

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2006

Present: Chairman William J. Keller, Jr., Vice-Chairman John C. Drobinski, Selectman Lawrence O'Brien, and Maureen Valente, Town Manager

The statutory requirements 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 Keller began the meeting at 7:35 p.m., commenting that the Board has enjoyed a bit of a recess from duties in August and is ready to get back to work. He also noted that today was the first day of school in Sudbury, and it appears all went well. Chairman Keller reminded everyone to be careful on the roadways since open schools can translate to more Town traffic.

Chairman Keller provided a brief summary of noteworthy upcoming Town events such as:

September 6, 2006 - A rare public presentation by Stephen Meyer to discuss his book, The End of the Wild, will be held at Goodnow Library at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Keller encouraged everyone to attend.

September 11, 2006 - Memorial Observance of the 9/11 tragedy at 8:40 a.m. at the Memorial Garden at Heritage Park. Town Manager Valente also noted that residents have reminded the Town and fellow citizens to show support for this day by proudly flying the American Flag.

September 14, 2006 - The Rail Trail Advisory Committee will make a public presentation of their progress to date at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. The public is invited to attend, and the presentation will be broadcast on Channel 8.

September 16, 2006 - Sudbury Day will celebrate the Town and its many offerings and diversity. Selectman O'Brien mentioned that the day will kick off with the F.I.S.H. Pancake Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. This is the major fundraising event for F.I.S.H. each year. Everyone was encouraged to attend and support the group with a \$5 donation, which entitles you to all you can eat! The day will also include the annual Volunteer Recognition Reception under a tent on the ball field behind the Peter Noyes School at 11:30 a.m.

September 19, 2006 - Election Primary - Voting for Precincts 3 and 4 will be at Town Hall and voting for Precincts 1, 2 and 5 will be at the Fairbank Community Center. Chairman Keller urged everyone to vote.

September 20, 2006 - The Town Center Committee will provide a presentation with its consultant team at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall to share ideas on how the Town Center can be enhanced. The public is welcomed to attend.

September 21, 2006 - The next Board of Selectmen Meeting on a unusual Thursday schedule so as not to conflict with primary voting on the 19th.

Public Hearing: Foreign Motors West/BMW Dealership Continued

Present: Stephen Richmond, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals

At 8:10 p.m., Chairman Keller opened, and with brief discussion, moved to continue a public hearing for Foreign Motors West/BMW Dealership Site Plan #06-382, on property located at 130 Boston Post Road, which was continued from July 11, 2006, and requested an extension until November 10, 2006. A joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the Zoning Board of Appeals has been scheduled on September 28, 2006 to address outstanding issues. Town Manager Valente reported an agreement has been reached for an extension until November 10, 2006.

Chairman Keller invited a brief update from Steve Richmond, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, who was in attendance. Mr. Richmond stated that a contract was completed for the independent transportation consultant to furnish a report for review within the approved timeframes.

At Selectman O'Brien's suggestion, Chairman Keller requested that the consultant's report be distributed electronically to the Board of Selectmen prior to any meeting discussions to provide ample time for review.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To continue the public hearing for Foreign Motors West /BMW Dealership Site Plan #06-382, on property located at 130 Boston Post Road, to September 28, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. for a joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the Zoning Board of Appeals, and to authorize Town staff to continue working with the applicant and to approve the request for extension to November 10, 2006.

Town Manager Valente reinforced the importance of all Board members being in attendance for the September 28, 2006 meeting.

Goodnow Library Cleaning and Maintenance Services - Award

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the award of contract to Totalservices Corporation for cleaning and light maintenance services for the Goodnow Library in accordance with the FY07 rates set forth in the bid dated August 16, 2006.

Selling Alcoholic Beverages - September 19, and November 7, 2006

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To grant permission to the holders of alcoholic beverages restaurant and package store licenses to sell alcoholic beverages during the polling hours of the September 19, 2006 State Primary and the November 7, 2006 State Election, in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 138, sec.33.

Sudbury Grange Site Plan - #SP06-383

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To endorse and sign the Sudbury Grange Site Plan #SP06-382 for construction of a 649 sq.ft. addition to the existing Sudbury Grange Hall #121, 326 Concord Road, Sudbury, as conditions for endorsement have been met, as requested by the Planning Board.

United Nations Day - Proclamation

The Board was in receipt of a letter from Alma Morrison, Chair, UN Day at the State House Committee, asking that October 24, 2006 be recognized as United Nations Day. Vice-Chairman Drobinski offered a bit of Town trivia to this discussion by sharing that when the United Nations was being formed, Sudbury was a finalist as a location for the headquarters.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To proclaim October 24, 2006 as United Nations Day in the Town of Sudbury and urge all residents to participate in related United Nations Day activities.

