

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2003

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

The statutory requirement as to notice having been complied with, the meeting was convened at 7:35 p.m. in the Lower Town Hall, 322 Concord Road.

Opening Remarks

Chairman Roopenian announced the annual HOPEsudbury Telethon will be held on November 15 from 1 – 9 p.m. and encouraged residents to bid on various auction items.

Chairman Roopenian stated a Financial Summit will be held on Thursday, November 6, for all Town boards and committees.

Chairman Roopenian announced a Public Hearing will be hosted by the Blue Ribbon Housing Site Selection Committee to present preliminary information on potential sites for affordable housing.

Trust Fund Donations – FY03 Third and Fourth Quarter Reports

Present: Kerry A. Speidel, Co-Trustee of Town Donations, Finance Director/Treasurer-Collector.

Utilizing FY03 Third and Fourth Quarter Financial Statements, Kerry A. Speidel, Finance Director/Treasurer-Collector, briefly reviewed Trust Fund activity to date. She noted interest and capital gains earnings were fairly healthy. She stated her reports are unaudited and are subject to change upon completion of the FY2003 independent audit.

With regard to Trust Fund Disbursements, a total of \$81,295.00 has been requested for FY04. Ms. Speidel stated sufficient revenue is available to fund these requests.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: As Co-Trustees of Town Donations, to accept FY2003 Third and Fourth Quarter Trust Fund Reports, as presented by the Finance Director/Treasurer-Collector.

It was further on motion unanimously

VOTED: Acting as Co-Trustees of Town Donations, to approve a total of \$81,295 in disbursements for FY04 from Town Trust Funds as follows:

Board of Health	Cheri-Anne Cavanaugh Fund	\$ 2,000.00
Library Board of Trustees	Goodnow Library	15,500.00
Library Board of Trustees	Forest Bradshaw	200.00
Library Board of Trustees	Lydia Raymond	295.00
Library Board of Trustees	Rhodes Memorial	800.00
Selectmen's Office	Discretionary/Charity	6,500.00
Selectmen's Office/DPW	Raymond Mausoleum	1,000.00
Department of Public Works	Perpetual Care/Cemetery	55,000.00

Blue Ribbon Housing Site Selection Committee

Present: James Gardner, Blue Ribbon Housing Site Selection Committee.

Town Manager Valente stated she asked Mr. Gardner to attend tonight's meeting to discuss how the Selectmen should participate with the Blue Ribbon Housing Site Selection Committee in preparation for a Public Hearing on November 19 for citizen input. She reminded the Board the Committee's final report is due to the Selectmen mid-December.

Mr. James Gardner, Blue Ribbon Housing Site Selection Committee, stated 195 Town-owned sites have been researched with ten parcels for 12 potential sites meeting all criteria for affordable housing projects. He stated criteria for acceptance at this time has been predominantly technical and included deed restrictions, conservation and wetlands issues. The list of sites has been divided into those easily buildable and those buildable with minor physical impediments. The list will soon be posted on the Town website.

There was brief discussion on the presentation for the November 19 Public Hearing. Mr. Gardner stated the Committee will be meeting November 12 to review the Hearing agenda and invited the Board to attend informally.

NStar Electric Update

Present: JoAnne O'Leary, Community Relations Manager, NStar Electric.

At 8:10 p.m. the Board met with JoAnne O'Leary, Community Relations Manager, to receive a report of NStar activities in Sudbury. Ms. O'Leary reported a number of hazardous trees were removed on the recommendation of a certified arborist. She stated four circuits in Sudbury have been upgraded or are in the process of being upgraded. A new circuit was added to support the original four. A new circuit upgrade near the Wayland line along Route 20 will be completed in 2005. Ms. O'Leary stated the new double-pole database shows each utility when they are next in line to remove their service from poles no longer in use. She stated electric meters will be replaced in 2004 with a new electronic meter known as NScan, enabling meter readings to be done electronically via a van driving through each neighborhood.

Responding to a question from Chairman Roopenian, Ms. O'Leary stated NStar is discussing the viability of assessing fines to the other utilities on the poles who are slow in removing their wires from the old pole.

To extend the life of poles, Ms. O'Leary stated they are beginning to use "grafts" or braces to support poles on well-traveled streets and helps avoid a double-pole situation. She opined it increases the life of the pole up to 30 years.

Minutes

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of October 21, 2003.

Storage of Inflammables License – Tony’s Service & Gas Station

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: Relative to a Storage of Inflammables License granted for property at 583 Hudson Road to Marguerite and Bruce Maiuri, d/b/a Tony's Service & Gas Station, under Town Clerk Document Numbers 59002 and 97205 for underground storage of 26,000 gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel, to acknowledge, for the record, that all storage tanks have been removed, inspected and disposed of as certified by the Fire Chief in a letter dated March 30, 2001, and further that said license is terminated in accordance with a letter from Marguerite L. Maiuri, dated February 21, 2003, informing the Town that the license will not be renewed, the business has closed, and the property sold.

Traffic Rules and Orders

The Board reviewed a letter, dated October 27, 2003, from Safety Officer Ronald Conrado in which he presented safety concerns at two intersections, Willard Grant Road and North Road, and Pelham Island Road and Landham Road and recommended stop signs in those locations.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: That the Traffic Rules and Orders of the Town of Sudbury, adopted by the Board of Selectmen on September 12, 1941, and subsequent amendments thereto, be and are hereby amended as follows:

By adding at the end of Section 8 in Article VII, OBEDIENCE TO ISOLATED STOP SIGNS, the following locations:

South bound drivers on Willard Grant Road at North Road
West bound drivers on Pelham Island Road at Landham Road

Community Preservation Act – Applications for Funds

Town Manager Valente reported the period for accepting applications for CPA funds (FY2005) has closed and asked the Board if they wished to meet with applicants themselves in addition to scheduled public hearings.

The Board felt it would be informative to residents if applicants presented their information at a Selectmen’s meeting as those meetings are televised.

Ms. Valente reminded the Board she is a co-applicant on two applications: Walkway construction and Revolutionary War Cemetery.

Letter to Editor – Selectmen’s Goals

Chairman Roopenian asked the Board to review a Letter to the Editor, which explained the Selectmen’s Goals. She stated this letter would be sent to the *Sudbury Town Crier* for publication, if the Board had no corrections by the end of the week.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Attest: _____
Maureen G. Valente
Town Manager-Clerk