

IN THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1997

Present: Chairman Lawrence L. Blacker and Selectman Maryann K. Clark.

The statutory requirements for notice having been met, the meeting convened at 7:30 p.m. at the Fairbank Senior Center.

Chairman's Opening Statement

Chairman Blacker said that the results from today's Special Town Election would be announced during the course of the Board's meeting tonight.

Minutes

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the regular session, as amended, and the executive session of November 24, 1997, and of the special meeting of November 6, 1997.

Donations – Council on Aging Vans

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept \$129.30 in miscellaneous donations for deposit into the Council on Aging Van Donation Account and to authorize the Council on Aging to expend the same for purposes of operating and maintaining the Council on Aging vans.

Expenditures – Edwin Barrett Hosmer Memorial Fund

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve expenditures of \$700 to Robert Leonard for signs denoting the Sudbury Historic District at Town Centre and \$2,465 to Pairpoint Crystal for cup plates from the Edwin Barrett Hosmer Memorial Fund.

Approval of Contracts – Public Works Department #638, Road Salt

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve Public Works Contracts #638 for Sodium Chloride/Liquid Calcium Chloride with Eastern Salt Company, Inc., for Premixed Salt at \$29.50/ton, and with Granite State Minerals, Inc., for Mined Salt and Solar Salt, at \$28.74/ton.

Approval of Grant – Municipal Recycling Incentive Program

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve and sign the grant agreement authorization between the Town and the Department of Environmental Protection, for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, regarding the Municipal Recycling Incentive Program.

Approval of 1998 Annual Licenses

The Board was in receipt of a list of licensees seeking renewals of various business licenses for calendar year 1998 and any outstanding taxes owed. Furthermore, the Board was in receipt of communications from the Health Director, Fire Chief and Building Department, all recommending approval of all licenses, with the following proviso: the Fire Chief noted one issue to be addressed by Star Market, the relocation of the Fire Department sprinkler connection.

Chairman Blacker noted that prior to the issuance of a renewed license the licensee is to pay all outstanding taxes and Town Manager Ledoux agreed.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To renew Alcoholic Beverages, Common Victualler, Entertainment, Automatic Amusement Device, and Second Hand Motor Vehicle Licenses, which expire December 31, 1997, for calendar 1998, as listed on the December 8, 1997, "License List Renewals for Calendar 1998", attached and incorporated herein; and to forward the appropriate renewal forms to the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission where applicable; said licenses to be held until payment of the required license fees, compliance to any/all outstanding health, safety or zoning violations, receipt of verification of Workers' Compensation Insurance for the licensing period, and the payment of all outstanding personal property taxes and real estate taxes; said licenses shall also be subject to all previous restrictions; and

VOTED: To renew Sunday Entertainment License of Papa Gino's Acquisition Corporation, d/b/a Papa Gino's, 104 Boston Post Road, for operation of a juke box during 1998, for the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Wayland-Sudbury Septage Disposal Facility

Present: Robert Gottberg and Edward Pickering of Sudbury and Philip Pattison of Wayland, Wayland-Sudbury Septage Committee; and others.

The Board was in receipt of a communication, dated December 4, 1997, from Robert A. Gottberg, Chairman, Wayland-Sudbury Septage Committee, noting the Intertown Agreement requires the Committee to (1) hire a part-time Director; (2) hire legal assistance (if needed); and (3) hire a firm to write specifications for a new operating organization. Estimated costs for FY98 is \$15,000.

Robert Gottberg, Chairman of the Wayland-Sudbury Septage Committee, stated that the Committee had run into some problems getting start-up moneys, but it seemed as if the problem had just recently been solved. He explained that the Committee had become operational in August, meeting monthly since then. He said they have also met with the Wayland Selectmen, Wayland Personnel Department and the Wayland Road Commissioners. Initially they had to determine if Septage Facility

personnel would be Wayland employees working under the supervision of the Director, who in turn worked for the Committee.

Mr. Gottberg explained further that when the Intertown Agreement came up for approval in Wayland, it had not yet been approved by Sudbury, and for that reason Wayland had not created a separate budget category for the facility. After its passage by both towns, money was needed for start-up before the creation of new budgets next July. At first it was claimed that there were no extra moneys budgeted, but the Committee was able to point out where there indeed were funds for the septage facility requests.

