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IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1991

The statutory requirements as to notice having been met, the meeting was convened by Chairman Judith A. Cope at 7:30 p.m., at the Fairbank Community Center.

Annual Town Meeting - New Petition Articles

The Board reviewed five petition articles received February 7, 1991. Executive Secretary Thompson provided the Board with copies of same and advised that amendments to those articles were received February 11, 1991, under signature of primary petitioner Ralph S. Tyler.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept and order five petition articles for inclusion in the Warrant for 1991 Annual Town Meeting, as follows; acceptance of amendments being subject to review of their legality by Town Counsel:

37. Amend Zoning Bylaw, Art. IX.II.C - Reduce Research District No. 1;
38. Amend Zoning Bylaw, Art. IX.IV.B - Res. Dist. Intensity Regulations;
39. Amend Zoning Bylaw, Art. IX.III.D - Res. Dist. Use Regulations;
40. Research District Land Acquisition - Funded by Res. Dist. Taxes; and
41. Amend Zoning Bylaw - Water Resource Protection District Site Plan Review.

Zoning amendment articles shall be referred to the Planning Board as required by G.L. ch. 40A, s.5.

Water Resource Protection Bylaws

At the request of Chairman Cope, Executive Secretary Thompson will request Town Counsel to research what the Town's existing authority is under current Water Resource Protection Bylaws, as they relate to Ralph Tyler's petition articles submitted this evening.

Annual Town Meeting - Articles 35 and 36

Present: Town Treasurer and Collector Chester Hamilton.

The Board reviewed the question of procedure for getting public input relative to Annual Town Meeting Article 35, Purchase Unisys Property, and Article 36, Purchase Melone Property. Town Treasurer and Tax Collector Chester Hamilton was present and offered his assistance, if needed.

Executive Secretary Thompson informed that following a discussion with the Melones and Town Counsel, amended articles have been prepared inserting the words "eminent domain" where appropriate.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept amended articles for inclusion in the 1991 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, as follows:

35. Purchase Unisys Property; and
36. Purchase Melone Property.

Executive Secretary Thompson next handed out a package of materials containing the proposed report that would appear in the Warrant on these two articles, a letter dated February 11, 1991, from Unisys received this date by FAX assuring that the subject of potential future environmental liability is open; and a list of "pros" and "cons" relative to the purchase of these two pieces of property.

The Selectmen will review these materials and will add to the list of pros and cons as they consider same and receive input from the public. Mr. Thompson informed that new possible uses of the Melone property have been proffered by Superintendent of Cemeteries Robert Noyes (new cemetery) and by Michael Guernsey (new central headquarters for facilities, Park and Recreation, etc.).

Mr. Thompson also stated that Mr. Hamilton has responded to request for an analysis regarding a twenty-year bonding situation; and that Budget and Personnel Officer Terri Ackerman is reviewing same.

The Selectmen approved the Unisys/Melone warrant report as drafted; unless amended by telephone call to the office by this Friday. Mr. Thompson explained the warrant will be typed this weekend.

Planning Board - Research District Zoning

The Board reviewed communication dated January 20, 1991, from Richard Brooks and John Rhome of the Planning Board concerning planning for Research District zoning.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To request the Executive Secretary to communicate to the Planning Board that the Selectmen support the concept of establishing a special line item account focused at the development and implementation of Sudbury Research District rezoning, but to take no action relative thereto until the Town's financial situation is stabilized.

Annual Town Meeting - Printing of Warrant

The Board reviewed the following quotations received for printing of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant:

D&E Graphics	\$59.50 per page;
Irving Graphics	\$40.00 per page; and
Saltus Press	\$30.00 per page.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept the quotation of \$30.00 per page from Saltus Press of Worcester; and to direct the Executive Secretary to take whatever steps are necessary in order to contract for same.

Permanent Building Committee - Resignation

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To acknowledge resignation of D. Bruce Langmuir of Nine Bent Brook Road, dated February 3, 1991, from the Permanent Building Committee; and to request the Executive Secretary to draft a letter for signature by the Selectmen thanking Mr. Langmuir for his dedicated and selfless service to the Town for over twelve years.

Constable - Appointment

Upon review of letter request dated January 31, 1991, from Arthur F. Martins, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Arthur F. Martins, Three Hampshire Road, Framingham, as a constable in the Town of Sudbury for a term to expire April 30, 1993.

Council On Aging - Van Donations

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept \$89.50 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 van.

