

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2007

Present: Chairman William J. Keller, Jr., Vice-Chairman John C. Drobinski, Selectman Lawrence O'Brien (arrived at 7:40 p.m.), and Maureen Valente, Town Manager

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, the meeting was convened at 7:05 p.m. in the Lower Town Hall, 322 Concord Road.

Opening Remarks

Chairman Keller called the Board's first meeting of 2007 to order at 7:05 p.m. He shared the sad news of the death of two valued Town workers, Sudbury's Dog Officer of 30 years, Betsy DeWallace, and Charlotte Hering of the Board of Selectmen's Office. Chairman Keller extended the Town's condolences to the families and friends of Betsy and Charlotte.

Chairman Keller announced a Finance Committee meeting will be held Thursday, January 18th at Town Hall to discuss both Sudbury school budgets and the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School budget. Since the school budgets are such a large percentage of the Town's budget, he encouraged everyone to attend the meeting which will also be televised on Channel 8.

Citizens' Petition - Residents of North Sudbury - Real Estate Developments

Present: Jody Kablack, Director of Planning and Development, Robert Jacobson and approximately 60 Sudbury residents from north of Route 117

Chairman Keller welcomed the residents who have availed themselves of this opportunity to educate the Board and community about issues of concern to their neighborhood.

On behalf of the neighborhood group, Robert Jacobson, 99 Cranberry Circle, presented the residents' concerns about recent property developments that are in the planning and construction stages off of Powder Mill Road, immediately over the Sudbury Town line.

Mr. Jacobson's presentation focused on three developments. The first development is a commercial site in Maynard for a landscape construction company, where an acre of woodlands has already been cleared. Plans are for a warehouse facility to be constructed. Some dump trucks have already been seen on Powder Mill Road, and, once the facility is completed, more trucks can be expected along with landscaping and heavier equipment. The residents are concerned that Powder Mill Road is not wide enough to accommodate such vehicles without causing an immediate threat to public safety. The residents also are concerned about noise issues especially in the early morning hours. Complaints regarding the dump trucks consuming both lanes of the roadway have also been fielded from residents of Powers Road. The residents request that action be taken to prevent the large trucks from using Powder Mill Road.

The second development of concern is the proposed 350-unit, Chapter 40B residential complex to be built on the existing open field behind the Essco building in Concord. If approved and built, Concord will be able to count all rental units towards its affordable housing inventory. The developer, Trammel Crow Residential, anticipates using Powder Mill Road/Sudbury Road as its means of ingress and egress since the preferred use of Forest Ridge Road (leading to the Thoreau Club) is questionable since it is a private road. The expected entrance to the proposed development may actually be in Acton. Mr. Jacobson's group would like to encourage the owner of Forest Ridge Road and the developer to reach an agreement for use of Forest Ridge Road versus Powder Mill Road. Another issue of concern is that the developer intends to build and utilize its own wastewater treatment plant, which could potentially generate storm water runoff from that property into

Sudbury. Mr. Jacobson's neighbors request that the Town Planner, Conservation Commission and the Board of Health investigate and monitor closely this situation.

The third project is a proposed 150 to 200-unit residential development in Maynard on the Stratus property (the former Digital Equipment site). The road leading into the Deer Hedge Run complex would be the preferred access. However, it too is a private road and may not be available for use. Thus, the developer may have to also use Powder Mill Road, just over the town line in Maynard as its ingress/egress point.

Mr. Jacobson continued to say that Powder Mill Road is already heavily traveled, since it is used as a cross-through from Route 117 to Route 62, without the estimated additional 700-1000 cars that these developments might add to the traffic flow. The road has been the scene of several accident incidents, including a fatality. Safety issues are paramount for this neighborhood since several school buses also travel Powder Mill Road at times when construction traffic will be heaviest. Mr. Jacobson also highlighted the lack of sidewalks between Route 117, Powers Road and Singing Hill Circle and between Tavern and Cranberry Circles. The residents believe this is a very dangerous situation for pedestrians and children who must walk home from bus stop locations in areas severely narrowed by the trucking and equipment vehicles.

Mr. Jacobson stated that tonight's citizens' group requests that the Board and Town officials take seriously the need to represent the residents of North Sudbury by coordinating communication and monitoring planning and construction activities with the three surrounding communities of Acton, Maynard and Concord. He stressed the need to look at planning for the Powder Mill neighborhood with a larger, more global perspective versus viewing each project in isolation. The residents hope the Board will be able to express this viewpoint to the other communities.

