

IN BOARD OF SUDBURY SELECTMEN

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019

Present: Chairman Robert C. Haarde, Vice-Chairman Daniel E. Carty, Selectman Leonard A. Simon, Selectman Patricia A. Brown, Selectman Janie Dretler, and Town Manager Melissa Murphy-Rodrigues.

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, the meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. in the Lower Town Hall.

Chairman Haarde called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Opening Remarks by Chairman

Chairman Haarde announced that the Zoning Board of Appeals is seeking an associate member and an Earth Removal Board member, and that information can be found on the Town website.

The Town of Sudbury Emergency Preparedness Handbook is available on the Town website.

Chairman Haarde stated that the Annual Town Election will be held on March 25, and the deadline for absentee ballot registration is March 22 by 5:00 p.m.

The Livable Sudbury Report presentation will take place on Thursday, March 21, 6:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Reports from Town Manager

Town Manager Rodrigues stated that Town Manager office hours will be at the Flynn Building on Thursday, March 21st from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with DPW Director Dan Nason.

Reports from Selectmen

Vice-Chairman Carty stated that he attended the Tri-District meeting last night for the Sudbury and Lincoln schools and the opening commentary involved the change to school start time. He added that the main topic of the meeting was student anxiety and depression. Vice-Chairman Carty added that the meeting is very interesting, and can be viewed on SudburyTV.

Several COA (Council on Aging) meetings have taken place over the past few days, and Vice-Chairman Carty indicated that Fairbank Community Center had much coverage at these meetings, and will be discussed later at this Board meeting.

Vice-Chairman Carty thanked Board members for their help with obtaining funding for two transportation programs via a Regional Transportation Grant. This will implement the first mile-last mile app, and the bus from the Wayside Inn to the Riverside MBTA Station. He added that he hoped to inform the Board at the next meeting when the programs will begin.

Selectman Simon mentioned that he and Selectman Dretler attended the Sudbury-Wayland-Lincoln Domestic Violence Roundtable White Ribbon Day event earlier today at the Wayland Town Safety Building. He stated that the event was well-attended and offered that anyone interested in learning more could contact Selectman Dretler, himself, or contact the Domestic Violence Roundtable.

Selectman Brown announced that she attended the M.A.G.I.C. meeting last week concerning age-friendly communities. She added that the Regional Transportation Grant was announced at this meeting, as well as, the completed Sudbury Livable Report. Selectman Brown added that Sudbury's newly appointed Director of Community Planning and Development, Adam Duchesneau, presided over the meeting.

Selectman Dretler stated that everyone in attendance at the Domestic Violence Roundtable White Ribbon Day event took a pledge to be part of the solution to end domestic violence against women and all gender-based violence.

Selectman Dretler stated that she attended several Fairbank Community Center meetings this past week resulting in good progress, and some of those results will be discussed at this Board meeting.

Chairman Haarde announced that Town Manager Rodrigues was recently appointed to the Group Insurance Commission (GIC) by the Governor. There are 17 appointed commissioners, and the Board congratulated Town Manager Rodrigues on her appointment.

Discuss Whole Foods' request for liquor license

Present: Michael Scott of Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP; Jim Hughes and John Forziati of Whole Foods.

Mr. Scott stated that he spoke to Town Manager Rodrigues about a month ago in regard to obtaining a pouring license for Whole Foods. They are looking to add shopping amenities to the store. This would allow customers to purchase beer and wine to consume at the store, as well as being able to procure glasses of beer and wine near the prepared food area. He explained that this concept is becoming more common in the state of MA. A couple of years ago the state legislature passed a bill which allowed grocery stores to have both a pouring license as well as an off-premises license. He detailed that both the pouring license and the off-premises license can be on the same property. He provided the concept example of Eataly in Boston. It is also possible to serve alcohol within the entire store by declaring the store a restaurant even if there is no off-premises license.

Mr. Scott indicated that he understood that the Town has reached its all alcohol license quota and suggested working with the Board to initiate a home rule petition to obtain an off-premise license or an on-premise license.

