

IN BOARD OF SUDBURY SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2014
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Chairman Charles C. Woodard, Vice-Chairman Patricia Brown, Selectman Robert C. Haarde, Selectman Lawrence W. O'Brien, Selectman Leonard A. Simon and Town Manager Maureen G. Valente

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, the meeting was convened at 7:05 p.m. in the Flynn Building, Thompson Conference Room, 278 Old Sudbury Road.

Chairman Chuck Woodard called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. He moved to enter Executive Session to discuss an item related to collective bargaining wherein such a discussion in Open Session would be detrimental to the Town's bargaining position. Selectman O'Brien seconded, and by roll call the Board voted to go into Executive Session.

Town Manager Valente explained that the three-year anniversary of the Board's vote to have the Town join the Group Insurance Commission (GIC) was here, and the three-year agreement with the Public Employee Committee (PEC) would expire on June 30, 2015. She advised the Board that if they wished to withdraw from the GIC, staff would need to notify the GIC by October 1, hence the need to discuss this now and advise staff of their preferences in this matter.

Discussion ensued, articulating the benefits realized by joining the GIC, with the impact on the Town's finances being dramatic. Also noted was the positive impact on the Town's OPEB liabilities by joining the GIC. Further discussion identified no reasons to leave the GIC at this time, and the point was made that three years ago there was a great deal of impact from making this health insurance change on the employees, retirees and the staff who did the work associated with this change, and it would be good not to go through that again at this time.

Selectman Simon moved to authorize the Town Manager to take steps to effectuate the Town staying with the GIC. Vice-Chairman Brown seconded the motion. Vote was 5-0 in favor.

Selectman O'Brien moved to adjourn Executive Session and return to Open Session at the Lower Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. Selectman Simon seconded and by roll call all voted aye.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Attest,

Maureen G. Valente
Town Manager-Clerk