Mr. Jacobson stressed that the citizens' group is willing to work with Sudbury's newly established Traffic Safety Coordinating Committee and Town officials to determine what is in the best safety, financial and legal interests of the residents. The group has also proposed various traffic mitigation options including, but not limited to, excluding trucks and heavy equipment from Powder Mill Road, making the road a "Not a Through Street" at the Town line, making Powder Mill Road a one-way street north of Tavern Circle, closing it off with barriers at the Town line, and/or installing a traffic light at the intersection of Route 117.

Chairman Keller suggested that the citizens' group establish subcommittees designated for each of the proposed developments so as to better monitor and communicate status information. He also recommended that the residents gather information by attending meetings in these other communities.

The Board endorsed the citizens' group to begin working immediately with the Traffic Safety Coordinating Committee and designated safety officials from the Fire and Police Departments and Department of Public Works.

Vice-Chairman Drobinski noted that there is a Town precedent for closing the road. However, he said that Powder Mill Road was previously designated as a county road and not a Town Road and had to be reopened. Since the county no longer exists, Town Manager Valente will check with Town Counsel as to road-closing jurisdiction.

Robert Shapiro, 84 Cedar Creek, noted that two of these developments are at least 18 months away from fruition. He said that processes are in place for projects of such magnitude which will include full environmental impact and traffic studies and that residents and the Town of Sudbury will have opportunities to voice concerns and evaluate data.

Mr. Jacobson will meet with Maynard's Planning Board Chairman later this evening. Vice-Chairman Drobinski requested that he ask whether Maynard has a noise ordinance.

Vice-Chairman Drobinski also asked Town Manager Valente to coordinate an initial traffic monitoring of the area with the Police Chief and Safety Officer. He also recommended contacting Sudbury's State Representatives and State Senators to reinforce the need for a global view towards these developments. Mr. Jacobson responded that he has spoken with the new State Representative Tom Conroy and has sent emails to State Senators Pamela Resor and Susan Fargo.

Town Manager Valente mentioned that the Town's new designation as a member of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council's Minuteman Advisory Group on Interlocal Coordination (MAGIC) subregion will also allow for opportunities to broach these important matters with neighboring communities.

Chairman Keller asked that one or two persons be designated as key contacts to funnel information to and from, who then can disseminate the updates more broadly. Jody Kablack stated that communication links have been excellent as established with Robert Jacobson and Robert Shapiro.

David Mitchell, 126 Willard Grant Road, asked that Concord be notified to ensure that all pertinent Sudbury streets be included in any traffic studies completed.

Chairman Keller stated it is the Board's intent to work with the citizens' group to help influence positive decisions and proper planning as these developments proceed. He said the Board recognizes the importance of the concerns and the commitment of the group to working towards a mutually acceptable result.

Bruce Thompson, Virginia Ridge Road, reported that a landscaping dump truck forced him off the road when riding his bicycle last week, and asked if such incidents should be reported to the Police Department. The Board encouraged the residents to responsibly report incidents to the Police Department by not calling the 911 number and only using the Police Department's business number so that such data can be tracked appropriately. Town Manager Valente will obtain an email address to also submit such reports to a designated Town Safety Officer.

Bruce Heidke, Powder Mill Road, asked if a map could be made available detailing the three proposed developments. Ms. Kablack will update the Town's Planning Office website to include a section designated for the North Sudbury neighborhood updates, which will also include a map.

Tony DaSilva, 60 Cranberry Circle, asked whose responsibility it is to notify abutters, since no notification was received when the landscaping company's clearing of woodlands began. Mr. Jacobson responded that notice to abutters is governed by town regulations, and he will ask officials what are Maynard's requirements.

At 7:40 p.m. Chairman Keller thanked the citizens for bringing their petition before the Board.

Selectman O'Brien arrived at 7:40 p.m.

Public Hearing - Victory Cigar, Ltd.

Present: Gino Allia, Manager of Cigar One, Inc., Robert MacDonald, President of Cigar One, Inc.

At 7:50 p.m. Chairman Keller convened a public hearing for an application from Victory Cigar, Inc. to approve a transfer of an All Alcohol License to Cigar One, Inc., d/b/a Victory Cigar Bar and approval of

Entertainment and Common Victualler licenses to Cigar One, Inc., as posted and advertised in the *Sudbury Town Crier* on January 4, 2007. Abutters were also duly notified by Certified Mail.