Selectman Dretler stated that she had been to Eataly a number of times in Boston and Chicago and stated that those establishments are restaurants, and this is not a restaurant proposal. Mr. Scott replied that there is a shopping and restaurant mix at Eataly. Selectman Dretler stated that Eataly is very different than the Whole Foods proposal and said that the eating area at Whole Foods has been further reduced to provide for catering. Mr. Forziati said that area is now being used for Amazon lockers. She asked if customers would be able to bring the liquor out to the patio area. Mr. Scott responded that aspect has not been discussed.

Chairman Haarde confirmed that because the Town pouring licenses have been filled, there would have to be a petition for this proposal. Town Manager Rodrigues stated that such a petition could not be presented until October Town Meeting. A related conversation took place regarding petitioning for additional licenses at October Town Meeting.

Chairman Haarde asked if liquor is being sold at the location presently. Mr. Hughes stated that the market is just requesting to pour and not sell.

Selectman Simon stated that he had some issues with the proposal, one being the implication of underage children with adults shopping and drinking. He added that within the Meadow Walk shopping area, there are two restaurants with pouring licenses that have appropriate regulation for consumption for those 21 years and older. He mentioned that when Sudbury established its restaurant policy and pouring licenses, a standard condition was that certain food would be served during the pouring hours. Selectman Simon detailed that the idea behind those Town policies addresses the social aspect of drinking while eating and the Whole Foods proposal is outside of that established scope. He added that there is no provision for carrying open liquor outside of the establishment, and this proposal would make that enforcement most difficult.

Mr. Scott added that the primary purpose of the proposal is to allow people the ability to enjoy beer and wine with their food at the tables.

Selectman Dretler stressed that Whole Food Supermarket is not Eataly. She would like to see a real seating/dining area incorporated at Whole Foods. Mr. Hughes responded that Whole Foods is intentionally not adding seating or a bar, they want people to be mobile, because the desire is to have shoppers enhance their shopping experience and not to sit and have multiple glasses of beer and wine.

Selectman Simon emphasized the fact that there would not be the presence of servers in this scenario and at a restaurant there is management and supervision over the drinking aspect, which has bearing on public safety.

Selectman Dretler inquired if there were any other Whole Food Markets in MA that had a similar set-up. Mr. Hughes replied not.

Vice-Chairman Carty stated that the proposed concept was interesting and thought that there was a difference between a bar and an open space at the store. He thought that the challenges could be met and could imagine it would be nice to have shoppers having a glass of beer or wine on the outside patio. He mentioned that Whole Foods is the anchor tenant at Meadow Walk and some stores are not occupied yet.

Mr. Scott mentioned that if the petition went forward, the Board could include any conditions/restrictions that the Board would like. He added that Whole Foods has a reputation to maintain and would not do anything that would change that.

Mr. Forziati stated that the store has three management supervisors and employees would be TIPS-certified. Mr. Hughes affirmed that someone would be in charge of the proposed area of pouring.

Selectman Simon commented that an alcohol license is not a right and can be revoked, and one of the factors involved in granting such a license is its appropriateness.

Chairman Haarde stated that no decision would be made tonight and asked if management allows shoppers to go outside with drinks at the other stores. Mr. Hughes replied that Whole Foods does not allow the drinks to go outside. Chairman Haarde stated that he would like to do more research on this aspect and has never heard of drinking at the supermarket.

Mr. Scott stated that the present coffee bar is where the beer and wine would be dispensed. Mr. Forziati stated that serving would not be an all-day service.

Chairman Haarde stated that he enjoys the Whole Foods eating area/coffee bar area and outside as well.

Selectman Brown asked for references regarding other locations that have such implementation, particularly providing information on associated monitoring of alcohol use. Mr. Scott agreed to do so.

Chairman Haarde said that each Board member would do the necessary research and asked that Whole Foods come back by the end of July with more requested information.

