

IN BOARD OF SUDBURY SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2008

Present: Chairman Lawrence W. O'Brien, Vice-Chairman; William J. Keller, Jr.; Selectman John C. Drobinski and Town Manager Maureen G. Valente.

Also in attendance: Asst. Town Mgr. Wayne Walker, Dir. of Town Planning and Community Development Jody Kablack, Fire Chief Ken MacLean, Police Lt. Richard Glavin, Finance Director Andrea Terkelsen, and Exec. Asst. Mary McCormack

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, the meeting was convened at 8:35 a.m. in the Flynn Building Silva Conference Room, 278 Old Sudbury Road.

Opening Remarks

Chairman O'Brien called the meeting to order and acknowledged senior department heads who are here to work with the Board to discuss, prioritize and outline recommendations that would lead to the FY09 Board of Selectmen Goals.

Goal Setting

Town Manager Valente reviewed last year's Goals and success in achieving them. Next, a lengthy discussion ensued as the group examined how it might expand on the suggestions for the coming year. At the conclusion of the discussion and after all the issues were evaluated, it was on motion unanimously

Voted: To approve the following draft goals for FY09; and subject to edits from senior staff and Selectmen, place on the May 13 Board of Selectmen's agenda for final adoption.

Mission and Values for Determining Goals of the Board of Selectmen

The mission of the Town of Sudbury is to ensure the safety and well-being of the community, to protect and enhance the financial health, education excellence, and environmental quality of our Town by relying on the professionalism of our staff and volunteers, and use of long-term, strategic planning and enhanced communications in our governance. The Board is dedicated to protecting and enhancing the unique sense of place found in Sudbury and protecting and encouraging tolerance and diversity. The Board of Selectmen, as the chief policy making and governance body of the Town of Sudbury, will provide leadership for staff, volunteers, residents and other stakeholders in the Town by advancing goals, programs and decisions that are based on these values.

(First adopted on May 10, 2000; amended and reaffirmed by the Board of Selectmen, 5/23/02, 6/1/04, and 6/10/05)

Value: Ensure the Safety and Well-being of the Community

Near Term: Design traffic signal for the Landham Road/Boston Post Intersection
Ask state legislators to put bridge at Hop Brook/Boston Post Road on priority list for repair

Continuing: Construction of walkways
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) planning and preparation
Regional Local Emergency Planning Committee (REPC) work

Longer Term: Develop vision for continuing availability of Advanced Life Support (ALS)
Develop traffic corridor study on Boston Post Road

Value: Protect and Enhance the Financial Health of the Town

Near Term: Work with Finance Committee to establish an override stabilization fund
Examine creation of an enterprise fund for recreational services of the Town

Study recommendations of the Budget Review Task Force

Continuing: Work with Sudbury Public Schools and Town/SPS employees to reduce the rate of increase in the cost of employee benefits
Protect the financial health of the Town of Sudbury, maintain AAA credit rating

Longer Term: Address results of the Post Retirement Benefit (OPEB) liability report
Enhance ability to obtain mitigation funds from developers

Value: Protect and Enhance the Educational Excellence offered by the Town, without jeopardizing the financial health of the Town

Near Term: Enhance the collaborative work of the Budget Working Group

Continuing: Examine possibilities for a combined facilities department with SPS

Longer Term: Protect the financial health of the Town of Sudbury, maintain AAA credit rating

Value: Protect and Enhance the Environmental Quality of the Town

Near Term: Document and increase "green" business practices of the Town

Continuing: Negotiations with owners of parcels on the 2008 Open Space and Recreation Plan

Longer Term: Hop Brook Remediation

Value: Protect and Enhance the Professionalism of the Town's Staff, Boards and Committees

Near Term: Maintain the appropriate staff levels in Town departments
Examine incentives to keep experienced staff from leaving Town employment
Begin Continuity of Operations (COOP) disaster planning

Continuing: Finish Town records disaster recovery planning

Longer Term: Develop next steps in achieving full GIS system, without a dedicated staff person

Value: Enhance Relationships and Communications

Near Term: Write guest columns for Town Crier on different departments/activities

Continuing: Complete web based on-line permitting software application
Selectmen's cable program *Town Hall Matters* as forum for policy level discussions

Value: Emphasize Long-Term, Strategic Planning

Near Term: Evaluate most feasible Town disposal sites for wastewater treatment
Prepare for 2009 Town Meeting Warrant:

- Revise Police Station question, with alternate floor plans and financing options
- Decide on Bruce Freeman rail trail design article
- Decide on Town wide curbside trash/recycling program
- CSX rail line evaluation

Continuing: DEP/EPA on Hop Brook remediation

Longer Term: Follow state plans for Crime Lab Facility on Horse Pond Road
Begin planning for Rail Trail on MBTA owned rail line
Long term plans for older Town Buildings: Town Hall, Flynn Building, Fairbank Community Center, Loring Parsonage, and Carding Mill House

Value: Protect and Enhance the Unique Sense of Place and Historical Heritage offered by the Town

Continuing: Town Centre design project

Longer Term: Options for a Sudbury Historical Museum

Value: Protect and Enhance a Climate of Acceptance and Tolerance within the Community

Near Term: Update Fair Housing Plan

Continuing: Expand Regional Transit Authority (MWRTA) services within Sudbury

Longer Term: Improve handicapped accessibility of all Town Buildings

Value: Encourage Diversity of Housing Opportunities within the Community

Near Term: Support housing initiatives authorized at 2008 Annual Town Meeting

Continuing: Support development of projects by Housing Trust and Sudbury Housing Authority

Longer Term: Continue production of units of affordable housing in Sudbury

At 12:05 p.m., Chairman O'Brien announced the close of the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Attest: _____

Maureen G. Valente
Town Manager-Clerk