

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2001
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Goodnow Library Meeting Room

Present: Chairman Kirsten D. Roopenian, Lawrence W. O'Brien, and John C. Drobinski, Selectmen

The statutory requirement as to notice having been complied with, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Roopenian.

Community Preservation Act Ad Hoc Study Group

Present: Individuals from different Boards, Commissions and Authorities, and a few members of the public, and people from the League of Women Voters.

Town Manager Maureen Valente opened the meeting of the Community Preservation Ad Hoc Study Group and established the goal of the meeting: to provide the Board of Selectmen with input from a broad group of citizens on the advisability of adopting the Community Preservation Act in Sudbury. Ms. Valente led the group through a discussion of many facets of the Community Preservation Act, based upon a report that previously had been prepared and distributed to participants. The key issues of discussion included:

- Should Sudbury move to adopt the CPA now or wait another year?
- Which of the allowable exemptions should be included?
- At what level should the surcharge be set?
- Who should be on the CPA committee and who should appoint them?

The discussion that followed showed near unanimous support with moving forward with the Act. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Board of Selectmen voted 3-0 to support moving forward with an article with the following provisions:

1. Sudbury should not wait a year, but should move forward with efforts to adopt the CPA beginning immediately;
2. All of the exemptions allowed should be included;
3. The surcharge should be set at 3%, the maximum allowed;
4. The CPA committee should include one person from each of the Boards and Commissions specified in the statute, plus one member of the Board of Selectmen, one member of the Finance Committee, and two members of the public to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, for a total of 9 members. Further, each Board, Committee or Authority should choose from among its members who the CPA representative will be.

The Board of Selectmen informed the meeting participants of its decision, and Town Manager Valente cautioned that the substantial amount of work that will be necessary to collect all the signatures for the petitions and develop education materials for the public could not be done by the Selectmen's office. Participants agreed they would undertake all these activities.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Attest: _____
Maureen G. Valente
Town Manager-Clerk