Selectman Simon asked if the Board should decide to go forward, would the petition be an article on Town Warrant? Town Manager Rodrigues responded that it could be a Board article and the other option would be a Citizen's Petition with signatures.

Selectman Dretler mentioned that it would be very important to be able to see what this would look like. Mr. Scott agreed to distribute a proposed store diagram with pictures and will follow-up with more detailed information based upon the feedback provided at this meeting.

Annual Financial (CAFR) report

At 7:37 p.m., Chairman Haarde opened the discussion.

Present: Dennis Keohane, Sudbury Finance Director; Renee Davis, Partner at Powers & Sullivan; and Kyle Warne, Manager at Powers & Sullivan.

Ms. Davis introduced the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. This was the second year the firm completed the audit for the Town of Sudbury, and this year was a more traditional audit schedule. She described the procedure involved with the 2018 audit. She stated that the results of the audit reflected a “clean audit opinion” or an “unmodified audit opinion” – which is the best result possible. A report was also issued regarding federal awards. There was one finding related to testing of special education grants timing which has been filed late over the past couple of years. Her recommendation was that a process be implemented to file those reports in the fall.

Ms. Davis mentioned that Sudbury has received an award for the CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report) and has submitted to receive another award for next year.

She outlined three different funding areas in the report. Budgetary Reporting includes general and CPA funds, which is voted at Town Meeting. She explained that this year the Budgetary Reporting reflects \$100 million dollars, with revenues coming in over budget by \$1.4 million and expenditures came in under budget for a positive result. The second area of funding was Fund Based Reporting which includes stabilization funds; the numbers were positive in this aspect also. Ms. Davis outlined the third funding group as Full GAAP Reporting, which adds all of long-term assets and liabilities (including OPEB and Pension liabilities). She added that this is the first year that towns must include all OPEB liabilities, as studied by an actuary.

She explained that there was no additional general debt issued for 2018. She detailed the results of the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) reports and said that Sudbury is just over the grant threshold and the risk assessment was reviewed where the timing for the special education grant was somewhat late.

Vice-Chairman Carty asked if the delayed special education reporting was for SPS or LSRHS. The response was the lateness involving the SPS grant. Finance Director Keohane affirmed that SPS has received communication in this regard.

Selectman Brown was pleased that the auditors did not deem it necessary to provide a management letter, and she thanked Powers & Sullivan for their work.

Selectman Simon asked if the firm could summarize the results of the audit in a quantitative way for residents. Ms. Davis replied that she would be happy to do so, and again added that the results were the best that they could be – the best audited report/opinion with no deficiencies.

Selectman Simon stressed that the credit regarding various awards goes to the Town Manager, the Finance Director and staff.

Selectman Dretler agreed with Selectman Simon’s statement and asked if the delay in the SPS report is late for a specific reason. Mr. Keohane responded that SPS has been made aware that going forward these submissions will be timely.

Some discussion took place regarding the OPEB reporting.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept the audited financial statements for the Town of Sudbury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, including Sudbury’s Comprehensive Annual Financial (CAFR) report, Governance Letter, and Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) reports.

Minutes approval

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the regular session minutes of February 5, 2019.

Vote to approve to continue the Opt-Out Incentive Program through 6/30/22

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve to continue the Opt-Out Incentive Program through 6/30/22 for those Active Employees who currently participate in the program and for those Active Employees enrolled in our health plans and who Opt Out of being covered by the Town of Sudbury health plans, as described in the attached document "Opt-Out Incentive Program."

Election Officer appointment

It was on motion one abstain, and four in favor

Haarde-aye, Simon-aye, Brown-aye, Dretler-aye, and Carty-abstain.

VOTED: To appoint Maura F. Carty, 15 Stonebrook Rd., as an Election Officer for a term to expire August 14, 2019, as recommended by the Town Clerk.

Resignation acceptance

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept the resignation of Jonathan O'Brien, Zoning Board of Appeals associate, and member of the Earth Removal Board, and send him a letter of thanks for his service to the Town.

