

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2005

Present: Vice Chairman Lawrence W. O'Brien and Selectman William J. Keller, Jr.
Chairman John C. Drobinski was absent.

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

Vice Chairman Lawrence W. O'Brien announced the following:

- 1) Residents should have received the Warrant for the 2005 Annual Town Meeting, which begins April 4 at 7:30 p.m. He encouraged everyone to learn about issues being considered.
- 2) There are two Prop. 2½ questions (override and debt exclusion) on the ballot at Annual Town Election on Monday, March 28. The Town Clerk's office can assist residents who are unsure of their polling place or would like absentee ballots.

Meeting with Senators Resor and Fargo

The Board welcomed State Senator Susan Fargo and State Senator Pamela Resor, both members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Discussion followed on state budget issues, proposed level funding for education, regional school transportation support, METCO student funding, potential tax monies and regional support for various issues, state aid for transportation projects, senior tax relief and related matters. Both Senators indicated their opposition to the Governor's proposal to divert CPA funds to use for his Budget, and further indicated no bills for senior tax relief have been filed yet in this session.

Minutes

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the regular and executive sessions of March 1, 2005, and the executive session of March 8, 2005, as drafted.

2005 Annual Town Meeting Action

- a) Selectmen positions – The Board opted to table this discussion until Chairman Drobinski could be present.
- b) Presenters – With regard to Article 42, it was agreed that Vice Chairman O'Brien would make the 10 minute presentation on this article.

Libby Property Purchase

Town Manager Valente announced the Town of Sudbury had entered into a purchase and sale agreement to purchase property owned by the Libby family for approximately \$2.6 million. This purchase has already been recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and is subject to appropriation of funds at Annual Town Meeting. She stated the Town will be able to make this purchase by using Community Preservation Act funds, and stated this links with the Piper land and King Philip conservation

areas. She stated further this purchase is an example of how CPA funds can be used to purchase and protect portions of land in Town as they become available.

Executive Session

At 8:25 p.m. it was on roll call

VOTED: To go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation and collective bargaining matters.

Vice Chairman O'Brien announced regular session would not reconvene following Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by 9:05 p.m.

Attest: _____
Maureen G. Valente
Town Manager-Clerk