

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
EXECUTIVE SESSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2005
(8:55 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.)

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

Frost Farm

Town Manager Valente stated Town Counsel, Town Planner and Town Engineer met with the Bay Avary principals and counsel to continue settlement talks. Bay Avary's engineer had previously submitted a report to Town Engineer Bill Place discussing all outstanding infrastructure issues. Using this report, a prioritized plan will be drafted in the next two weeks, listing the items that absolutely must be done, against the funds contained in the bond held by the Planning Board. Ms. Valente will advise the Board of results, so they can weigh settlement terms versus proceeding with the case in court.

Young Property

Town Manager Valente stated the Young property on Boston Post Road has been offered to the Town for purchase. She stated the front section is dry, and the back is wet and may be only be suitable for open space purposes. She stated the front land has been considered for a wastewater disposal site by the Town's Sewer Assessment Technical Advisory Committee. She stated in earlier discussion there was talk that the land might be donated to the Town. However, the owner's heir is now offering the land for a price that, while less than the full appraisal, is still a sizable amount of money.

The Town Manager will gather reports from Town staff, boards, and other land use entities before bringing back the matter before the Board for their decision on whether to acquire this parcel.

New Police Station

Town Manager Valente reported sites are being considered for a new Police Station building. One of these sites includes the corner of Horse Pond and Boston Post Road, privately owned. She requested the Board's permission to begin negotiations with the owners of the property. The Board was reluctant to take that step until more analysis is done to show it would be more costly or have other negatives if property already owned by the Town was chosen as a site. The Town Manager agreed to withdraw the request to begin negotiations until more analysis is done of the options.

Libby Property

Town Manager Valente stated Town Counsel will be meeting with Mr. Libby on Friday, March 4, to hear his offer of sale of his property to the Town. She briefly reviewed the Town's objective and strategy, which include relying on the revised appraisal for all pricing and seeking to purchase only the back lots.

There being no further business, this executive session adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Attest: _____
Maureen G. Valente
Town Manager-Clerk