Robert MacDonald, President of Cigar One, Inc., briefly addressed the Board to explain that he is buying the retail and restaurant operations and liquor license from the present owners and will assume the business with his partner and manager, Gino Allia. Mr. MacDonald has lived in Sudbury for six years.

Gino Allia, Manager of Cigar One, Inc. was introduced and updated the Board on his restaurant and bar management experience of 15 years. He explained that the present hours of operation will be maintained. The restaurant has four large televisions and features panini sandwiches and soups. Plans are to add menu items in the future.

Vice-Chairman Drobinski asked about TIPS training for staff. Mr. Allia is TIPS certified and Mr. MacDonald is presently training for certification. All five employees will eventually be certified.

Chairman Keller encouraged the community to visit the establishment, noting that it has a nice atmosphere for non-smokers as well as smokers due to an excellent ventilation system.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve, as the Licensing Authority for the Town of Sudbury, in accordance with MGL c.138, s.12, a transfer of an All Alcoholic Beverages License from Victory Cigar, Inc. d/b/a Victory Cigar Bar, 615 Boston Post Road, Sudbury, to Cigar One, Inc., d/b/a Victory Cigar Bar, Gino Allia, Manager, and approval of Entertainment and Common Victualler licenses to Cigar One, Inc., said licenses to expire on December 31, 2007.

Town Manager Valente reported that Town safety officials and department heads had no objections regarding this request.

The Board wished the new owners well, stating that Sudbury is a community which values its businesses.

Board of Health/Medical Reserve Corps Executive Committee (MRCEC) - New Committee Proposal

Present: Lynne Geitz, Board of Health member, Pamela Bathen, Medical Reserve Corps Region 4A Coordinator, Dr. Jonathan Harding, Proposed Sudbury Medical Reserve Corps Executive Committee Chairman

At 8:48 p.m., Chairman Keller welcomed Lynne Geitz, who provided the revised proposal for a new committee to be established called the Sudbury Medical Reserve Corps Executive Committee. This Committee would work to support and strengthen the Town's public health infrastructure and enhance emergency preparedness systems.

Ms. Geitz thanked Town Manager Valente and Bob Leupold, Director of the Board of Health, for helping the group compose its Mission Statement and develop its proposal to formalize its work.

Ms. Pamela Bathenn emphasized how impressed she has been with the Sudbury group's commitment to the importance of these matters. She said the talent and skill pool of the Sudbury committee is very impressive. She also hopes to involve more of the Town's general population in these efforts. Sudbury's goal is to have 120 trained volunteers. Ms. Bathen's region represents 34 towns, and she believes Sudbury will soon be the model for the region. She also reinforced the need to be proactive regarding training safety personnel versus waiting until a crisis arises.

Ms. Geitz introduced Dr. Jonathan Harding to the Board and thanked him for the insightful leadership he has provided the committee.

Selectman O'Brien said he supports the Committee's mission statement and also believes the Committee members have many valuable skills.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve establishment of the Sudbury Medical Reserve Corps Executive Committee, and to implement the Mission Statement as presented.

Ms. Geitz announced the Committee's first NIMS training session will be at 6:30 p.m. on February 26 at the Goodnow Library. Due to seating limitations, those who attended the Medical Reserve Corps orientation last June will first be invited to attend. If additional space becomes available, the session will also be opened to the public. Continued education credits can be earned for participation.

Town Manager Valente reinforced how very important the Incident Command System (ICS) training is for a community. Ms. Valente and a few other Town officials have completed the training, and she hopes to have as many as possible complete training, including the Board of Selectmen.

Ms. Geitz also said announcements about the Committee will appear in the *Sudbury Town Crier* on February 15 and February 22, 2007. A feature is also planned for Channel 8.

Ms. Geitz asked if the Medical Reserve Corps Executive Committee could also be announced at the Annual Town Meeting and/or have an announcement postcard inserted with the Town Meeting notification. Town Staff will try to accommodate this request in some fashion.

Ms. Geitz also reported a checklist will be developed for the emergency dispensing site, which Ms. Valente identified will be the Curtis School. Ms. Valente recommended that the Committee contact the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Coordinator, Richard Simon, to arrange for an agenda time to review the draft checklist. Ms. Geitz also said the Committee will soon begin CORI checks on all volunteers and will implement a credentialing process.

