

IN BOARD OF SUDBURY SELECTMEN
TOWN FORUM
THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2014

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

The Board of Selectmen met to host a Town Forum, pursuant to Article III of the Town Bylaws. Chairman Drobinski opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Lower Town Hall, 322 Concord Road. The topic of the Forum was a review of the FY14 Goals set by the Board of Selectmen. The public was invited to attend the Forum as well as view it on the public access television channels, and to ask questions they might have on the Board's goals for FY14.

The Board members took turns presenting one of the Board's 16 goals, explaining the goal, the background related to the goal, and the Board's plans for moving forward on achieving the goal. After the brief explanation, the Board took questions from members of the audience as well as ones sent in via email during the meeting. For the most part, the Board members used PowerPoint slide presentations to sum up the information on each goal, and those presentations can be found on the Selectmen's home page of the Town's website.


Many members of the Town's boards and committees were in attendance, prepared to add information as needed when a goal overlapped with their areas of responsibilities. Also present were a number of Town, SPS and L-S staff and administrators.

The Goals covered included the following.

- Goal 1: Conduct an RFP process for Town Counsel Services: John Drobinski
- Goal 2: Plan and host first State of the Town Forum: Not covered, already implemented
- Goal 3: Prepare article for funding Police Station Construction: Larry O'Brien
- Goal 4: Develop a capital financing funding program: Chuck Woodard
- Goal 5a and b: Develop a long term plan for dealing with OPEB (health insurance benefits for retirees) and closing out the Town's Health Claims Trust Fund: Larry O'Brien
- Goal 6: Question of pursuing ownership of CSX owned rail line: Len Simon
- Goal 7: Update Selectmen's alcohol rules and regulations: Not covered, already implemented
- Goal 8: Submit a CPC funded article to Town Meeting for design and engineering services for the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail: Len Simon
- Goal 9: Protect Sudbury's Interests in Minuteman Regional High School project: Len Simon
- Goal 10: Work to establish an Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) with Marlborough to use the Easterly Treatment plant: Bob Haarde
- Goal 11: Address question of replacing roof on the Fairbank Community Center: Bob Haarde

- Goal 12: Increase recreational opportunities at Davis Field: Bob Haarde
- Goal 13: Develop expanded IMA with Lincoln-Sudbury Reg. H.S: Chuck Woodard
- Goal 14: Prepare sewer related articles for engineering for Town Meeting: Bob Haarde
- Goal 15: Submit a CPC funded article to Town Meeting to look at development of rental housing on the Melone property: Chuck Woodard
- Goal 16: Investigate possibility of a “phased” approach to development of the Mass Central Rail line where phase one could be a Greenway Trail: Bob Haarde

After coverage of all goals and addressing questions from audience and via email, the forum concluded and the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Attest: 

Maureen G. Valente
Town Manager-Clerk