

IN BOARD OF SUDBURY SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2010

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

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, the meeting convened at 8:45 a.m. and was called to order by Chairman Keller.

Tax Classification Vote Ratification

Town Manager Valente brought the Board up to date on the progress in getting the tax rate set. She emphasized that the previous vote taken by the Board on Friday, January 15, 2010, needed to be ratified by the Board. However, she was unsure if the Board could legally do so at this time as the public disclosure period was still ongoing. Nevertheless, she suggested that it might be helpful to staff to have the ratification vote in hand when they meet with the Department of Revenue Bureau of Accounts representative later today.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen meeting Friday, January 15, 2010 and, in so doing, ratify the vote that was taken at that meeting as follows:

VOTED: In accordance with G.L. Ch. 40, sec. 56, as amended, the percentage of local tax levy which will be borne by each class of real and personal property, relative to setting the Fiscal Year 2010 tax rate and set the Residential Factor at 98.2438, with a CIP shift of 1.23, pending certification by the State Department of Revenue.

Proclamation – Sudbury Centennial of Scouting in America Day

Town Manager Valente presented the Board with a proclamation commemorating the Sudbury Centennial of Scouting in America day on February 8th. Noting that, on a regular basis, the Board has ceased signing proclamations not directly involving Town events, staff recommended the Board's vote and signature on this particular proclamation as it relates to the significant achievement and continuing recognition of Boy Scout and Eagle Scout accomplishments in Sudbury. The Board enthusiastically agreed and congratulated Troops 60, 61 and 63 and their leaders on this special occasion.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve and sign the document as presented, officially proclaiming February 8, 2010 as Sudbury Centennial of Scouting in America Day and extending congratulations to Troops 60, 61 and 63 and their leaders.

Town Meeting Articles

Selectman Larry O'Brien brought up discussion of articles submitted for the 2010 Annual Town Meeting. He noted that staff had already reordered the draft list following the Board's previous meeting and final approval was requested before distributing the list to the Finance Committee, Planning Board and the Moderator. Discussion revolved around the Board's own articles. Town Manager Valente pointed out that, in regard to the various energy articles proposed for Town Meeting, and being informed by Town Counsel that the Town can negotiate a contract for the use of the Landfill facility for the establishment of a solar-generating field without amendment to the Zoning Bylaw, one of the articles was no longer necessary.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To withdraw the article entitled “Amend Article IX, Zoning Bylaw – Energy Facilities,” and reorder the list of articles accordingly, and to inform the Planning Board of the withdrawal; and further

VOTED: To approve the order of Town Meeting articles as renumbered for distribution.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Attest: _____
Maureen G. Valente
Town Manager-Clerk