Chairman Keller suggested the Committee contact the Metrowest Free Medical Clinic as another potential resource.

Ms. Geitz thanked the Board for its time and commitment to these efforts.

The Sudbury Foundation - Fairbank Senior Center Grant

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept, on behalf of the Town of Sudbury, a grant in the amount of \$12,000 from The Sudbury Foundation, as outlined in a letter dated December 22, 2006 from Marilyn Martino, Executive Director, for continued support of the Senior Volunteer Coordinator position at the Fairbank Senior Center, to be expended under the direction of the Council on Aging Director and to send a letter of appreciation.

Fire Department - Osterling Family Gift

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept, on behalf of the Town of Sudbury, a \$350 gift from Bruce and Lee Osterling, 73 Winsor Road, to the Gift Account, to be expended under the direction of Fire Chief Ken MacLean, and to send a letter of appreciation.

Minutes

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the regular and executive session minutes of December 19, 2006.

Sudbury Historic Districts Commission (HDC) - Reappointment

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the reappointment of William C. Schirmer, 850 Boston Post Road, to the Sudbury Historic Districts Commission for a term to expire January 1, 2012, as requested by Linda Hawes, Historic Districts Commission Chair, in a memorandum dated December 27, 2006.

Sudbury Historical Commission (SHC) - Appointment

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve Town Manager Valente's appointment of Maurice J. "Doc" Fitzgerald, 108 Old Lancaster Road, to the Sudbury Historical Commission, for a term to expire April 30, 2008, to fill the unexpired term of his wife, Winifred "Win" Fitzgerald, as requested in a memorandum dated December 21, 2006, from Lyn MacLean, Chair of the Sudbury Historical Commission.

Commission on Disability - Appointment

Chairman Keller commended Ms. Carvelli, a senior at Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School, for her volunteerism. He suggested that Ms. Carvelli be interviewed by the *Sudbury Town Crier* for a future article.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve Town Manager Valente's appointment of Corinne Carvelli, 30 Fairhaven Circle, to the Commission on Disability, for a term to expire April 30, 2010, as requested in a letter dated January 4, 2007, from David Mortimer, Commission on Disability Chairman.

Reinsurance Coverage for Calendar Year 2007

Vice-Chairman Drobinski asked that Town Manager Valente relay the gratitude of the Board to Assistant Town Manager Wayne Walker for his excellent synthesis of the reinsurance coverage information for 2007.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve and authorize the Town Manager to contract with Cook and Company for reinsurance coverage for the calendar year 2007, as outlined in a memorandum dated December 27, 2006, from Wayne Walker, Assistant Town Manager, for an estimated annual premium of \$302,876.

Discretionary Fund Disbursements - FY07 Budget Increase

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve, acting as Co-Trustees of Town donations, an increase to the previous request of allocations for expenditure from the Town Discretionary Trust Fund for FY07 to \$4,400, as requested by Finance Director Andrea Terkelsen in a memorandum dated January 3, 2007.

Sudbury United Methodist Church - The Rebecca Circle Donation

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept, on behalf of the Town of Sudbury, an \$800 donation to the Cheri-Anne Cavanaugh Trust Fund, received from The Rebecca Circle of the Sudbury United Methodist Church, to be expended under the direction of the Town Social Worker through the Board of Health, as requested in a letter dated December 26, 2006, from Lyn MacLean, Chair of The Rebecca Circle, and to send a letter of appreciation.

Election Officers - Resignations

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept the resignations of the following Election Officers: Joseph E. Brown, 7 Pheasant Avenue; Maureen Dolan, 18 Lombard Lane; Mary F. Tahmoush, 108 Ford Road; Eva MacNeill, 54 Brimstone Lane and Deborah Hynes, 375 Lincoln Road, and to send letters of appreciation for their services to Sudbury.

Public Hearing - Verizon Application for Cable Television License

Town Manager Valente announced that although this public hearing was posted and advertised for tonight, it has been tentatively rescheduled to the Board's January 30, 2007 meeting.

Selectman O'Brien mentioned that State legislation is being proposed which would remove the cable license approval process from the local purview. He sees this move as detrimental to the local communities and requested that the Town Manager instruct staff to draft a letter expressing this opinion. Once approved, this letter will be sent to Sudbury's State Representative and State Senators.