Commission on Disability appointments

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the Town Manager appointments of Susan Rushfirth, 48 Harvard Drive, and Doug Frey, 74 Cutler Farm Road, to the Commission on Disability, for a term expiring 5/31/22.

Citizen's comments on items not on agenda

There were no citizen's comments.

Discussion on potential next steps regarding Camp Sewataro

Town Manager Rodrigues announced that earlier today at 6:15 p.m. the Board met in Executive Session to discuss some of the information acquired regarding the Camp Sewataro purchase. The appraisal amount must remain confidential and the associated RFP information must also be confidential due to the non-disclosure agreements that have been signed with the Sewataro broker. She said that an analysis is being done and the Board will meet again next week to continue that analysis in Executive Session in order to make a decision about the purchase at the March 26th regular Board meeting. The offers will be due the week of March 26th and any offer made would be contingent on the Town Meeting vote and the June Special Election.

Chairman Haarde stated that the timeframe is limited and a decision will have to be made at the March 26th Board meeting. He mentioned that Camp Sewataro is included on the open space priority parcels listing and described on the Open Space Plan as: "Camp Sewataro, a children's summer day camp since 1960 operates on this property. Managed swimming ponds, canoeing areas, tennis courts and sports fields exist. This parcel would provide a

combination of active and passive recreation opportunities and is a potential area to relocate Sudbury's Park and Recreation day camp."

Chairman Haarde thought the purchase of Sewataro is a great opportunity, and would like to see the Town preserve this property and prevent it from being developed, which would create a significant tax burden for the Town. The Sewataro property allows for the generation of additional revenue for the Town.

Selectman Simon stated that topics addressed in Executive Session must remain confidential, and there has been a sharp difference in the opinions by the Board members regarding Sewataro.

Selectman Dretler asked Town Manager Rodrigues to provide an update in regard to the Broadacres status. Town Manager Rodrigues summarized that Parcel 1 at Broadacres Farm has already been acquired by the Town. Acquisition of Parcel 2 and Parcel 3 has been triggered by the estate, so those parcels will be purchased within six months at a price between \$3 and \$3.5 million. She stated that Parcel 3 is the conservation parcel and Parcel 2 is the municipal use parcel.

Selectman Dretler commented that the debt amount does not include building-out of Parcel 1. Town Manager Rodrigues confirmed that the amount only includes the purchase amount. Selectman Dretler stated that the intention was to expand Featherland Park.

Selectman Simon stated that the total amount was approximately \$5 to \$5.5 million for the three parcels. Town Manager Rodrigues confirmed the approximately \$5.5 million for the three parcels and Parcel 1 was purchased with \$1.9 million of CPC funds. Selectman Brown commented that the CPC funds were not bonded.

Chairman Haarde stated that if these parcels are developed, the Town loses money forever.

Selectman Dretler asked Town Manager Rodrigues to supply additional information/data regarding these financial points. Town Manager Rodrigues affirmed that more related information would be forthcoming.

Resident Judy Merra, 377 Lincoln Road, stated that she is a lifelong resident of Sudbury, and that losing Sewataro would be an opportunity missed for Sudbury. She stated that the cost to the Town with 31 large homes built would be a greater cost than the associated increase in taxes for Sewataro purchase.

Resident Michelle Meal, 164 Greystone Lane, inquired about Quarry North's impact on the schools, especially the Haynes School. She indicated that if Sewataro were developed, re-districting would be unavoidable. Chairman Haarde responded that the capacity study demonstrated that Quarry North could potentially fit in the existing school footprint without causing re-districting, but would likely push the Haynes School close to capacity. If we add 60 additional students then changes might likely have to take place.

Ms. Meal questioned the cost of Broadacres and mentioned that Sewataro is different because it could generate revenue and pay for itself over time. She described various revenue camp-related opportunities for the Town. Town Manager Rodrigues replied that a full analysis is being performed which cannot be disclosed at this time. Ms. Meal stated that residents would be able to review all that information before a Town Meeting vote, and Town Manager Rodrigues confirmed that.

