

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 1997

Present: Chairman Lawrence L. Blacker and Selectmen Maryann K. Clark and John C. Drobinski.

The statutory requirements for notice having been met, the meeting was convened by Chairman Blacker at 7:18 p.m. in the library at the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School.

Special Town Election

Town Manager Ledoux presented the Board with a copy of the revised ballot questions for the Special Town Election on May 19. He reported that Town Counsel had recommended using *eminent domain* to clarify ballot question number six as the Board had directed.

The Board concurred in the revised version of ballot question number six.

Reconsideration of Article 25 - Senior Community Developments

Chairman Blacker stated that he was disappointed in Selectman Clark's determination to seek a reconsideration of Article 25 - Senior Community Developments.

Selectman Clark stated that she considered it a matter of due process. She stated that several Town officials had provided false information regarding the Strategic Planning Committee. She said it had been stated that the Committee planned to disband in May or June and that it did not have the authority to issue a growth management plan or propose bylaws. She also contended that the article's use of the terms "open space" and "common land" was confusing.

Chairman Blacker responded that often at Town Meeting erroneous facts are cited and such does not warrant a motion for reconsideration. He opined that motions to reconsider should only be used in rare cases where, for example, inclement weather prevented a number of Townspeople from attending the meeting. He said it should not be used to merely attempt to defeat an article that has passed.

Selectman Clark stated she was not arguing the merits; it was the process that disturbed her.

Chairman Blacker said that the purpose of the Strategic Planning Committee is to provide a vision for the community, to provide feedback on the Town's good and bad attributes, and to make suggestions regarding growth issues and diversity of housing. He said it is the Planning Board's role to present zoning bylaws and not the Strategic Planning Committee.

Selectman Clark countered that the Planning Board had presented the bylaw only *after* it had been approached by a developer.

Selectman Drobinski stated that he respected Selectman Clark's opinions, but he believed it was inappropriate for a Selectman to file for reconsideration. Selectman Drobinski stated that as a leader of the community he had accepted his defeat on the "bundling" issue. He said he could have demanded a recount but did not do so because he believed he needed to respect what the community had said. He

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related he accepted that he was wrong on this issue. As leaders of the community, he said that the Board should provide some sense of unity to the Town.

Selectman Clark stated she believed the "process" was important. She said without proper procedures there would be chaos.

In opposition to the reconsideration, Chairman Blacker commented on the extraordinary amount of time spent debating Article 25.

Selectman Clark said that the excessive length of time shows the bylaw should have been reviewed by the Strategic Planning Committee, and was not something that could be done overnight.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Attest: _____
Steven Ledoux
Town Manager-Clerk