

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, MAY 7, 2001

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

The statutory requirement for notice having been met, the meeting was convened at 7:35 p.m. in the Town Hall, 322 Concord Road.

Announcements

Chairman Drobinski reminded residents to cast their votes in the **Special Town Election** to be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2001. Issues on the ballot include the operating override and capital projects (Feeley Field restrooms, Haskell Field Improvements, Dakin Road traffic light, and walkways).

The Board thanked all residents who participated in the Annual Town-wide Cleanup on May 5. Town Manager Valente acknowledged the efforts of her staff in organizing the cleanup, assigning streets, and maintaining communication with residents in this endeavor.

Chairman Drobinski announced AT&T Broadband will be present at the Selectmen's meeting on May 21, 2001, at which time high speed Internet access for the Town of Sudbury will be discussed.

The Board expressed sympathies to the families and friends of the recent bus accident involving middle school students from Newton, Mass. on a school trip to Nova Scotia.

Minutes

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the regular and executive sessions of April 23, 2001, as drafted.

Council on Aging

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept \$52.70 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.

Ambulance Gift Account

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept a donation of \$50 from Ronald and Deborah Rudowsky, 10 Red Horse Path, to be deposited into the Ambulance Gift Account and expended under the direction of the Fire Chief.

Mass. Cultural Council Grant

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To acknowledge receipt of a grant from the Mass. Cultural Council through the Sudbury Cultural Council to the Sudbury Historical Commission in the amount of \$2,000 for the restoration and framing of three Florence Hosmer paintings.

Site Plan #00-353 – Omnipoint Communications

Present: Peter Cooke, Amy Mower, Omnipoint Communications.

The Board reviewed revised Site Plan #00-353, Sheet A-2 Construction, last revised May 1, 2001, showing revised installation of utilities and landscaping.

Town Manager Valente reported the DPW Director and Park and Recreation have approved the recommendations of the Permanent Landscape Committee. Ms. Valente also stated Omnipoint has been very cooperative in working with the Town to make repairs to the scoreboard at Feeley Field.

Ms. Amy Mower, Omnipoint Communications, stated the lights are being serviced; the crew is waiting for additional replacement bulbs.

After discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve amended Site Plan #00-353 for the installation of a wireless communications facility at Feeley Park.

The Board later signed the full set of plans, comprised on seven sheets:

- T-1 Title Sheet, last revised March 13, 2001;
- C-1 Survey Plan, last revised November 16, 1999;
- A-1 Site Plan, Details and Notes, last revised May 1, 2001;
- A-2 Enlarged Site Plan, Elevation, Notes and Details, last revised May 1, 2001;
- S-1 Structural Notes, Plans, Sections and Details, last revised October 6, 2000;
- S-2 Details, last revised May 1, 2001; and
- E-1 Electrical and Grounding Notes, Plan, Riser and Details, last revised October 6, 2000.

Earth Decade Committee – Integrated Pest Management

Present: Richard Vanderslice, Karen Riggert, Jan Silva, Peg Whittemore, Catherine Rader, Richard Hoenich, Marjorie Wilson, Sheila Globus, Earth Decade Committee.

Mr. Richard Vanderslice stated the Earth Decade Committee has been working on this project for over three years. He distributed comprehensive information regarding Integrated Pest Management, an ecologically-based approach to landscape and building management and is designed to prevent or control undesirable weeds, insects, fungi and rodents by using, where possible, alternatives to pesticides.

Mr. Vanderslice briefly reviewed the information presented, noting the program will be particularly valuable at the schools where children are exposed to all types of things, both indoor and outdoors. State law mandates these practices be used in the schools by November 1, 2001.

The Committee proposes this program's principles and practices be incorporated into the landscape maintenance, building maintenance, and construction work done on Town property. If this program is adopted, a Committee could be formed, to assist in its administration.

Discussion followed on chemicals, birth defects from chemical use, definition of pests, common practices, state regulations, and prevention practices. It was noted the ultimate goal of these programs is that of Organic Pest Management.

Selectman Roopenian suggested finding out what other communities are doing before making a final decision. Chairman Drobinski suggested the Town Manager review the program thoroughly and report her recommendations to the Board to minimize problems in implementing the program.

Town Manager Valente expressed concern for there being enough verifiable information available to those in training, as well as high expectations from user groups on athletic fields. She recommended the Board accept the goals of the policy as presented, in concept, direct her to explore various methods and plans, and finally, to investigate what other communities are doing with regard to this type of program. The implementation will have to be tailored to fit Sudbury's needs.

Selectman Roopenian suggested holding a public informational meeting for the benefit of athletic field users to understand the ramifications of the program.

It was noted that the late Jane Coddington was a strong advocate of this program.

After discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To endorse the definition of the Integrated Pest Management Program (IPM) *as an ecologically-based, problem-solving approach to landscape and building management. IPM is designed to prevent or control undesirable weeds, insects, fungi, and rodents by using, where possible, alternatives to pesticides (herbicides, fungicides, insecticides, and rodenticides). It involves a decision-making process for determining IF the pests are a real threat, WHEN treatment is needed, WHERE needed, and WHAT strategy and mix of tactics to use;* and to direct the Town Manager to formulate an implementation program in conjunction with the Board's goals and objectives and in coordination with the public schools in the Town of Sudbury.

Marrone Comprehensive Permit

At 8:15 p.m. Chairman Drobinski opened a Public Hearing for the purpose of considering the proposal of Alan J. Marrone and Robert Beckett, Becket Associates, LLC, for submission of a Local Initiative Program Application for a Comprehensive Permit to the Dept. of Housing and Community Development under Chapter 40B for property located at 717-729 Boston Post Road.

Mr. Drobinski announced the hearing would be postponed due to a personal emergency of the proponents' attorney. Abutters and all pertinent parties were previously notified the hearing would be continued.

Town Manager Valente stated a summary of departmental reports on this project was drafted and copies were distributed.

After discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To continue this hearing until June 11, 2001, at 7:45 p.m. in Lower Town Hall. All parties will be notified in the standard manner.

Thai Avenue Restaurant – 621A Boston Post Road

Present: Kesinee Black, Scott Black, Thai Avenue Restaurant.

The Board met to consider granting a Common Victualler License to Kesinee Black and Suwannee Sritrai, Partners, d/b/a Thai Avenue Restaurant, 621A Boston Post Road, due to a change in ownership.

The following information was received:

1. Application for Common Victualler License, dated April 17, 2001, of Kesinee Black for the property at 621A Boston Post Road, Sudbury.
2. Tax Attestation, dated April 17, 2001, by Kesinee Black, stating all State taxes are paid up to date.
3. Declaration, dated April 17, 2001, from Kesinee Black, owner of Thai Avenue Take-Out, noting that there are no paid employees at the establishment, and that all persons performing work in connection with the licensed activity are volunteers, thereby relieving the owner of the workers' compensation insurance requirement.
4. Notarized Business Certificate, dated April 18, 2001, for Kesinee Black for Thai Avenue Restaurant at 621A Boston Post Road, Sudbury, MA 01776.
5. Verbal Report, dated April 27, 2001, from the Health Director, stating he has no issues with the transfer of ownership of Thai Avenue.
6. Verbal Report, dated April 19, 2001, from the Building Inspector, stating he had no issues with the change in ownership for Thai Avenue Restaurant.
7. Verbal Report, dated May 4, 2001, from the Fire Chief, stating he has no problems with the transfer of ownership for Thai Avenue Takeout Restaurant.

After discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To grant a Common Victualler License to Kesinee Black and Suwannee Sritrai, Partners, d/b/a Thai Avenue Restaurant, 621A Boston Post Road, due to change in ownership, subject to any outstanding local taxes and Water District bills.

Metropolitan Area Planning Council Elections

After discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To authorize Chairman Drobinski to cast Sudbury's votes for Peter Torigian, Mayor of Peabody, and Charles J. Sisitsky of Framingham, for election to the Boston Metropolitan Council Organization.

Selectmen Liaison Assignments

After discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the Selectmen's liaison assignments as amended this evening.

Annual Appointments

Chairman Drobinski announced various resignations and thanked those committee members for their service to the Town of Sudbury.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept the resignations of Youth Commission members Ronald B. Conrado, Susan Leichtman, Marie Sigman, Martha Lynn, Patricia A. Savage, Susan G. Johnson, and Anne E. Lynch and to request Town Manager Valente to send each person a letter of appreciation thanking them for their service.

Town Manager Valente reported she was awaiting additional information before presenting Town Manager Appointments to the Board. Those appointments will be considered at a later date.

After discussion, it was further on motion unanimously

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

Council on Aging: To appoint Joseph Bausk for a term of three years ending on April 30, 2004 (replacing Carol Oram), and to reappoint John O. Rhome for a term of three years ending on April 30, 2004.

Appeals, Board of: To reappoint Thomas W. H. Phelps for a term of five years ending on April 30, 2006.

Cable Television Committee: To reappoint Mark W. Thompson, Frederick G. Walker, Robert Kavanaugh, Margaret R. Fredrickson, Michael Daitzman, Martin Greenstein, Harold L. Barnett, and Jeffrey Winston, each for a term of one year ending on April 30, 2002.

Capital Improvement Planning Committee: To reappoint David A. Wallace for a term of three years ending on April 30, 2004.

Civil Defense, Assistant Director of: To reappoint I. William Place for a term of one year to end on April 30, 2002.

Civil Defense, Director of: To reappoint Michael C. Dunne for a term of one year to end on April 30, 2002.

Radio Operator, Civil Defense: To reappoint James S. Idelson for a term of one year to end on April 30, 2002.

Constable: To reappoint Sean B. McCarthy for a term of three years to end on April 30, 2004.