Town Crier Article by Patrick Delaney III

The Board reviewed second article written by Patrick J. Delaney III and published in the Town Crier February 7, 1991, concerning Town government. Although it was decided by the Selectmen that they would withhold detailed discussion as to specific allegations/recommendations until publication of the last of the three articles, the Board felt compelled to initially respond.

Selectman John C. Drobinski stated that public opinion is welcome and he believes it is important and necessary to have an open discussion and exchange of views concerning Town government. Mr. Drobinski is concerned, however, that information be accurate and he finds some of the "non-facts" set forth in the article disturbing. Mr. Drobinski concluded by stating that he believes it would be helpful to address these issues in person with Mr. Delaney, and he would attempt to do so.

Selectman David A. Wallace stated that he believes Mr. Delaney's heart is in the right place, but concurred with Mr. Drobinski's concerns about the public reading as fact things that are unsubstantiated, conjecture or innuendo.

Executive Secretary Thompson stated that he would abide by the Selectmen's desire not to fully discuss this matter at this time. However, Mr. Thompson did highlight certain statements made in the article and expressed his opinion that Mr. Delaney should be specific as to his allegations of abuse in Town government and not paint everyone working for the Town with a broad brush.

Minutes

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the regular session of Wednesday, February 6, 1991, as corrected.

Loring School - Boiler Replacement

Upon review of memorandum dated February 8, 1991, from Building Inspector Jack Hepting, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept the bid of George T. Wilkinson, Inc. in the amount of \$51,995.00, subject to funding availability; and to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract approved by Town Counsel.

Colony Leasing Corp. - Waiver of M.G.L. Ch. 140, §64

Upon review of letter request dated February 8, 1991, from David J. Lyons, President, Colony Leasing Corp., 103 Boston Post Road, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To grant Colony Leasing Corp. a waiver of the four-day retention requirement for vehicles it buys and sells, as outlined in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 140, Section 64; subject to comment by Police Chief Peter B. Lembo.

Uncovering of Street Signs

Upon consideration of verbal request made by Richard E. Thompson, it was agreed to ask the Highway Surveyor to expedite the uncovering of street signs and replacement of the same in accordance with recent approvals of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Works.

Legal Review Committee - Schedule

Executive Secretary Thompson announced that at the request of the Legal Review Committee, the following dates will be posted for meetings:

March 6, 1991 at the Flynn Building

March 7, 1991 at the Flynn Building

March 13, 1991 at the Fairbank Community Center.

The Committee stated that they will distribute written questions to invited attendees prior to their meetings.

Plumbing Inspector - Health Insurance Coverage

Chairman Judith A. Cope informed that she spoke with Building Inspector Jack B. Hepting concerning health insurance coverage for Plumbing Inspector Howard Porter, and she is of the opinion that such coverage should be eliminated.

Selectmen Wallace and Drobinski expressed their reluctance to take this action, since health insurance is so difficult to obtain. Mr. Drobinski queried whether an arrangement could be made whereby Mr. Porter could contribute to the premiums.

At the request of the Selectmen, Executive Secretary Thompson will discuss this matter with Budget and Personnel Officer Terri Ackerman and will report back to the Board.

Finance Committee - Clarification of Role

The Board discussed its growing concern with a proposal by the Finance Committee that the office of Town Planner be eliminated.

Selectman John C. Drobinski expressed his high regard for the Finance Committee and its perseverance and advice with regard to the financial issues of the Town. However, Mr. Drobinski stated and the Board concurred, the role of the Committee is to recommend budgets, not to recommend personnel changes or changes in Town government. It was pointed out that other boards and committees are charged with making such recommendations, and it would be dangerous precedent for one committee or board to exceed its authority and tread upon the duties of another committee or board.

Selectman David A. Wallace stated that while this discussion concerns the general role of the Finance Committee and the belief by the Selectmen that the Committee should not be attempting to restructure Town government, he is of the opinion that the specific recommendation concerning possible elimination of the office of Town Planner should be addressed. Mr. Wallace stated that he believes there is a misconception that because the Town is suffering from the general economic slump existing in the state, Sudbury does not need a Town Planner. Mr. Wallace said that this view is short-sighted and the elimination of such a position would be counter-productive to the Town and its goals.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To request that the Executive Secretary forward a summary of the discussion of the Selectmen, concerning the role of the Finance Committee and its proposal for elimination of the position of Town Planner, to the Finance Committee for its information; and that Mr. Thompson assure the Finance Committee that the Selectmen would welcome the opportunity to speak with them for further understanding and comment.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Attest:

Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary/Clerk