Resident Morgan Molloy, 377 Lincoln Road, understood the confidentiality aspect and stated that Selectman Simon mentioned some discourse during executive session, which seems that the public might be able to hear what some of that disagreement entails. Selectman Simon stated that he wants to share that aspect, but is concerned that the information received by the Town Manager is to be kept confidential for possible negotiation reasons, and the discussions themselves were in Executive Session.

Vice-Chairman Carty stated that the Town might not be the only party bidding on this property, so matters must be kept confidential at this time.

Mr. Molloy understood and inquired about the timeline. Chairman Haarde asserted that by the end of this month, the Board will decide whether to make an offer and respond to the RFP, and if the Board does not vote to do so, that is the end. If the Board decides to go forward, then the offer is made and we wait to see if the offer is accepted. If a potential offer is accepted, it is voted on at Town Meeting, then it will be on the ballot for the Special Town Election in June.

Mr. Molloy said he worked at Camp Sewataro and stated that the purchase of Sewataro would be the best choice for the Town.

Resident John Riordan, 12 Pendleton Road, stated that he is in favor of more recreation amenities, but the Board should also seriously consider using some portion of the Sewataro property as affordable housing. He firmly believes there is still a need for more affordable housing in Sudbury. For example, he shared that the rent of one of the so-called affordable units at Meadow Walk is about \$2000/month which is quite high. The Board should consider some of this property for affordable housing, not such as defined by 40B. He feels strongly that there needs to be a balance between housing and recreation.

Chairman Haarde said that with the new housing at Quarry North and Meadow Walk, the Town has approved 700 units of housing in the last couple of years, which is well over the 10% housing stock. The Town definitely needs a new recreation field, however, and he acknowledged that the balance aspect suggested by Mr. Riordan was a worthy concept.

Resident Scott Monroe, 36 Greystone Lane, supports the Town's purchase of Camp Sewataro and agreed that the possibilities are endless, and development would overburden the Hayes School.

Resident Joe Laferrera, 47 Windmill Drive, stated that maintaining the character of Sudbury is very important and purchasing Sewataro would help do that. He stated that there is a sufficient amount of new housing in Town.

Selectman Simon asked Mr. Laferrera if he thought that 30 new substantial houses on this site would change the character of Sudbury. Mr. Laferrera responded that not being able to expand our Park and Recreation resources can change the character of Sudbury, and adding 60 more students to the schools can change the Town's character.

Resident Bill Schineller, 37 Jarman Road, stated that he echoed some of what was said by Mr. Laferrera: that overdevelopment does threaten to devalue the Town, especially in the area of crowded schools. The fact that there is a revenue stream associated with Sewataro makes it very appealing and he hopes that the Town can submit a bid that would be accepted by the Taylor family.

Mr. Molloy stated that building \$2 million homes on the site will change the complexion of the Town and will have a negative financial impact.

Chairman Haarde stated that the Sewataro discussion will continue at the March 26th Board meeting and at an Executive Session.

Citizens Comments (cont.)

Resident Gary Bean, 3 Wilshire Street, said that the Fairbank building structure is compromised and inadequate for the three user group functions. Another footprint must be implemented for both COA, Park and Recreation

and SPS. He stressed that an active campaign must be in place for this goal. Mr. Bean affirmed that surrounding towns have met the needs of their seniors.

Discussion on Fairbank Proposals

Town Manager Rodrigues stated that several Fairbank meetings took place today with the Fairbank working group members including herself and Selectman Dretler. She stated that the Fairbank warrant article has been withdrawn and is slated for the October Town Meeting.

Selectman Dretler affirmed that many positive steps took place with the user groups. She stated that it was important to have the Board of Selectmen in S full support of the Fairbank project. Chairman Haarde stated that the Board is in full support.

Vice-Chairman Carty stated that in consideration of the three working group users, buying or leasing elsewhere should not be entirely ruled out.