Town Manager Valente reported that the Cable Committee also suggested a letter be sent, and she will circulate one to the Board for review.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To authorize the Town Manager to review and revise, if needed, the letter drafted by the Cable Committee to strongly respond in opposition to proposed legislation to eliminate from local jurisdiction the cable license approval process, and to send the final letter to Sudbury's State Representatives and State Senators.

Articles for 2007 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

The Board reviewed a memo and draft list dated January 12, 2007, of all articles and reports to be accepted for the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Town Manager Valente reported the draft list had been prepared based upon past submission practices and followed the Town's history of listing the petitions at the end. She also reported that Article #36, Senior Community Work Program Abatement, has been withdrawn for consideration. Ms. Valente highlighted Article #16, which this year will allow for one vote to handle all routine revolving funds requests.

The following revisions to the draft list of articles were recommended by the Board:

- #8 - Construct Police Headquarters -should become #4
- #6 - FY08 Capital Budget -should become #5
- #7 - Capital Item - Capital Exclusion - should become #6
- #4 - FY08 Transfer Station Enterprise Fund Budget - should become #7
- #5- FY08Pool Enterprise Fund Budget - should become #8
- #21 - Amend Zoning Bylaw, Art.IX, Section 3259A - revise as read by Town Manager Valente to add language regarding capturing funds and Town staff needs to determine if assessing a fine is covered in the bylaw.
- #30 - Community Preservation Fund - General Budget and Appropriations - should become #22
- #32 - Sudbury Citizens' Resolution to Postpone Advancement on the Proposed Bruce Freeman Rail Trail - should become Petition #35

All other items listed should remain where listed and be renumbered up or down accordingly to the revisions noted above.

The Sudbury Golden Age Passport, the Senior Property Tax Relief and Street Acceptance Petitions all will need to be referred to the Finance Committee, and the Board requests that Town Counsel fully address these petitions. The Board also requests that these three petitioners be invited to the Board's February 13, 2007 meeting to thoroughly explain the intent of the petitions. The Board will need to evaluate thorough research and a clear opinion on all three petitions provided by Town Counsel prior to final endorsement.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the articles submitted for the 2007 Annual Town Meeting Warrant as presented and renumbered this evening, and to designate the articles for placement on the Consent Calendar as presented.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To invite The Sudbury Golden Age Passport, the Senior Property Tax Relief and Street Acceptance Petitioners to the Board of Selectmen's February 13, 2007 meeting to thoroughly explain the intent of the petitions.

Zoning Bylaw Article Amendment - Referral

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To refer the zoning bylaw article amendment to the Planning Board for its hearing and report in accordance with M.G.L. Ch.40A, s.5.

2007 Annual Town Meeting - Street Acceptance Preliminary Declaration

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To declare the Board of Selectmen's intention to lay out the following streets on March 13, 2007, preliminary to their acceptance as Town ways by the 2007 Annual Town Meeting; and to refer the proposed layouts to the Planning Board for its report prior to the March 13 hearing: **Fox Hill Drive**, from Mary Catherine Lane to a dead end, a distance of 995 feet, more or less; **Mary Catherine Lane**, from North Road to the public portion of Mary Catherine Lane, a distance of 757 feet, more or less; and **Skyview Lane** from Dakin Road to a dead end, a distance of 1,164 feet, more or less.

Metropolitan Area Planning Council - MAGIC Representative Appointment

The Board was notified by Town Manager Valente at its December 19, 2006 meeting that as part of a reorganization plan, Sudbury has been moved to the Minuteman Advisory Group on Interlocal Coordination (MAGIC) subregion. Each member community is to have two MAGIC representatives, both of whom are appointed by official boards. The preferred arrangement is to have one representative from the Board of Selectmen and another representative who is a Planning Board member.

MAGIC usually meets on the second Thursday of the month, with the exceptions of February and October, and there are no meetings scheduled each year in August. Ms. Valente distributed a meeting schedule, which is subject to change.

The Board's preference is to establish a representative rotation schedule for attendance. The Selectmen will review their calendars and email Ms. Valente preferred dates for coverage. Once she receives this information, as well as the Planning Board's plans for representation, Ms. Valente will prepare a draft attendance schedule for review.