Colonial Fair and Muster of Fifes and Drums - Special Permit

Town Manager Valente distributed copies of correspondence from the Fire and Police Departments as well as the Board of Health noting no concerns at this time regarding this event.

Chairman Keller noted that this event is a great example of the historic background so unique to Sudbury, and it is richly enhanced by being held on the Wayside Inn grounds. He encouraged everyone to attend on September 23rd.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To grant a special permit for the Colonial Fair and Master of Fife and Drums to be held at the Wayside Inn grounds on Saturday, September 23, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (with a rain date of Sunday, September 24, 2006), subject to conditions and permits required by the Fire and Police Departments and Board of Health.

Earth Removal Board and Zoning Board of Appeals - Resignation

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept the resignation of Richard L. Burpee, 220 Haynes Road, as a member of the Earth Removal Board and associate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, as requested in his letter dated August 20, 2006 and to send a letter of appreciation for his service to the community.

Town Report Committee - Appointments

Two appointments to the Town Report Committee were requested by the Committee Chair, Beth Farrell: Joellen Samojla and Laura Westfall Casey.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Joellen Samojla, 96 Atkinson Lane, and Laura Westfall Casey, 5 Woodberry Lane, to the Town Report Committee, for terms to expire April 30, 2007, as requested by Beth Farrell, Town Report Committee Chair, in a memo dated September 1, 2006.

Bullfinch's Restaurant - Sunday Entertainment License Renewal

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To renew the current Sunday Entertainment License for Bullfinch's Restaurant, 730 Boston Post Road, for a live jazz trio from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for the period September 10, 2006 to September 2, 2007.

Steering Committee of the Suburban Coalition - Board Liaison

Town Manager Valente provided the Board with a brief background of the Suburban Coalition. She explained that the group has primarily focused on lobbying for more educational aid and in particular, Chapter 70 funding. In the past, the Town has alternated enrollment and payment of the \$300 fee with the Sudbury Public Schools. Ms. Valente explained the Coalition is now requesting participation by a Town liaison, which she suggested could be either a member of the Board of Selectmen or the School Committee.

Selectman O'Brien has attended a Coalition meeting previously and expressed interest in the position.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Selectman Lawrence O'Brien as the Board of Selectmen liaison to the Steering Committee of the Suburban Coalition as requested by Dorothy Presser, Suburban Coalition Chairman, in her letter dated August 14, 2006.

Volunteer Recognition Reception at Sudbury Day

Town Manager Valente asked the Board to review a proposed agenda for the Volunteer Recognition Reception to be held at Sudbury Day on September 16, 2006 at 11:30 a.m. behind the Peter Noyes School. Chairman Keller will welcome the volunteers and speak about the importance and value of volunteerism, and Board members will also add their comments. The Town Manager and department heads will distribute appreciation gifts. State officials have been invited and, if they attend, will also make brief remarks. Plans are for the local newspaper to cover the event and perhaps capture a group photo.

Chairman Keller expressed his satisfaction with the program and requested the Town Manager provide him with relevant data and statistics which he can use in his remarks.

Selectman O'Brien announced he will be unable to attend the reception. He also recommended that all speakers be designated ahead of time to avoid awkward moments which have occurred in the past.

Town Manager Valente also asked if the Board would like to acknowledge a Volunteer of the Year. Ms. Valente has received a request from the Director of the Senior Center to honor an individual who has provided the Center with nearly full-time assistance. It was noted that last year, the Town's longest-serving volunteer was honored. The Board concluded that this would be appropriate and asked Ms. Valente to coordinate the award, with the department head, in a way which will also help acknowledge the many other volunteers in Town who are perhaps not appointed by the Town Manager or part of a board or committee.

Transportation Planning Options

Town Manager Valente reported to the Board that there are an increasing number of transportation-related Town issues which would benefit from a coordinated oversight. She referenced a bill which the State legislature has enacted which allows communities not serviced by the MBTA to be part of a regional transportation authority. Much needs to be learned about this opportunity. There are also transit issues which effect the Council on Aging. The Director of Planning and Community Development, Jody Kablack, is willing to take on a coordinating role to explore the best options available to the Town.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To authorize the Town Manager to select a coordinator of staffs, committees and Town information related to transportation issues.

It was also on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the Director of Planning and Community Development fulfill the role of coordinator of staffs, committees and Town information related to transportation issues as recommended by the Town Manager.

Reports From the Board of Selectmen

Selectman O'Brien reported on the Board's participation in a joint meeting on August 21, 2006, with the Wayland Board of Selectmen and the Wayland-Sudbury Septage Committee to discuss the Sudbury-Wayland Septage Facility and to learn more about the Wayland Town Center Mall project. Mr. O'Brien expressed concern as to the type and number of stores which will be part of the mall project and whether there will be traffic issues for Sudbury. He has spent time on the Wayland town website and was able to ascertain interesting information which he passed along to Jody Kablack. He will also forward the information to the Board and the Town Manager.