Selectman Brown stated that Fairbank was voted as a high-priority goal by the Board in December. She appreciated the Town Manager's active involvement in the project and requested that the working group update the Board on a regular basis. She asked that everyone support the working group and understand that there is strong advocacy from the various constituency groups.

Resident Donald Sherman, 42 Raynor Road, stated that seniors are a rather discriminated body, but will soon outnumber the under 18-year-old population. The seniors have supported the school budgets over the years and now it's time that the Fairbank project receives support. He suggested that residents read the Livable Sudbury Report.

Resident Jack Ryan, 155 Ford Road, and member of the working group from COA, stated that there has been much progress in the last 24 hours with many Fairbank meetings today. As a result of today's meetings, COA will be in discussion with architects to build on the side of Atkinson Pool, and that the COA voted unanimously to accommodate all users in one building and to present that plan for a vote at the October Town Meeting.

Resident Richard Tinsley, 6 Meachen Road, SPS (Sudbury Public Schools) School Committee member, stated that the current administrative space is not sufficient for SPS. The SPS is seeking approximately 5,000 square feet and agreed to withdraw the article in order to present this at October Town Meeting.

Selectman Simon asked if it is the consensus of SPS to occupy space in the Fairbank Community Center as a co-location. Mr. Tinsley responded that the full committee has not met yet to address that aspect, but did not have a strong preference. He mentioned that SPS needs a meeting room in the new space, and that the COA makes a strong case for co-location. He added that if SPS has to go into an existing space, there is a strong possibility that would be inefficient and, in this regard, co-location would be beneficial.

Resident Jim Marotta, 231 Goodman's Hill Road, and working group member of Park and Recreation, stated that Park and Recreation would request that a programming analysis be performed keeping in mind that the programs generate revenue. He added that the plan put forth by Town Manager Rodrigues appears to fit the needs of Park and Recreation.

Selectman Simon asked if the group had preference regarding a co-location arrangement. Mr. Marotta responded in the affirmative.

Selectman Simon commented that the Fairbank topic has been ongoing for some seven years with the primary consideration being space and cost. He added that a half a million dollars have already been spent on associated

design plans and that payments for Broadacres Farm would commence this summer. Selectman Simon affirmed that an improved Fairbank Center should be a top priority at this time.

Resident Jennifer Roberts, 14 Griffin Lane, stated that she was pleased that the Fairbank project was moved to October Town Meeting to allow for further finalization of the project. She acknowledged that 30% of Sudbury's population are seniors, and the needs of that group must be met. She stressed that a strong marketing effort is needed.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To withdraw the Fairbank Community Center Design and Construction Funds article, and present it at October Town Meeting.

Discussion of regional school district formula and agreement with Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School

Vice-Chairman Carty stated that the School District Administrative and Structural Options Subcommittee had requested a meeting with the Lincoln Board of Selectmen to discuss efficiencies and Lincoln chose not to meet at that time.

Selectman Brown mentioned that it was time to have such a meeting with Lincoln to discuss and review the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional Agreement. The agreement dates from before the 1993 Education Reform Act. Selectman Brown believes that the regional agreement should be discussed by the Sudbury and Lincoln Boards of Selectmen. Additionally, she outlined areas for further review with the L-S School Committee and administration which were certification of Excess and Deficiency capital funding and negotiations.

Vice-Chairman Carty stated there had been increasing school costs and a decreasing school population.

Selectman Brown stated that after May Town Meeting, the Board needs to meet with the Lincoln Board of Selectmen. Selectman Dretler added there are about 50 regional school systems in the state and that we are not alone in our struggles, and that a conversation would be recommended.

Selectman Simon suggested identifying the items to be included in that discussion. Selectman Brown stated that areas of discussion should include:

- Examine the method used to establish a budget;
- Initialize a Lincoln and Sudbury School Committee budget in October;
- Address timing for budget process.

Selectman Simon asked if this plan requires that Lincoln and Sudbury complete their prospective budgets at the same time.