He said last week the Committee had sent out a letter formally requesting \$15,000 for start-up activities, including hiring a part-time director, possibly obtaining legal advice, and drafting operations/organizational guidelines. The Wayland Highway Commission met last Thursday and on Friday he had received a call indicating that the money would be forthcoming. Thus, he said, it seems that the problem of obtaining the needed start-up money had been resolved.

Regarding those needs, he said that the Committee was uncertain as to the exact amount of money needed, but that they believed that \$15,000 would be sufficient. He said the director (either an individual or a consulting firm) probably would not be on line until March or April and then only at 10-20 hours per week and hired as an "outside contractor". Thus, the need for either Town to pay employee benefits would be avoided.

As to the possible need for legal advice, he said the Committee had been told that it could not obtain legal advice from the Wayland Town Counsel, because Wayland contends there is a "conflict of interest". Thus, Mr. Gottberg said that he hoped to rely on the Sudbury Town Counsel, if such were acceptable to the Board. Initially, the Committee needs advice to make certain that the hiring process is done correctly. He said there may be the need to have other legal questions answered and, thus, there exists the possibility of engaging the services of a private lawyer.

Regarding the drafting of specifications, Mr. Gottberg said that they needed organizational and operations guidelines and procedures established. Presently, the Committee is still wrestling with what direction to take on some matters. He said he hoped the Committee would be able to reach a unanimous consensus on all issues, but it would take some time. Thus, he said that the drafting could not commence until these policy matters are decided. He opined that the Committee would not be ready to take over the facility until July of 1999.

Chairman Blacker stated he understood, during the interim, the budget is voted on by the host towns and that the Committee controls the spending, and fees for the service go into an enterprise fund, the spending of which is also controlled by the Committee.

Mr. Gottberg agreed.

Chairman Blacker noted under the Intertown Agreement that if Sudbury ops out each town must pay the capital costs. He asked what Sudbury's obligation would be if it opted out.

Mr. Gottberg responded that there was currently \$820,000 in the facility's account and the bond issuance is for one million.

When asked by Chairman Blacker if the operation broke even, Mr. Gottberg responded in the affirmative.

Chairman Blacker said that he never has understood the economics of the operation. He said it seems that the players are involved in a power struggle and unwilling to sit down and make it work.

Philip Pattison, Wayland Committee member, said that the Committee intended to make it work and the Wayland Selectmen were very supportive of the concept.

Selectman Clark noted that the Intertown Agreement clearly provides for a budget with the Committee having final approval of expenditures.

Chairman Blacker thanked the Committee for their attendance and information and offered the aid of the Board should the Committee have any problems obtaining the start-up money.

Dog Complaint against Delores Matos, 49 King Philip Road

Present: Marian M. Davidson, complainant, 61 King Philip Road; Delores Matos, 49 King Philip Road; Betsy DeWallace, Dog Officer; Michael Griffin, 49 King Philip Road; Andrew Sugg, 11 Allen Place; Robert Williams, 11 Bradley Place; Frank Byrne, 61 King Philip Road; and others.

The Board was in receipt of the following:

1. A complaint, dated November 6, 1997, from Marian M. Davidson, 61 King Philip Road, against *Fleury*, a mixed breed chow, owned by Delores Matos, 49 King Philip Road, stated that said dog has twice attacked the complainant and her miniature dachshunds while on her property. Ms. Davidson stated that the latest incident occurred on October 18. She reports that prior quarantines have been issued against said dog for biting people on April 20, 1995, and August 26, 1996. She expresses fear that either her grandchildren or her Bed and Breakfast guests may be injured if the dog is permitted to roam free between 8:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
2. A communication dated December 4, 1997, from Paula Adelson, Animal Inspector, reporting that three ten-day quarantine orders were placed on the Chow-Chow dog, *Fleury*, owned by Delores Matos, 49 King Philip Road. One was issued on April 20, 1995, for which no details were provided; another on April 26, 1996, for having bitten a jogger, Andrew Sugg, on the back of his left leg; and the third, on October 18, 1997, for having bitten on the back haunches, the mini-Daschund, *Cinder*, owned by Marian Davidson.
3. A communication dated December 3, 1997, from Spencer R. Goldstein, 40 Indian Ridge Road, stating that he had heard of an alleged problem with a dog belonging to Michael Griffin, residing at the intersection of Pokonoket and King Philip Roads. He states that his land abuts this property and that historically there has been a high incidence of vandalism and mischief occurring in this secluded area off the Boston Post Road. He said in the past his car has been stolen and vandalized and trash and debris is

often left by those who have taken the liberty to “party” on his property. He states that the presence of the dog in the area has virtually eliminated these problems. He also states, based on personal experience, the dog is non-aggressive, but “highly territorial as is appropriate”.