Earth Removal Board/Board of Appeals Associates: To reappoint Melinda M. Berman, Richard L. Burpee, John F. Sylvia, Stephen M. Richmond, and Jonathan G. Gossels, each for a term of one year to end on April 30, 2002.

Fair Housing Committee: To reappoint Thomas W. H. Phelps for a term of three years ending on April 30, 2004.

Fence Viewers: To reappoint Kirsten D. Roopenian, Lawrence W. O'Brien, and John C. Drobinski, each for a term of one year to end on April 30, 2002.

Historic Districts Commission: To reappoint William C. Schirmer for a term to end on January 1, 2006.

Mass. Bay Transportation Authority Designee: To reappoint Maureen G. Valente for a term of one year ending on April 30, 2002.

Memorial Day Committee: To reappoint William S. Farrell, William R. Duckett, and Winifred C. Grinnell, each for a term of three years ending on April 30, 2004.

Permanent Building Committee: To reappoint Elaine L. Jones, and James M. Cummings, each for a term of three years ending on April 30, 2004.

Permanent Landscape Committee: To appoint Margaret W. Berck for a term of three years ending on April 30, 2004.

Committee for the Preservation & Management of Town Documents: To reappoint Curtis F. Garfield and Russell P. Kirby, each for a term of three years ending on April 30, 2004.

Registrars, Board of: To appoint Jonathan D. Fridman for a term of three years ending on April 30, 2004.

Sealer of Weights and Measures: To reappoint Courtney W. Atkinson for a term of one year ending on April 30, 2002.

Septage Committee: To reappoint Robert A. Gottberg for a term of one year ending on April 30, 2002.

Sudbury Cultural Council: To reappoint Mary Ann McCormick for a term of three years ending on April 30, 2004; and to reappoint Rhonda Fowler and Aruna Pundit, each for a term of three years ending on September 26, 2004.

Sudbury Water District Water Resource Committee: To reappoint James F. Occhialini for a term of one year ending on April 30, 2002.

Surveyor of Lumber & Measurer of Wood: To reappoint Russell DiMauro for a term of one year ending on April 30, 2002.

Town Historian: To reappoint Curtis F. Garfield for a term of one year ending on April 30, 2002.

Town Report Committee: To reappoint Alexa S. Crowe, Mandana Familiar, and Sherri A. Melamut, each for a term of one year ending on April 30, 2002.

Veterans' Advisory Committee: To appoint Robert G. Mugford, and to reappoint Edward P. Rawson, Winifred C. Grinnell, William R. Duckett, Fred H. Hitchcock, Jr., and Spencer R. Goldstein, each for a term of one year ending on April 30, 2002.

Youth Commission: To appoint Cathy Dill for a term of one year ending on April 30, 2002, and to reappoint Candace M. McMahon, John C. Ollquist, and Jean Lind, each for a term of one year ending on April 30, 2002.

Special Constables, Non-Paid: To reappoint Michael C. Dunne, John B. Hepting, Earl D. Midgley, and Arthur J. Richard each for a term of one year ending on April 30, 2002.

Special Constable, Paid: To reappoint Joseph D. Bausk for a term of one year ending on April 30, 2002.

Special Constables, Traffic Duty Only, Raytheon: To reappoint Steven Materia, Brian O'Halloran, James Vandenakker, and John Whelan each for a term of one year ending on April 30, 2002.

It was further on motion unanimously

VOTED: To dissolve the Negotiating Advisory Committee and the Fort Devens Task Force as their services are no longer required.

Other: (1) The Board will consider combining the Pay-Per-Throw Committee with the Resource Recovery Committee, and (2) Selectmen Roopenian expressed concern for Mr. Richard Brooks' inactivity with the MAPC and offered to contact Mr. Brooks as to his intentions.

Cable Television Committee

Town Manager Valente asked for the Board's approval of a draft letter to Mr. Rob Travers, AT&T Broadband, regarding the salary of Michael Morrissey. Discussion followed. Selectman O'Brien expressed concern the letter is not strong enough to sufficiently state the Town's position, and secondly, that AT&T is not delivering services agreed upon during the contract negotiation process with Cablevision.

After discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To sign and send the letter from Chairman Drobinski to Mr. Rob Travers regarding the Coordinator for Sudbury.

House Ways and Means Committee

Town Manager Valente reported to the Board the status of the House Ways and Means Committee plans for aid for schools, noting varying formula changes and calculations. She confirmed more money has been allocated to urban locations, taking funds away from the communities perceived as wealthier, such as Sudbury. She hoped the full House vote would restore the funding reduced by this Committee.

After discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To send a letter stating the Town's budget has already been set, loss of funds is crucial, and supporting funding formula changes proposed by the MMA to the Ways and Means Committee, with copies to State Representative Susan Pope, State Senator Susan Fargo, Thomas Birmingham, and Thomas Finneran.

Executive Session

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

VOTED: To go into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining negotiations, Discretionary Fund expenditures, and real property negotiations.

Chairman Drobinski announced regular session would not reconvene following Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Attest: _____
Maureen G. Valente
Town Manager-Clerk