Resident Radha Gargeya, Chair of the L-SRHS School Committee, stated that the regional agreement-determined apportionment was utilized and then changed to the statutory method in 2012. He added that changes in committee makeup mean that the fine points of this method are not necessarily known by all. Mr. Gargeya stated that his term on the L-S School Committee will end in two months, and that he will host a Regional School Funding 101 proactive workshop, and everyone is welcomed to attend. Mr. Gargeya stated that items included in the workshop will cover regional school funding and the statutory method. He mentioned that if both towns agreed at town meeting every year to use only the regional agreement rather than employing the statutory method, then the regional agreement method (three year rolling average of enrollment) could be used. The letter from the Lincoln Board of Selectmen will be on the L-S School Committee agenda at their next meeting. He added that

while he was still on the School Committee he could not speak to that matter here, but only in an open L-S School Committee meeting.

Bryan Semple, Chairman of the Finance Committee (FinCom) stated that FinCom has discussed the related areas of:

- Short-term Structure to combine costs across the school systems
- Cost of living adjustments at the high school affect more bargaining units
- 3% COLA
- Budget Apportionment Process
- State Regional District Funding methods (fee based)

Mr. Semple appreciated the Board of Selectmen beginning this important dialogue.

Mr. Gargeya commented that the contribution is calculated by the capacity of the town to pay and the state uses a similar method. He also spoke about the COLA's granted, emphasizing that it is not wise to pit one group against another.

Town Manager Rodrigues stated that after May Town Meeting she would invite Lincoln to speak with the Board.

Chairman Haarde asked Town Manager Rodrigues to contact Town Counsel Silverstein regarding aspects of the regional agreement.

FY20 Budget

Chairman Haarde suggested that Town Manager Rodrigues present the highlights of the FY20 Budget.

Town Manager Rodrigues mentioned that under the balanced FY20 budget 5 new employees were being requested under the 3-Year SAFER Grant - four firefighters and one police officer.

Among the items highlighted were:

- Increased Building Inspector's hours due to increased permits
- Small increase in Facilities
- COA Volunteer Coordinator - \$2,000.00
- Town Reserve Account Reduction - \$100,000 to LS
- 2% COLA increase
- Steps totaling \$414,369 (59% at the top step grade)

Vice-Chairman Carty inquired about debt service funding. He noted the importance of stating that the firefighters would have been hired with or without the SAFER Grant.

Chairman Haarde suggested a change in the Police and Firefighter 3-Year SAFER Grant language to include that the four employees would have been hired without the SAFER Grant.

Selectman Dretler thanked Town Manager Rodrigues for procuring grants for the Town.

Review Annual Town Meeting articles

Town Manager Rodrigues stated that some of the articles would wait until the March 26th meeting.

Article 3 – FY20 Budget

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To support Article 3 – FY20 Budget

Article 4 – FY20 Capital Budget – Town Manager

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To support Article 4 – FY20 Capital Budget – Town Manager

Article 5 – FY20 Transfer Station Enterprise Fund Budget

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To support Article 5 – FY20 Transfer Station Enterprise Fund Budget.

Article 6 – FY20 Pool Enterprise Fund Budget

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To support Article 6 – FY20 Pool Enterprise Fund Budget

Article 7 – FY20 Recreation Field Maintenance Enterprise Fund Budget

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To support Article 7 – FY20 Recreation Field Maintenance Enterprise Fund Budget

Article 8 – FY19 Snow & Ice Transfer

Wait on this article

Article 9 – Unpaid Bills

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To support Article 9 – Unpaid Bills

Article 10 – Chapter 90 Highway Funding

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To support Article 10 – Chapter 90 Highway Funding

Article 11 – LSRHS Excess & Deficiency

Wait on this article

Article 12 – Stabilization Fund

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To support Article 12 – Stabilization Fund

Article 13 – Repurpose of Rolling Stock Stabilization Account

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To support Article 13 – Repurpose of Rolling Stock Stabilization Account.

