with Section IX.V.A.7.e of the Town of Sudbury Zoning Bylaw requiring underground placement of wires on the same grounds, to wit, the health hazards involved with underground placement. The Selectmen, by virtue of this vote, recognize the impossibility of conformance due to such health hazards; and it was further

VOTED: To allow AT&T Wireless PCS, Inc. to install poles and lines necessary for the operation of their cellular facilities and antenna, subject to the condition that these poles and wires do not interfere with the Town's current and future use of the premises, in which event AT&T Wireless PCS, Inc. shall change the location of its poles and wires to accommodate the Town's use.

Land Use Priorities Committee – Appointment

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To reappoint Kenneth A. Zito, 104 Longfellow Road, to the Land Use Priorities Committee for a term to expire April 30, 2000.

Town Manager Interviews

Interim Town Manager Valente stated her office has tentatively scheduled finalist interviews for January 31, and February 2, subject to confirmation by the Board. She reported Ms. Silva's request for direction regarding press release, notification to department heads, and getting input from those individuals.

Chairman Drobinski stated notice should be in the paper, all the staff and department heads should be informed of the progress toward Town Manager selection and should be involved in the interview process.

Selectman Roopenian was not certain she could attend meetings on these dates and scheduling was not confirmed.

Legislative Priorities

Interim Town Manager Valente stated she forwarded the Board's comments regarding legislative priorities to Representative Susan Pope and added that Ms. Pope was interested in specific projects that could be listed as budget line items. Ms. Valente suggested the following: (1) \$100,000 for additional Chapter 90 type of projects, specifically the intersection of Route 27 and Concord Road (Town Centre); (2) \$400,000 toward resolving Marlborough Easterly Wastewater Treatment Plant problems (Hop Brook); and (3) \$125,000 for construction of walkways, especially in areas where schoolchildren will be using them. She stated she would be working with Ms. Pope to fully describe the projects so appropriate information can be submitted.

Ms. Valente stated she would also pursue the METCO situation, as described in a letter dated January 24, 2000, with School Superintendent William Hurley. The Board had no objection.

Frost Farm

Present: Lawrence O'Brien, Chairman, Planning Board.

Interim Town Manager Valente stated she has rewritten the letter to the Selectmen in the Town of Concord regarding the Frost Farm Senior Housing Development. The letter states the Town of Sudbury is committed to protecting natural resources, is willing to meet with them, and have the Planning staff share all information and technical reports.

Selectman Clark asked how close to the Town line the septic systems will be located. Lawrence O'Brien, Chairman, Planning Board, stated the septic system will be in the northwest corner of the parcel. He stated the distance from the septic system to what Concord calls the White Pond wells is in excess of 2000 feet, and any runoff will be collected in a retention basin.

Ms. Valente stated Paul Kenny, Town Counsel, and Jody Kablack, Town Planner, have both agreed upon the language in the letter. Chairman Drobinski directed Ms. Valente to contact the Conservation Commission to obtain the correct number of acres that have been placed under permanent conservation restrictions. He stated it is important to convey the message that Sudbury will be in compliance of Title V, Stormwater Act, and other pertinent regulations. The Board agreed that Ms. Valente should send the letter on the Town's behalf.

Mr. O'Brien suggested an independent hydrologist be retained to review the data put together by the developer. He stated the Planning Board will view this project with the same scrutiny as any other building project in Town. He estimated the cost at \$1,000 to \$1,500.

With regard to the Frost Farmhouse itself, Selectman Clark stated she would like to see it set aside separate from the parcel. Discussion followed.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To keep the farmhouse and attendant land on the Frost Farm parcel separate from the Frost Farm Senior Housing Development, retaining ownership by the Town.

Chairman Drobinski opined access to the farmhouse is via a deeded right-of-way from Route 117 to White's Pond. Mr. O'Brien stated Ralph Tyler pointed out that a long-standing trail easement goes through the precise spot where one of the condo units would be located, therefore that duplex will be moved. Movement or change to the easement would require a vote at Town Meeting. Selectman Clark asked who would be responsible for maintaining the access road. Mr. O'Brien stated that point is among others still under negotiation, but added that the road is currently maintained by the owners of the Cummings property.

Gas Leak – Tennessee Gas Company

Interim Town Manager Valente stated there was a gas leak Sunday morning in a Tennessee Gas Company line, affecting approximately 20 homes along Pride's Crossing and Jack Pine Drive. Those residents had to be evacuated at 6 a.m. She stated a relief valve did not operate properly due to the cold temperatures and began to leak. Residents were transported to the Wayside Inn and given pastry and coffee. She stated the Tennessee Gas Company would absorb all costs associated with overtime for Town employees and also reimburse the Wayside Inn for their hospitality costs. She suggested the Board send a letter of thanks to the Wayside Inn for their warm hospitality.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To authorize the Interim Town Manager to send a letter of thanks to the Wayside Inn for their hospitality toward evacuated residents on Sunday, January 23, 2000.

Executive Session

At 10:30 p.m. it was on motion by roll call unanimously

VOTED: To go into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining matters. (Chairman Drobinski, aye, Selectman Clark, aye, Selectman Roopenian, aye).

Chairman Drobinski announced that public session would not reconvene following Executive Session.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Attest: _____
Maureen G. Valente
Interim Town Manager-Clerk