4. A communication, dated December 3, 1997, from Algy Alexander, 316 Boston Post Road, stating that he had heard of a vicious dog complaint against the dog, *Fleury*, owned by Michael Griffin. He notes since the dog’s arrival in the neighborhood there have been no incidents of vandalism. For this reason he considers the dog to be a valuable asset and expressed hopes that the dog’s instincts to protect neighborhood properties are not impaired or diminished by the comments giving rise to the complaint which may be “misdirected or slightly exaggerated”.

5. An excerpt of the 1989 site plan special permit decision by the Board (SP89-49), indicating that the complainant was permitted to rebuild a barn on her property provided that a fence be built along the entire easterly border of the property which is within the residential zone.

6. A Certificate of Appropriateness, dated January 9, 1990, issued by the Sudbury Historic Districts Commission, approving the landscape plan and Walpole Woodworkers 6-foot high universal board fence to be erected along the entire easterly border within the residential zone.

7. Complainant’s “Hunt House” Bed and Breakfast brochure, showing a small picture of the house and barn and a map showing the location of the property within a portion of the Town.

8. A communication, dated December 5, 1997, from Sandra S. Clement, 33 King Philip Road, stating that in the seven years that the dog *Fleury* has been in the neighborhood neither she, nor the late Harriet E. Richardson, have had any problems with the dog. She states she has no problem with the dog being free to roam between the hours of midnight and 3:00 a.m.

9. A communication dated December 2, 1997, from William R. Dewey, IV, 54 King Philip Road, supporting *Fleury’s* ability to roam free during the hours of midnight and 3:00 a.m. He states that the dog has never threatened him and his wife. He noted that several years ago *Fleury* deterred someone from stealing effects from cars parked outside his house.

10. A communication dated December 7, 1997, from Elizabeth L. Crane, stating she and her son have had several problems with the dog *Fleury*, but have always been able to resolve them with Mike Griffin. Although she has no current problems with the dog, she noted that about two years ago the dog had nipped her son in the leg. She said that the event occurred on her property at about 10:30 p.m. She said that her son immediately went to Mr. Griffin who agreed to tie the dog up until 11:00 p.m. after which she and her son have had no problems. She also said that she attended the meeting the complainant had at her home regarding dog and said it appeared that Mr. Griffin was trying to meet the complainant’s demands.

11. A copy of the Police Department Incident Report, dated October 20, 1997, by Officer Neil E. McGilvray, III, regarding the October 18, 1997, incident in which complainant’s dog was attacked by *Fleury*.

12. A copy of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts statutes relating to “vicious dogs”.

13. A statement dated November 21, 1997, from Andrew Sugg, 11 Allen Place, stating that the dog should be removed from the premises immediately. He said that he had been bitten by the dog last year and had been assured that if another biting incident occurred it would be removed. He said that even when the dog is leashed in the yard it barks and menaces in such a fashion that his two children, ages four and two, are terrified to walk by the house.

14. A communication, dated November 6, 1997, from Dr. Gail McNeill, expressing her concerns for the safety of the 11 pound miniature Dachshund if she continues to live in close proximity to the Chow Chow.

At 8:06 p.m. Chairman Blacker convened a public hearing on the complaint, dated November 6, 1997, of Marian M. Davidson, 61 King Philip Road, against a Chow mixture dog owned by Delores Matos, 49 King Philip Road. Chairman Blacker administered the oath to all witnesses.

Marian M. Davidson said she has two very old miniature Dachshunds, one of whom is blind. She said on October 18, 1997, the dog *Fleury* attacked and bit her one of her dogs, Cinder, on the back of the haunches. She said it happened at about 7:15 a.m. on her property. Fearing that she too would be bitten, she said she raced to her barn and slammed the door. There, she screamed until her husband heard her and she was able to safely come out. She said that about a year ago the dog *Fleury* had attacked her from behind and bitten her on the leg. She said she was lucky this time, but a small child or elderly person would not have been able to move as quickly as she had. She said that this dog should not have "control" of her property at any time. She said she feared for her grandchildren and her guests, explaining that she and her husband operate a bed and breakfast, the *Hunt House*. She said it had been a long-standing dream of hers to run such a business, but the dream was turning into a nightmare. She contended the dog should be removed from the community.