Chairman Keller agreed that the meeting with Wayland was beneficial for building a positive relationship and enhancing communication between the two Towns. Wayland has added Sudbury officials to its email distribution list to receive updates on the mall project. Chairman Keller also encouraged Sudbury residents to view the Wayland town website for information if they are interested in updates to be sure the impact on Sudbury will not be detrimental.

Vice-Chairman Drobinski added that the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Act (MEPA) requires an environmental impact study be done, which should also address traffic issues. The Board would like a separate letter from the Town of Sudbury to go to MEPA, noting that the Town has concerns which were not addressed in the report.

Board of Selectmen Cable TV Show - Proposal

Town Manager Valente presented the Board with a draft proposal for a monthly Board cable television show. The proposal presented the concept for the half-hour program which would be moderated by the Board Chairman. Possible program topics could be: the Board of Selectmen's Goals for FY07, the New Police Station, Town Meeting, Proposed Budget, the Rail Trail Project, the Town Center Project, and meetings with School Committees and/or the Superintendent of Schools. The program could possibly be

taped in mornings at the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School studio. The program would be a taped presentation and not a live broadcast.

Selectman O'Brien responded favorably to the concept and suggested that perhaps Board members could moderate the programs on a rotating basis to help alleviate the workload for the Chairman and to provide more variety for the viewing audience. Town Manager Valente also liked this suggestion, but she reinforced that all Board members should try to attend each program to enrich the discourse.

Selectman O'Brien also suggested having a portion of the program where the Board could field questions, provided in advance by residents, whereby there might be an "Ask the Selectmen" question of the month. He also thought it would be good to include a few guests as part of the discussion.

Chairman Keller likes that the program is topic-oriented without any decision-making aspect. He feels it is worth pursuing to see if Town reaction is positive.

The Board asked the Town Manager to coordinate a date probably in October to begin the programs. The Board of Selectmen's Goals was suggested as the first program topic.

New Police Station

Town Manager Valente asked the Board for guidance and ideas for bringing the new Police Station plans into the public awareness of the community. Ms. Valente shared new sketches with the Board. She also stated that the Historic Districts Commission has recommended using the present Fire Station structure as a source for complimentary and thematic design. She reminded the Board these are not final design sketches as there has only been a \$25,000 feasibility study to show how the conceptual ideas fit on the actual site.

Ms. Valente reported she visited the Hopkinton station to view the masonry work more closely. Hopkinton's Police Station was designed by the same architect. Although a wood structure is more aesthetically compatible with the Town's image, it requires much more maintenance. Other materials are being considered, which can defray the long-term operating costs of the building. Vice-Chairman Drobinski believes an important question to weigh is whether the initial higher cost of brick vs. wood offsets the longer-term maintenance costs of wood.

Among Ms. Valente's plans is a taped tour of the existing Police Station to air on cable television to help residents get a sense of the inadequacies of the present building. Discussion groups could also give residents the opportunity to learn more about why certain new features are being included in the design, and how they help to keep costs down over the long-term. These discussions could also inform the public about the financial impact of the project. Presently, it is thought that the project can be bonded and paid for without an increase in the tax rate due to other projects being paid down. Poster boards of the proposed plans could also be displayed in Town buildings to help educate the public.

Selectman O'Brien recommended sharing with the public what an actual Police Station does in 2006 by providing a brief review of all the services and regulations required for the safety of the community.

Lease to The Sudbury Foundation

Due to the closing scheduled this week, Town Counsel has requested that Town Manager Valente be authorized to execute the lease.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To authorize Town Manager Valente to execute the lease to The Sudbury Foundation, and any supporting documents needed, on behalf of the Town.

Horse Pond Road - Crime Lab Discussion

Town Manager Valente reminded the Board that State Senators, Susan Fargo and Pamela Resor, and State Representative Susan Pope, have been invited to the September 21, 2006 meeting for a discussion on the Horse Pond Road Crime Lab proposal. She asked the Board if the meeting should still proceed if one of the guests is unable to attend. Ms. Valente hopes the meeting will be successful in impressing upon the guests what a high priority item this is for Sudbury and that it needs their immediate attention.

The consensus of the Board was to proceed with the September 21, 2006 discussion with whomever is able to attend. Town Manager Valente is collecting data on the history of the building and its ownership and will forward this information to the Board when it is completed. (NOTE: The meeting was eventually scheduled for October 3, 2006 due to prior commitments.)

Executive Session

At 8:55 p.m., Chairman Keller announced the close of the regular meeting and it was on roll call unanimously.

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

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Attest: _____
Maureen G. Valente
Town Manager-Clerk