

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2001

Present: Chairman Kirsten D. Roopenian, Lawrence W. O'Brien and John C. Drobinski, Selectmen.

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, the meeting was convened at 7:12 p.m. in the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School Library, 390 Lincoln Road.

Second Hand Motor Vehicle License – George Gordon

This matter was previously considered on March 28, 2001. The Board reviewed a report from Mary Corley, dated March 30, 2001, stating the Zoning Board of Appeals recommends license renewal, but requests Mr. Gordon be instructed to contact them immediately to arrange for transfer of the permit to the new owner. A verbal report from Town Counsel indicated no reason not to renew the license at this time.

After discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To grant a Class 2 Second Hand Motor Vehicle License to George M. Gordon, 120 Concord Road, Wayland, MA 01778, for property at 100 Boston Post Road, Sudbury, subject to Mr. Gordon contacting the Zoning Board of Appeals to arrange for the transfer of the permit to the new owner, and notification of said contact received by the Selectmen's Office.

Minutes

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the regular session minutes of March 22, 2001, as drafted.

Department of Public Safety Grant

In a letter, dated March 27, 2001, Fire Chief Michael Dunne acknowledged the role Senator Susan Fargo and Representative Susan Pope played in securing this grant for the amount of \$30,899. After discussion, the Board decided to ask the Fire Chief to arrange a date where the Board could see how the thermal imaging camera works. It was agreed to invite the two young people who stated the fundraising effort, the elected representatives and other individuals.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept, on behalf of the Town and Fire Department, a grant of \$30,899 from the Department of Public Safety to be deposited in a separate account and used for the purchase of a thermal imaging camera and other firefighter safety specific items as allowed under Chapter 202, Sections 1-7 of the Acts of 2000, and expended under the direction of the Fire Chief.

2001 Annual Town Meeting Matters

Street Acceptances – The Board maintained its position to exclude Camperdown and Abbottswood in the Order of Taking if all information and requirements are not completed by that time. The streets will remain in the article motion. It was acknowledged current weather conditions and snow cover have prevented an accurate determination of compliance by the Conservation Commission and DPW.

LSRHS – Town Manager Valente distributed copies of a letter, dated April 3, 2001, from John Ritchie, Superintendent/Principal, Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School, addressing the question of possible use of existing LSRHS buildings by the Town. Dr. Ritchie stated such use would be cost prohibitive for the following reasons: (a) no heating system will be available, (b) inadequate parking, (c) impact to new site design, and (d) replacement of elements of the saved portion (new plumbing system, new electric service, building exterior, doors, windows, etc.) as other walls and systems will be rendered inactive during demolition. Ms. Valente acknowledged this letter was in response to an earlier request by the Board. [Lauri Wishner, LSRHS School Committee, was present during this discussion]

Special Town Election – The Board maintained its strategy to wait until all the financial articles had been addressed during Town Meeting proceedings before proposing a Special Election. In accordance with State law, the earliest an election could be scheduled would Wednesday, March 9, 2001.

After discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To continue this meeting to resume at adjournment of Annual Town Meeting this evening to address, if necessary, the question of calling a Special Town Election and voting ballot questions.

Community Preservation Act – The Board maintained its position to move forward on this matter, using allotted time to present information on the Community Preservation Act and its ramifications. It was noted this wording of the CPA contains the 3% tax increase and would be included on the next ballot. Selectman Drobinski reiterated his opinion the CPA Committee should not be created until the Act is accepted by the voters.

Article 17 – Weisblatt – Town Manager Valente reported Town Counsel's advice that an easement for access to the Weisblatt Conservation Land is unnecessary as the Town already owns the land. She suggested the Board emphasize the parking and access will be maintained by the Town even though designation of the land is being changed.

In accordance with their vote, the meeting was suspended at 7:30 p.m. to resume at the adjournment of 2001 Annual Town Meeting this evening to address, if necessary, the question of calling a Special Town Election and voting ballot questions.

Special Town Election - May 9, 2001

Present: Lauri Wishner, Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School Committee.

At 10:40 p.m. Chairman Roopenian resumed the Board's meeting to vote upon calling a Special Town Election.

On motion by Chairman Roopenian, it was unanimously

VOTED: To call a Special Town Election to be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2001, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Fairbank Community Center (Precincts 1 and 2) and Town Hall (Precincts 3 and 4); and further, to place the following question on the ballot therefor as Question No. 1:

Shall the town of Sudbury be allowed to assess an additional \$1,018,820 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding operating expenses of the Sudbury Schools, Lincoln-Sudbury Regional District High School, and other Town departments for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and one?

There ensued discussion relative to the issue of bundling or separating the Feeley Restrooms, Haskell Field Improvements, and Walkways Debt Exemptions. Chairman Roopenian did not want to bundle the items, as she believed there would be a significant number of people who might not want the walkways, and she did not want Haskell Field to fail because of voters not willing to approve the entire package. Selectman Drobinski disagreed, saying that walkways were a broad town issue and no-one had been against them. Selectman O'Brien also felt that no opposition had been given to the walkways at Town Meeting and saw no difference to last year's bundling situation when the reasoning/criteria was established to bundle, and that was to get people working together and not separate and pit groups against each other. Selectman Drobinski stressed the debt exemptions were small, and putting them together gave them all a better chance of passing and presented a sense of community. He said he had advised the Recreation Director of the intention to bundle. Chairman Roopenian stated she would go along with the wishes of the rest of the Board.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To place the following question on the ballot for the May 9, 2001 Special Town Election as Question No. 2:

Shall the town of Sudbury be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to: remove the existing restroom facility and construct a new restroom facility at Feeley Park including all expenses related thereto; construct and/or reconstruct municipal outdoor recreational and athletic facilities at the Haskell recreation area, including all expenses related thereto including engineering costs and preparation of bidding documents; and engineer, design, and construct certain walkways included in the Planning Board's Comprehensive Walkway Program?

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

Attest: _____
Maureen G. Valente
Town Manager-Clerk