Michael Griffin, 49 King Philip Road, said that he had tried to negotiate a peaceful settlement of the issue. He said he only let the dog *Fleury* roam free from midnight to 3:00 a. m., three times a week. He said that this recent incident arose when his wife failed to let the dog back into the house. He said there had been a death in the family and his wife and other family member had been emotionally drained.

Ms. Davidson asserted that the dog should not be permitted to roam free despite the fact that the dog law allows such from 8:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. She said her guests are from all over the world, sometimes arriving late at night, and are on different time schedules. She said, for example, recently she had a guest who went jogging at 6:00 a.m. Ms. Davidson said she cannot run a business unless this menace is removed.

Delores Matos, 49 King Philip Road, said she owned the dog *Fleury*, but that she was currently living in Somerville. She said that she could not keep the dog in Somerville since she only had a small apartment there. She said she planned to return to her residence on King Philip Road soon. In the meantime, she said her relatives were caring for the dog. She pointed out that the dog had always lived at the house on King Philip Road.

Mr. Griffin said he had apologized to both Ms. Davidson and her husband, Frank Byrne. However, he said one of Ms. Davidson's dogs comes over to his property and urinates in his spice garden and picnic area and barks at his dog who is confined to a run. He opined that the event in question arose

when her dog antagonized his dog. He said if his dog were truly vicious, it would have broken every bone in her dog's body, but it did not. He said his family has had the dog for seven years. He said he has young children and they have young friends over and the dog is not a problem. He said, at the neighborhood meeting on the complaint, the lack of fencing between the properties was discussed. He said that Ms. Davidson was supposed to have installed a fence as a condition of her replacing the nonconforming barn on her property, but she has not done so. He said where his dog is chained, it can see through the breach in the fence to Ms. Davidson's dogs. He said he hopes to fence in his whole property, but it is a large parcel and he cannot afford to do so at this time. Such would cost about \$20,000. However, he said he has been able recently to enclose that section of fencing where there was a breach and that he has ordered another 8' section of fencing. Furthermore, he has scheduled for the installation of an electric fence on December 18. He said that he feels more secure if the dog is allowed to be free from midnight to 3:00 a.m., three times a week, as he sometimes works long hours away from home.

Andrew Sugg, 11 Allen Place, said he had been bitten by the dog in 1996. He said he had been jogging in the morning, and as he was walking home the dog shot out of the yard and started biting him on the leg. He said another neighbor came out of her house and screamed at the dog which then broke off the attack. He said he had two young children, ages four and two, and he feared they might be seriously injured by the dog. He said that he reported the incident to the Dog Officer who had told him there had been some complaints, but no previous biting incidents. Mr. Sugg said however it was later determined that there in fact had been a previous biting incident. He said that he had been told that the dog would be removed.

Ms. Davidson said that this is three times and the dog should be removed from the neighborhood.

Robert Williams, 11 Bradley Place, said that the neighborhood is an older one and that there are a lot of young parents with young children in the area.

Frank Byrne, 61 King Philip Road, said he heard his wife screaming that morning and saw the terror in her eyes. He asked the board to remove the dangerous animal who is a known menace. He said that he expected the Selectmen to ensure safety to the community.

Mr. Griffin said they had had no problems with the dog until 1996. He said the Chow breed is a "nippy" one, but the dog was not bred to be vicious. In fact, *Fleury* is part yellow lab and that was bred in to mellow out the Chow breed. He said that the dog is kept on a ¼ inch steel cable and he said he was prepared to keep him cabled until the electric fence is installed.

Chairman Blacker observed that the dog is a problem. He stated that just because the Town does not have a leash law does not mean the Town allows dogs to run loose. He said the Board had three choices: (1) put the dog down (which he was not suggesting in this case); (2) restrain the dog 24 hours a day or (3) ban the dog from the Town.

Selectman Clark said that the dog could protect Mr. Griffin's property, but it can not be allowed to roam. She said that a large dog and a little dog are going to have problems. She said that an electric fence is only as good as its owners. She said the collar must be kept on and the system running. She said the switch to the system should be out of reach of any children.

