

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2005

Present: Chairman John C. Drobinski, Selectmen Lawrence W. O'Brien and William J. Keller, Jr.

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

Opening Remarks

Chairman Drobinski, on behalf of the Board and Town Manager wished everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Chairman Drobinski offered heartfelt sympathy to the people of India whose lives have been devastated by the recent disasters. He stated that Town Manager Valente informed him that the Lincoln-Sudbury students have begun a Tsunami Relief Fund to aid the stricken areas. The monies will be donated to Oxfam. Anyone wishing to donate or help with the fund should contact the high school.

Selectman O'Brien called attention to the fact that the Town Census is now underway. He stressed the importance of returning these forms for purposes of voter list composition as well as acquiring a correct listing of residents. Further, Mr. O'Brien stated that once again all dogs need to be licensed for the coming year.

Minutes

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the regular and executive sessions of December 6, 2004, as drafted.

Walkway Account – Donation

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept a donation of \$9,000 from Ayman Youssef, Sarah Realty LLC, 100 Boston Post Road, to be deposited into the Townwide Walkway Account and expended under the direction of the Director of Public Works; said donation completes payments owned by former owner William King, Foreign Performance Ltd., d/b/a Automotive Diagnostics, 100 Boston Post Road, relative to a settlement agreement.

Conservation Commission – Appointments

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the re-appointments by Town Manager of Richard O. Bell and Bridget Hanson to the Conservation Commission, for terms to expire on April 30, 2007.

Capital Improvement Planning Committee – Resignation

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept the resignation dated December 28, 2004, from S. Wilson Heaps, III, from the Capital Improvement Planning Committee, and to send a letter of appreciation for his service.

Disposal Town Property

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve a request dated December 21, 2004, from the Town Engineer/DPW Director for disposal by sale or trade the following vehicles, in accordance with Town Bylaw Article XII, Town Property:

- 1) 1995 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN #2FALP71W8SX129733
- 2) 1997 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN #2FALP71W5VX108438

Eagle Scout – Anson Biller

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To sign a letter of congratulations to Anson Biller, 14 Buckmaster Drive, on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout in Troop #63.

Waiver of Fee – SP04-378

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To waive payment of the site plan application fee for submission of Application SP04-378 by the Park and Recreation Commission for the Cutting Athletic Facility.

Acceptance of Articles 2005 ATM

Chairman Drobinski stated there are 52 articles submitted as of 5:00 p.m. on January 3, 2005. He further observed that their purpose this evening was simply to accept these articles for the 2005 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. He clarified the Board's position this evening was not to take positions or discuss the merits, simply to accept them.

A small discussion ensued, and Town Manager Valente stated there are some decisions which may be made regarding a couple of the petition articles that may qualify for Community Preservation Committee funds, as they are concerned with studies.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept 52 articles submitted for the 2005 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, as follows:

Article

Submitted by

Hear Reports	Selectmen
FY05 Budget Adjustments	Selectmen
Stabilization Fund	Selectmen
Special Act: Post Employment Health Ins. Liability Fund	Selectmen
Lease Authorization - Carding Mill Property	Selectmen
Amend Bylaws, Art. XXV - Capital Planning	Selectmen
Amend Bylaws, Art. XVII.1 - Sealing Weights and Measures Fees	Building Inspector

Unpaid Bills
FY06 Budget
FY06 Solid Waste Disposal Enterprise Fund Budget
FY06 Pool Enterprise Fund Budget
FY06 Capital Expenditures (one or more articles)
Rescind/Amend Borrowings
Chapter 90 Highway Funding
Council on Aging Revolving Fund
Goodnow Library Revolving Fund
Bus Revolving Fund
Early Childhood Revolving Fund
Instrumental Music Revolving Fund
Youth Commission Revolving Fund
Recreation Programs Revolving Fund
Teen Center Revolving Fund
Cable Television Revolving Fund
Conservation Revolving Fund
Dog Revolving Fund
DPW Mining Revolving Fund
Rental Property Revolving Fund
Real Estate Exemption
Libby Property Purchase
Community Preservation Fund Articles:
 Expenditures for Approved Projects
 Extension of SHA Proposal
 Housing Unit Buy-Down
 Rail Trail Conversion Study
 Davis Field Study
 Willis Pond Dock
 Willis Pond Environmental Study
 Hosmer House Restoration Phase I
 Historic Structures Survey Phase II
 Libby Open Space Acquisition
 General Budget and Appropriations
Change Historic Districts Commission Membership
Extend King Philip Historic District
Create Maple Avenue Historic District
Amend Zoning Bylaw, Art. IX.4200 -
 Water Resource Protection District
Amend Zoning Bylaw, Art. IX - Misc. Minor Revisions
Amend Bylaws, Art. VIII(B) Scenic Roads
Curbside PAYT Trash Pickup
Senior Citizen Residential Exemption - Home Rule Petition
Carding Mill Ponds Herbicide Study
Carding Mill Ponds Wildlife Habitat Study
Carding Mill Ponds Weed Harvesting
Establish Agricultural Commission

Town Accountant
Finance Committee
Finance Committee
Finance Committee
Capital Improvement Planning Com.
Town Treasurer and Town Manager
Director of Public Works
Council on Aging
Library Trustees
Sudbury School Committee
Sudbury School Committee
Sudbury School Committee
Youth Commission
Park and Recreation Commission
Park and Recreation Commission
Cable Television Committee
Conservation Commission
Town Clerk
Director of Public Works
Selectmen
Board of Assessors
Conservation Commission

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Planning Board and Cons. Comm.
Planning Board
Planning Board and Sud. Historical Comm.
Petition
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and voted to refer all zoning amendment articles to the Planning Board for its hearings and reports in accordance with M.G.L.c.40A, s.5.

