

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 1991

Present: Chairman Judith A. Cope, David A. Wallace, and John C. Drobinski.

The statutory requirements as to notice having been met, the meeting was convened by Chairman Cope at 7:40 p.m., at the Fairbank Senior Center.

Minutes

It was on motion of Selectman Cope unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the regular and executive sessions of January 14, 1991, as drafted.

Long Range Planning Committee - Resignation

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept the resignation of Stephen Bohac of 28 Mary Catherine Lane dated January 21, 1991, from the Long Range Planning Committee; and to request the Executive Secretary to forward a letter of thanks to Mr. Bohac for his service to the Town.

Council On Aging - Donations

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept \$71.00 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.

1991 Health Thyself Pride Bike Ride

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To grant permission to the 1991 Health Thyself Pride Bike Ride sponsored by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts to traverse Route 20 in Sudbury on May 19, 1991, in accordance with the request dated January 14, 1991, from David Pulford, DMSE, Inc.

ICMA 25-Year Service Award to Executive Secretary

The Board acknowledged with pride the award of an Award Plaque for twenty-five years of service by Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson to local government, presented by ICMA, the professional association of appointed administrators serving cities, counties, regional councils, and other local governments.

Street Layouts - 1990 Annual Town Meeting

The Board reviewed once again communication dated December 27, 1990, from Town Engineer I. William Place concerning 1991 Town Meeting article concerning Street Acceptances. The Board noted that Mr. Place informed that the referenced

streets have not received certificates of compliance from the Conservation Commission; but that he believes the outstanding issues can be resolved prior to Town Meeting.

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson reminded that the purpose of this evening's vote is merely to state the Selectmen's intention to lay out those streets and that the time for comments, pro and con, will be at the public hearing scheduled for March 18, 1991, at which time all interested parties will have been notified.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To state the Board's intention to lay out Twin Pond Lane, Frost Lane, Jack Pine Drive, and Red Oak Drive, as described in Article 10 for the 1991 Annual Town Meeting, at its meeting of March 18, 1990, at 8:00 p.m.; and that proper notice of the Board's intention to lay out those ways be given to the owners of the properties in question not less than seven days before such date; and that the proposed layouts be referred to the Planning Board for its report prior to the March 18 hearing date.

Sudbury Village Project - Tax Status

The Board reviewed memorandum dated January 18, 1991, from Assistant Town Counsel David J. Doneski, regarding tax deductibility of contributions in support of the Sudbury Village Project Committee's undertakings.

It was on motion of Selectman Cope unanimously

VOTED: To acknowledge and confirm the Sudbury Village Project as a public undertaking of the Town of Sudbury and to authorize the Sudbury Village Design Committee, established by the Planning Board, to engage in fundraising activities for the support of the Project.

Landfill Enterprise Fund Budget

In order to accommodate Board of Health testing, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To amend vote of January 14, 1991, accepting the Landfill Enterprise Fund Budget, by reducing Line Item 901, Capital Items, by \$2,500.00, and by increasing Line Item 210, General Expense, by \$2,500.00; and to request that the Executive Secretary so inform the Finance Committee.

1991 Annual Town Meeting

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept withdrawal of Article 27 by Design Review Board, as requested in its letter dated January 23, 1990[sic].

It was further on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve Selectmen's Report for Article 16, Purchase Capital Equipment.

There was a discussion concerning the purchase of new voting machines, and the Selectmen voiced their concerns that this not only be a prudent and economically feasible investment for the Town, but also be a real solution to the ongoing disruptive and negative voting process the Town and schools has had to endure.

194th Town Forum

At 8:00 p.m., Chairman Cope convened the 194th Session of the Town Forum. Various representatives of the Town's boards and departments updated the Town on their activities; following which Town Forum was adjourned and coffee and conversation was enjoyed by those present.

Newly-elected State Representative Nancy "Hasty" Evans was present and assured the Town that local aid would be provided for Fiscal Year 1991 as promised; but that many changes are being contemplated for 1992 and beyond which would in all likelihood affect future aid to the towns.

This Town Forum was televised over the local Cable network, and a copy of the videotape is available by contacting the Selectmen's Office.

Annual Town Meeting Matters - Continued

Upon review of Warrant Article 4, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To support all efforts by the Personnel Board to condense Warrant Article 4, Personnel Classification and Salary Plan, in order to save costs, as prepared by Town Counsel.

It was on further motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept petition article, "Accept Chapter 40, §22D - Towing Regulations", and to number same on the Warrant as Article 34.

