

SUDBURY SELECT BOARD

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2021

(Meeting can be viewed at www.sudburytv.org)

Present: Chair Jennifer Roberts, Vice-Chair Charles Russo, Select Board Member Daniel Carty, Select Board Member William Schineller, Select Board Member Janie Dretler, Town Manager Henry Hayes, Jr.

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, the meeting was convened at 9:30 PM, after closing the Executive Session meeting, via Zoom telecommunication mode.

Chair Roberts announced the recording of the meeting and other procedural aspects included in the meeting.

Call to Order/Roll Call

Select Board Roll Call: Dretler-present, Russo-present, Carty-aye, Schineller-aye, Roberts-aye

Opening remarks by Chair

- Wished everyone a Happy Halloween

Reports from Town Manager

- Reminded all to be safe during the rather severe storm presently taking place

Reports from Select Board

Vice-Chair Russo:

- He had no further comments.

Board Member Schineller:

- He had no additional comments at this time.

Board Member Dretler:

- Thanked Vice-Chair Russo for his great contribution in coordinating a successful Town Forum
- Attended the Board of Health meeting today, where raising COVID cases was mentioned
- COVID mask mandate still in effect
- Extended Happy Halloween wishes to all

Board Member Carty:

- Would likely be leaving the meeting

Citizen comments on items not on agenda

Resident Kevin LaHaise, 195 Horse Pond Road, asked about the Fairbank project and understood the cost of construction increasing steadily. He opined about when project cuts will shape a plan the voters did not originally vote for.

Chair Roberts confirmed the Fairbank topic was not included in tonight's agenda, but members could weigh in briefly.

Board Member Dretler stated that the project was under Town Manager's review at this time. Town Manager Hayes commented the Town continues to be mindful of cost factors in consideration of the fact that voters did vote on a fixed dollar amount.

Chair Roberts continues to hear that user groups are happy with the project, and right now the cost implications are not too elevated (\$2 to \$2.5 million for engineering) out of a total of \$28.9 million.

Board Member Schineller understood it's not easy to increase a budget as much as \$2 to \$3 million, but reiterated that stakeholder needs must be met to served the needs of the residents; particularly in the areas of Park & Recreation, COA, Fire Department space, and equipment needs associated with emergency shelter use. He mentioned other important aspects as represented by the SPS Staff safety and space, as well as sustainable energy and related considerations for now and in the future. He emphasized that he was committed to getting the Fairbank Center built.

Vice-Chair Russo had thoughts about the process, and in consideration of a "rising cost environment," he advocated for open communication. Vice-Chair Russo exampled the gymnasium layout being changed.

Board Member Dretler was hopeful that items detailed within the original project plan can be brought back as part of the project. She mentioned possible use of ARPA funds to retain some of the important plan features such as the outdoor basketball court and lighting aspect. She encouraged residents to reach out to legislators with any questions or concerns.

Chair Roberts stressed that related discussions are taking place with legislators who represent Sudbury, especially in light of sustainability. She emphasized that she had reached out to the Town Manager about setting up an public information session on Fairbank and that Fairbank should be an upcoming agenda item.

Discussion and vote whether to ratify the vote taken in Executive Session on 10/26/21, regarding collective bargaining matters related to negotiations between the Town of Sudbury and Local #1156 Public Employees of The Laborer's International Union of North America AFL-CIO, dated 10/26/21.

Chair Roberts moved in the words of the motion. Board Member Dretler moved in the words of the Chair. Board Member Schineller seconded the motion.

It was on motion 4-0; Schineller-aye, Dretler-aye, Russo-aye, Roberts-aye

VOTED: To ratify the vote taken in Executive Session on 10/26/21, regarding collective bargaining matters related to negotiations between the Town of Sudbury and Local #1156 Public Employees of The Laborer's International Union of North America AFL-CIO, dated 10/26/21.

Town Manager Hayes stated that a total of eight items were included within the terms of the Agreement; and Sudbury DPW finalized the agreement.

Board Member Dretler asked if the signed Agreement would be on the Town website. Town Manager Hayes responded affirmatively.

Adjourn

Board Member Dretler motioned to close the meeting. Board Member Schineller seconded the motion.

It was on motion 4-0; Schineller-aye, Russo-aye, Dretler-aye, Roberts-aye

VOTED: To adjourn the Select Board Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:48 PM.