Resolution on Local Aid

Town Manager Valente asked the Board for some direction on how she should vote on a Resolution on Local Aid for Fiscal 2006. She will be attending the MMA business meeting in Boston on Saturday, January 8.

Chairman Drobinski opined that the Board should send a message to the Governor saying that we need to support the Resolution. After a brief discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To authorize Town Manager, while attending the MMA meeting on Saturday, January 8, 2005, to present the Board of Selectmen's position in support of the Resolution on Local Aid for Fiscal 2006.

St. Anselm Task Force – Status

Town Manager Valente summarized her suggestions concerning the St. Anselm Task Force in a memo dated December 29, 2004, which she distributed to the Board. Briefly, she suggested that the Board formally accept the report submitted by the Task Force, including the minority reports. As such, the Task Force has completed its mission, and Ms. Valente recommended that the group be dissolved and thanked for their hard work. She suggested that the report be given to the Community Housing Committee for recommended action based on the findings of the Task Force and as outlined in the report.

Finally, Ms. Valente suggested that the report be sent to the Archdiocese, outlining the work of the Task Force.

Chairman Drobinski suggested taking the items in order: Regarding Item 1,

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept the report of the Task Force, including the minority reports.

Regarding Item 2, discussion ensued. Selectman O'Brien suggested that the report be accepted and the Task Force thanked. However, rather than dissolving the group, he recommended that it be "suspended" and revived with any future work that might arise as a result of the report.

Town Manager Valente stressed that the Task Force had great difficulty reaching a consensus on most points. As such, she opined it would be a disadvantage to reactivate these same individuals to rework the subject matter when, in fact, they have already accomplished their mission.

Selectman Keller observed that the Board itself needs to recommend the next step and does not want the members of the Task Force to feel further obliged to work on the project when they have, in fact, already done what was requested of them.

Town Manager Valente stated that any further committee action on St. Anselm would require reworking the mission statement and rewriting it. She feels the group should not be suspended, but dissolved. The Board agreed with this assessment.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To dissolve the St. Anselm Task Force at this time and to send letters of appreciation for their hard work.

Concerning Item 3, Selectman O'Brien recommended sending the Task Force Report to the Community Housing Committee, asking them to review the report and to contemplate action stemming from the Task Force recommendations.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To turn the report over to Community Housing Committee and to ask them for recommended action steps based on this final report.

Regarding Item 4, Chairman Drobinski stated he favored sending the report to the Archdiocese along with a cover letter outlining the process and strongly stressing the fact that the Town still wishes to be involved in the decisions of the Archdiocese but clearly stating the wishes of the neighbors and community that the parish remain open. He recommended that message be communicated to the Archdiocese.

Selectman Keller opined he prefers that the report not go to the archdiocese, rather keeping the findings of the Task Force report in view – that it does support housing if and when the property is sold and becomes available.

Each of the Board members emphasized that any communication to the Archdiocese strongly stress that the Town wants a role in the future of the property.

After considerable discussion, the Board requested that the report not be sent; instead a letter should be drafted and sent to the Archdiocese strongly reiterating the Town's interest in the land should the Archdiocese decide to close the church, though the optimum argument should be made the community wishes that the church and parish be maintained as it stands.

Selectmen Reports

Selectman Keller stated that he attended Boston's First Night; and, for future reference, First Night fireworks on the Boston Common were very nice. It was an early show and a very great feeling prevailed with the sounds reverberating through the buildings in the more intimate setting, as opposed to the vastness of the Charles River fireworks later. He highly recommends the event.

Chairman Drobinski wanted to compliment the Town Manager and staff on the great work in producing the final budget documents. It represents a lot of hard work, outlining a challenging year ahead.

Town Manager Valente stated that Finance Committee hearings would be upcoming over the next few weeks with the first one on Thursday evening, January 6, with the Sudbury Public Schools. She stated she would be posting a chapter from the proposed budget and cover letter on the website within the next few days.

Chairman Drobinski urged the public to attend as many of the Finance Committee meetings as possible to learn the composition of the budgets as presented.

Reinsurance Coverage for Calendar Year 2005

Discussion ensued concerning a memo from Assistant Town Manager regarding Reinsurance Coverage for 2005. The lowest bidder is the current provider, Cook & Company, at an increase of approximately 15.5% over 2004. The other two bidders were considerably higher. Based on the parameters outlined by the Town's health care consultant, Group Benefits Strategies, it is recommended that the Board approve the coverage.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To authorize the Town Manager to contract with Cook and Company for health insurance claims Reinsurance for Calendar 2005 for the Specific level of \$50,000 at an annual estimated premium of \$397,537 plus lasers in the potential amount of \$110,000.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Attest: _____
Maureen G. Valente
Town Manager-Clerk