It was on further motion unanimously

VOTED: To table the question of the Board assigning articles for speaking, and the question of the Board taking positions on articles, to the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Unisys

Selectman John C. Drobinski updated the Board on the firms he had been interviewing with respect to monitoring and evaluating drilling and sampling activities on behalf of the Town at the Unisys site, and Unisys' proposal to pay the same.

After considerable discussion, and on recommendation of Selectman Drobinski, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To engage Woodard & Curran Inc., Wellesley, as consulting engineers, subject to the following:

1. Town Counsel drafting a contract acceptable to Woodard & Curran Inc. and the Board of Selectmen;
2. Incorporating into said contract the condition that said consulting engineer to the Town would provide technical oversight and evaluation;
3. Incorporating into said contract wherever possible the suggestions of Planning Board member L. Michael Meixsell and others, as set forth in letters dated January 19 and 24, 1991.

Use of Town Vehicles

Executive Secretary Thompson informed that a suggestion was made by Long Range Planning Committee member Robert J. Cusack that the matter of use of Town vehicles be referred to that committee for study and report to the Board.

The Board reviewed the charge of the committee; specifically, the fact of the 1986 Special Town Meeting's incorporation of the former Committee on Town Administration's duties into the duties of the Long Range Planning Committee, which stated, in part: "...to study the fiscal policies and practices of the town, with a view to making such recommendations relative thereto to the Board of Selectmen...".

After consideration, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To direct the Executive Secretary to refer the matter of use of Town vehicles to the Long Range Planning Committee for study and report to the Board of Selectmen.

Elementary Schools' Superintendent Search

Chairman Judith A. Cope reviewed with the Board the interviewing process being employed for the search for a new elementary schools' superintendent.

Ms. Cope stated that the process should be completed by March 20, 1991.

Raytheon

Chairman Judith A. Cope asked that the Executive Secretary report back to the Board as soon as possible on the status of the Raytheon tower and its impending permit expiration with the Board of Appeals.

Unisys - Citizen's Group

At the request of Chairman Cope, Executive Secretary Thompson will investigate and report to the Board on the question of whether or not the Department of Environmental Protection has a recognized citizen's group concerning the Unisys property.

Selectmen's Meeting of February 18, 1991 - Cancellation

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To cancel the Board's meeting of February 18, 1991, Washington's Birthday.

Plumbing Inspector - Health Insurance Coverage

The Board reviewed letter dated January 14, 1991, from Building Inspector John B. Hepting.

At the request of the Board, Executive Secretary Thompson will further review the question of health insurance coverage for Plumbing Inspector Howard Porter with Mr. Hepting, and will report back to the Board at a later date.

Legal Billing - Schools

At the request of the Board, Executive Secretary Thompson will speak with Ann H. Loos, Chairman of the Sudbury School Committee, to try to bring together as much as possible a reduction in overall legal services to the Town through further use of Town Counsel's office; specifically in the area of Special Education.

Operation Desert Storm - Effort of HOPE

The Board reviewed letter request from Joann M. Sharp, Chairman of the Northborough Board of Selectmen, concerning the placement of yellow ribbons at the entrance of the Town, as well as the creation of a trail of yellow ribbons throughout the towns.

Chairman Judith A. Cope will follow up on this request and will attempt to comply with the wishes expressed by Ms. Sharp.

In addition, Mrs. Cope will contact local businesses to see if they will assist the Town in this endeavor.

Loring Building - Emergency Condition

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To declare that an emergency condition exists which affects the health and safety of the occupants of the Loring building, and also due to the lack of heat during the winter months endangers the structure of the building, which in turn further places the health and safety of the building's occupants at risk.

Annual Town Meeting - Honorary Reading

At the request of the Board, Executive Secretary Thompson will contact Town Treasurer and Collector Chester Hamilton to see if he would do the honorary reading of the first motion at Annual Town Meeting.

Water District - Budget

The Board reviewed the Water District's proposed budget for Fiscal 1991-92, as presented by Executive Secretary Thompson as a result of a meeting he had with Superintendent Richard Carroll over the past week.

At the request of the Selectmen, Mr. Thompson will confirm with Mr. Carroll that funds from the last year, in the vicinity of \$20,000.00, will be used for exploration of new wells; and he will inform Mr. Carroll that it is the Board's intention to confirm the Water Commissioners' priority in the matter at the Annual District Meeting.

Executive Session

At 9:25 p.m., it was on motion by roll call unanimously

VOTED: To go into Executive Session to consider transactions in real property where open discussion may have a detrimental effect on such transactions, as proposed by the Unisys Corporation in a letter dated January 11, 1991.

(Chairman Wallace, aye; Selectman Drobinski, aye; Selectman Cope, aye).

There being no further business to come before the Board during regular session, Chairman Cope adjourned the meeting of the Selectmen.

Attest:

Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk