

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
July 27, 2005

Present: Chairman Lawrence W. O'Brien, Selectmen William J. Keller, Jr. and John C. Drobinski.

**Sudbury Foundation**

Present: Derry Tanner, Executive Director, and Rich Davison, The Sudbury Foundation,.

At 7:30 p.m., Chairman O'Brien convened a meeting with The Sudbury Foundation, at their request, for an update on their plans to purchase the Grange Hall property next to the Town Hall, and redevelop it into a combination office space for themselves (downstairs)/community meeting space (upstairs), while having the building continue to function as the home of the Sudbury Grange organization. The Board is very supportive of this project and sees it as a way to add to the richness of our historical Town Centre, preserve an historical asset in Town, support the continued presence of the Grange in Sudbury, and provide another option for community groups who seek meeting space in Town.

After hearing the background and plans of the Foundation, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To request that Town of Sudbury department heads initiate steps to begin working with Derry Tanner and the Foundation to obtain all necessary permits for this project and to anticipate any Town concerns; and it was further

VOTED: To direct Town Counsel to begin working with the Foundation's attorney to discuss the legal aspects of moving this project further, as the preliminary project plans indicate a need for use of a small portion of Town-owned land adjacent to the rear of the Grange building.

NOTE: It is anticipated that a Town Meeting article will be necessary next spring to effect this latter need.

**Village Green Property**

The Board of Selectmen discussed this parcel last night, after reviewing all the reports from the department heads. The consensus of the Board, after reading the reports, is that the Town would be interested in acquiring the parcel for the land value. However, the condition of the buildings was so poor the Town would not be well served trying to plan a re-use of them. The Board discussed a police station, school administration offices or preschool, and housing as possible new construction uses if the Town could acquire the land and then raze the existing buildings.

**Walker-Bogle House**

The Board discussed how it should proceed with the Historical Commission, which is trying to develop a strategy for preserving this historic property. The Selectmen recommended that the Historical Commission be invited to attend a Board of Selectmen meeting early in September to present their ideas for preserving the Walker-Bogle House.

**2006 Board of Selectmen Goals**

The Board reviewed the draft goals, amended the language slightly on several items, and approved them. Town Manager Valente will post the approved goals on the Town's website and distribute them to all staff, boards and committees.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the Board of Selectmen's FY06 goals as amended and to direct that they be posted on the Town's website and distributed to departments and boards.

**League of Women Voters**

Town Manager Valente informed the Board that the League of Women Voters extended an invitation to the Town to present information on its comprehensive emergency plans at a forum this fall. After consulting with the Fire and Police Chiefs, Ms. Valente felt this was not an appropriate time to make such a presentation, as the new Homeland Security requirements are just now being conveyed to the Towns. As such, this will impose substantial work for the Town to integrate these new requirements into our existing plans. The Board agreed with Town Manager's recommendation to decline the invitation for now, but indicated a willingness to present such information next spring.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Maureen G. Valente  
Town Manager-Clerk