Thus, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To order that the mixed Chow dog named "*Fleury*", owned by Delores Matos, be confined at all times to the property at 49 King Philip Road, except when walked on a leash; and to order, further, that an electric invisible fence or other appropriate fence be installed by December 30, 1997.

Furthermore, the Board stated that, if the dog was found to be off the premises (unattended at anytime), it would order the dog to be banned from the Town.

Execution of Petition to Legislature – Tax Bills FY98

The Board was in receipt of a petition, prepared by staff, seeking the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to pass an act relative to quarterly taxes in the Town.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To execute the petition directed to the Massachusetts Legislature for the passage of a special act allowing the Town to issue third quarter estimated tax bills for Fiscal Year 1998, in accord with the Special Town Meeting vote on November 17, 1997, under Article 5.

Annual Town Report

The Board was in receipt of a draft *Annual Report* from the Board.

Selectman Clark suggested two amendments and the Board concurred.

Thus, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the Annual Town report of the Board of Selectmen, as amended.

Scheduling Joint Meeting with Planning Board

The Board was in receipt of a communication, dated November 25, 1997, from Jody Kablack, Town Planner, reporting that numerous other properties will be seeking release from Chapter 61A & B in the immediate future. In order to improve the procedures relating to such, the Planning Board requests that a joint meeting with this Board be held.

The Board concurred and directed the Town Manager to discuss possible times and dates with the Town Planner. Chairman Blacker suggested that mornings would be better. Selectman Clark suggested that several tentative meeting schedules be presented so that the Board might select the most convenient one.

Approval of Stop Sign – Lillian Avenue at Reeves Street

The Board was in receipt of the following:

1. A communication, dated September 15, 1997, from Christine Radulski, 18 Lillian Avenue, and Veronica Cove, 8 Reeves Street, requesting the Town place stop signs at the intersection of Lillian Avenue at Reeves Street on both sides. They note that as one drives down Lillian Avenue one cannot see who is coming up Reeves until one is in the intersection. As further reason, they state the area has grown considerably and increased traffic poses a danger to the many neighborhood youngsters, walkers and motorists.
2. A communication dated November 24, 1997, from Ronald B. Conrado, Safety Officer, informing that he had investigated the intersection and found that it is very difficult to see Reeves Street when southbound on Lillian Avenue. He said when traveling south on Lillian Avenue, one actually enters the intersection before realizing that Reeves Street crosses Lillian at this location. He also notes that a number of families have recently moved into the area and there is an increase of children riding their "bikes". He opines that a stop sign placed on Lillian Avenue for motorist traveling south on Lillian Avenue would greatly improve safety. Thus, he recommends a stop sign be placed on Lillian for southbound motorists to observe.
3. A communication, dated November 25, 1997, from I. William Place, Director of Public Works/Town Engineer, requesting the Board to approve placement of a stop sign for southbound drivers on Lillian Avenue at Reeves Street.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 89, S.9, of the General Laws, Lillian Avenue is designated as a stop street for southbound drivers at the intersection of Reeves Street;

and it was further

VOTED: That the Traffic Rules and Orders of the Town of Sudbury, adopted by the Board of Selectmen on September 12, 1941, and subsequent amendments thereto, be and are hereby amended as follows: By adding at the end of Section 8 in Article VII, OBEDIENCE TO ISOLATED STOP SIGNS, the following location: "Southbound drivers on Lillian Avenue at Reeves Street."

Unlicensed Dogs

The Board was in receipt of a list of owners of possibly unlicensed dogs. The list noted all owners who had registered dog(s) previously, but had not registered their dog(s) in calendar 1997. The dogs may be deceased, have been re-located, or within the Town, but unlicensed. The Board was informed by Town Manager Ledoux that the Dog Officer could be authorized to summon the owner(s) of unlicensed dog(s) to court and furthermore could be authorized to catch and confine all unlicensed dog(s) and have them put down or in some cases adopted. He noted that the last time the Board authorized the Dog Officer to take such extreme action was in 1993.

Chairman Blacker stated that he did not want to authorize the Dog Officer to take such action and asked what other steps could be taken.

Town Manager Ledoux stated that the owners were notified by mail in August of the need to register any dog(s) and of increasing fines for late registration. He said the purpose is to make certain that the dogs are vaccinated against rabies.