Solid Waste Management Options Committee (SWMOC) - Applicant Interviews

Chairman Keller reviewed the names of the ten candidates, who were previously interviewed for the nine appointments to be made to the newly-formed Solid Waste Management Options Committee (SWMOC). The candidates were Craig Blake, Nancy Brumback, Peter Glass, Carol Hannauer, Peter Harvell, Carolyn Lee, John Pearson, Thomas E. Powers, Eric Richard and Thomas Young, Jr.

The Board voiced a strong preference for appointing individuals to this committee who are not predisposed to a preferred disposal option. The Board reached agreement on only seven candidates for appointment at this time, which is fewer than the anticipated nine-member committee. Since the establishment of this committee has been worked on for nearly a year, Chairman Keller believes the committee should formally be able to begin its work even if it is with fewer members. The Board will continue to consider new applications for the remaining positions.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To appoint the following seven members to the newly-established Solid Waste Management Options Committee for terms not to exceed two years (April 30, 2009): Craig Blake, 300 Old Lancaster Road; Peter Harvell, 301 Hudson Road; Carolyn Lee, 28 Mossman Road; John Pearson, 34 Whispering Pine Road; Thomas E. Powers, 201 Union Avenue; Eric Richard 363 Maynard Road; and Thomas Young, Jr., 101 Stock Farm Road.

Reports From the Board of Selectmen

Selectman O'Brien reported attending a Finance Committee meeting on January 8, 2007, where Chairman Robert Jacobson thoroughly presented a comprehensive report of the deficit faced this year. This meeting was recorded for Channel 8 viewing. Along with fellow Board members, Selectman O'Brien also attended the budget presentation conducted by Town Manager Valente on January 11, 2007. Ms. Valente's presentation was extremely insightful, as well, regarding the financial challenges to be met by the Town.

Selectman O'Brien and Town Manager Valente attended an informative two-day Massachusetts Municipal Association conference in Boston last weekend. At that conference, Vice-Chairman Drobinski was announced as the Association's new Second Vice President. The Board extended its congratulations to Mr. Drobinski. Selectman O'Brien also reported that the keynote speaker was Governor Deval Patrick, who spoke about his plan to develop working partnerships with the Commonwealth's cities and towns.

Vice-Chairman Drobinski reported that the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) met and voted on articles to be presented at the Annual Town Meeting. He said that a minority report will be presented regarding the Sudbury Town Center Improvement project from those who believe the project does not qualify for CPC funding.

Chairman Keller reported work will begin, possibly next week, on the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School (L-SRHS) Committee Field Project. A meeting has been scheduled for next week, which Department of Parks and Recreation Director Dennis Mannone will attend.

Chairman Keller congratulated the Metrowest Free Medical Clinic on its second anniversary and thanked the volunteers for the great services they provide. He also encouraged anyone who might be able to offer assistance to the Clinic to contact them. Interpreters, particularly Portuguese-speaking, are very much needed as well as assistance for facility preparation.

Reports From the Town Manager
The Sudbury Foundation/Sudbury Grange Site

Town Manager Valente and Town Counsel Paul Kenny have reviewed and approved a proposed letter of agreement between the Town of Sudbury and The Sudbury Foundation for use of Verizon underground phone cables between Town Hall and the Sudbury Grange building.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To authorize the Town Manager to approve the contents of the proposed letter, also approved by Town Counsel, for the agreement between the Town of Sudbury and The Sudbury Foundation for use of Verizon underground phone cables between Town Hall and the Sudbury Grange building.

Massachusetts Selectmen's Association Conference

Town Manager Valente also found the two-day Massachusetts Municipal Association conference in Boston extremely useful as a forum to interact with fellow municipal officials. The conference was very well attended. Ms. Valente also announced her appointment for a three-year term to the Local Government Advisory Committee. She was pleased to learn that Governor Patrick plans to meet on a quarterly basis with the Committee.

Tax Bill - Policy for Inserts

Town Manager Valente informed the Board that her office has received many requests to include information inserts with the tax bill mailings. She noted that there is no formal policy for such inserts or guidelines established for approval.

The Board prefers that only announcements or informational statements be included in the tax bills mailings and that under no circumstances should fundraising or money-generating communications be included. The consensus was that inserts could also be included with the Town Report, which is distributed by the Boy Scouts. Town Manager Valente will ask Mary McCormack to work with the Board of Health to determine the best place to feature the Sudbury Medical Reserve Corps Executive Committee announcement.

Executive Session

At 9:52 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, land acquisitions and litigation.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Attest:_____