It was noted that Article 13 is not supported by FinCom, 3 in favor, 4 opposed and one abstain. Bryan Semple stated that FinCom did not support Article 13 because the available tax levy could fund the Article. A related discussion took place.

FinCom member Jean Nam stated that because there was extra money in the tax levy fund, there was no reason to ask for additional funding and that the vehicles could be purchased with free cash.

Article 14 – Surplus Vehicle Revolving Fund (new)

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To support Article 14 – Surplus Vehicle Revolving fund

Article 15 – Board of Health Revolving Fund – Scope Expansion (new)

Wait on this article

Article 16 – ZBA Revolving Fund- Scope Expansion (new)

Wait on this article

Article 17 – FY20 Revolving Funds Spending Limits

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To support Article 17 – FY20 Revolving Funds Spending Limits

Article 18 – Fund Litigation Costs – Eversource

It was on motion 2 recused, three in favor, Haarde – aye, Simon – aye, Dretler – aye. Selectmen Carty and Brown were recused.

VOTED: To support Article 18 – Fund Litigation Costs – Eversource

Article 19 – DPW One-Ton Dump Truck

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To support Article 19 – DPW One-Ton Dump Truck

Article 20 – Concord Road Culvert Design

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To support Article 20 – Concord Road Culvert Design

Article 21 – Purchase of Fire Engine

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To support Article 21 – Purchase of Fire Truck

Article 22 – Sudbury Public Schools Playground Improvement

Wait on this article

Article 23 – Funding of CWMP Impact Report

It was on motion one opposed, and four in favor.

Haarde – aye, Carty – aye, Brown – aye, Dretler-aye, and Simon-opposed.

VOTED: To support Article 23 – Funding of CWMP Impact Report

Article 24 – Fairbank Community Center Design and Construction Funds

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To withdraw Article 24 from May Annual Town Meeting and present it at October Town Meeting

Article 25 – Camp Sewataro Acquisition

Wait on this article – still in discussion

Article 26 – Amend Article XXV Capital Planning

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To support Article 26 – Amend Article XXV Capital Planning

Article 27 – Raymond Road Conveyance to Water District

Wait on this article

Article 28 – Amend Zoning Melone Smart Growth Overlay District

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To support Article 28 - Amend Zoning Melone Smart Growth Overlay District

Articles 29 – 35 (CPC Articles)

Wait on CPC Articles – not heard yet

Discussion on possible Town Forum

Vice-Chairman Carty suggested that the topic for Town Forum could be either the Fairbank Community Center or the Master Plan. He stressed that by bylaw we had to do one each calendar year, but we were not limited to only one. Given that the Fairbank article is being moved to fall Town Meeting, we could potentially do a Forum as we get closer to that vote, and also do one for the Master Plan this spring.

There was some related discussion, and the Board agreed to continue the discussion regarding Town Forum at a future meeting.

Endorse MassDOT letter with intent to become a Complete Streets municipality

Selectman Brown asked what the Complete Streets endorsement would mean to the Town. Town Manager Rodrigues stated that the Complete Streets project ensures accommodation for pedestrian, biker and vehicle safety.

Selectman Simon inquired about the DPW response.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To authorize the Town Manager to endorse MassDOT letter with the intent to become a Complete Streets municipality within one year.

Release Town Counsel opinion regarding the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT) and local bylaw

The Board had related discussion.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To release Town Counsel opinion regarding the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT) and local bylaw

Discuss upcoming agenda items

The Board agreed that the March 26th meeting agenda will include:

- Continue with Warrant Article Positions
- Continue discussion regarding Fairbank Community Center
- Continue discussion regarding Camp Sewataro and possible Executive Session next week
- Further discussion regarding Regional School District Agreement and School District Formula.
- Continue discussion on Town Manager evaluation.
- Continue discussion on the minutes of January 22, 2019 as amended by Selectman Simon, and whether to incorporate edits provided by other Board members.

Town Manager Rodrigues reminded the Board that state Legislators will be at the April 9th meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Attest: _____

Melissa Murphy-Rodrigues
Town Manager-Clerk