Chairman Blacker also noted that licensing facilitates tracing the animal's owner.

Chairman Blacker directed the Town Manager to speak with the Dog Officer on other possible means to encourage registration and the Board concurred. Chairman Blacker suggested that maybe the Dog Officer should personally contact the owners at their residences.

Town Manager Ledoux agreed to speak with the Dog Officer on other options and report back to the Board.

Approval of Overhead Electrical Service – Willis Lake Drive

The Board was in receipt of a communication, dated December 5, 1997, from Ron Ham, Portside Realty Trust, 135 Union Avenue, to install overhead electric service from a pole on the opposite side of Willis Lake Drive to a new house being built at 482 Hudson Road.

As recommended by the Building and Wiring Inspectors, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To grant special permission under Bylaw Art. XX, sec. 3.E, to Ron Ham, Portside Realty Trust, 135 Union Avenue, to install overhead utilities, from a pole on the opposite side of Willis Lake Drive only, to a new house being built at 482 Hudson Road.

Appointment of Town Accountant

Town Manager Ledoux reported that he, the Finance Director and Daniel Sullivan of Powers and Sullivan, interviewed the three finalists for the position of Town Accountant. Based on the interviews and background investigations, they unanimously recommend that Suzanne Petersen be appointed Town Accountant at an annual salary of \$51,295.

Selectman Clark inquired if Ms. Petersen had obtained a degree from Ohio Wesleyan University.

Town Manager Ledoux responded that he did not believe that she had received a degree and he was not certain how long she had attended. He did say that she would have access to continuing educational programs through her employment with the Town.

Selectman Clark stated that she would like her to continue her education.

Chairman Blacker, commenting that she had come through for the Town when it needed her, moved for her appointment as Town Accountant.

The motion, being duly seconded, was unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Suzanne L. Petersen as the Town Accountant, for the Town of Sudbury, effective immediately for an indefinite term, at an annual salary of \$51,295 (Step 2 of Sudbury Supervisory Association pay schedule), provided that she agree to continue her academic education in accounting.

Walkway Program at Powder Mill/Powers Road Area – Assistance from Digital Corporation

Town Manager Ledoux stated that he and the Director of Public Works would be meeting with representatives from Digital Corporation in December to ascertain if Digital might assist in financing walkways in the Powder Mill/Powers Road area. He said it looked likely that they might assist along Powder Mill Road since their employees use it.

Alcoholic Beverage Licenses - Extension of Hours on New Year's Eve

Upon request, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To permit all restaurant and club alcoholic beverage license holders to extend serving hours on New Year's Eve, December 31, 1997, to 2:00 a.m. on January 1, 1998.

Conservation Restriction - Old County Road

Upon request from the Conservation Commission to approve a Conservation Restriction on the Demetri property on Old County Road, located on Lot 1, Town Property Map K11, Parcel 201.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve a Conservation Restriction for Diana Demetri.

Approval of Truck Lease – Manchester Mack Sales

Town Manager Ledoux requested approval to enter into a lease agreement with Manchester Mack Sales for a four-year lease of a truck at \$21,198.29. He said that the truck is needed to reduce costs, by allowing the Town to do hauling, at the landfill/re-cycling center.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve a four-year lease of a truck from Manchester Mack Sales at \$21,198.29.

Appointment – MetroWest Water Resources Taskforce

Pursuant to a letter dated October 23, 1997, from Metrowest Growth Management Committee requesting the Town appoint a second member to the MetroWest Water Resources Task Force, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Edward W. Pickering, 17 Peakham Circle, to the MetroWest Water Resources Taskforce.

Reconsideration of Board's Vote Declining to Exercise Town's Option on 25 Acres Owned by Mattie C. Realty Trust, Willis Road

Chairman Blacker suggested that this matter be continued until Selectman John C. Drobinski, who is presently out of town, is able to attend the Board's meeting and participate in the decision.

Selectman Clark concurred.

Executive Session

On motion by Chairman Blacker, by roll call vote, it was unanimously

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session for the purpose of considering additional holiday gifts from the Discretionary Fund.

Chairman Blacker announced the Board would return not return to open session.

(Chairman Blacker, aye; Selectman Clark, aye.)

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Attest: _____
Steven Ledoux
Town Manager-Clerk