

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 1984

Present: Chairman Anne W. Donald, Myron J. Fox, and Josiah F. Frost.

The statutory requirements as to notice having been fulfilled, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Library at the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School by Chairman Donald.

Cable Television Provisional License

Town Counsel Paul L. Kenny reported that he and William Henchy, Adams Russell CATV Division, had discussed the pending provisional license provisions by telephone and had been able to narrow the issues upon which there was disagreement. Of these, Mr. Kenny added, several pertain to policy decisions which must be made by the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Thompson noted that he too has been in contact with Mr. Henchy and that the office is imminently expecting to receive a written summary of the issues from Mr. Henchy.

Mr. Kenny noted that one of the issues remaining involves transference of the license to a wholly-owned subsidiary. Since one of the principal reasons the Selectmen had awarded the license to Adams Russell (AR) was for its financial stability, Selectman Fox was of the opinion, and the Board concurred, that AR should submit financial data pertaining to the subsidiary to the Town Accountant for review and report in its effort to substantiate the financial stability of the subsidiary and convince the Selectmen to allow the transference.

Another of the disputed issues Mr. Kenny noted is incorporation of the final application in the provisional license by reference. Mr. Kenny recommended to the Board that this be done, stating that his concern is that it would be difficult to excerpt from such a lengthy document without loss of something of importance.

Mr. Thompson stated his feeling that working with two documents would be in itself cumbersome and recommended that the Board not include the final application by reference.

Selectman Fox suggested, and the Board agreed, that in order to expedite the issuance of the provisional license, the final application should be incorporated by reference. Then, if the Board desired, the relevant material could be extracted from the final application during the provisional licensing period in preparation for the issuance of the final license.

The Board directed Mr. Kenny to review and comment on the summary when received from Mr. Henchy before it is presented to the Selectmen for action.

Selectmen ATM Positions

Planner

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To strongly support this position which has been advocated by the Board of Selectmen for many years.

Article 17. Delete IPD#1

After discussion it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To oppose Article 17 on the basis of the following:

- agreement with the Finance Committee's position as expressed in its warrant report;

- respect for the wishes of the Townspeople who originally voted to rezone the land to an Industrial Park District;

- in light of fiscal constraints of Proposition 2½, there is a need for orderly growth of industrial and business property so that the tax burden upon the residential sector can be mitigated to some degree;

- there appears to be no other suitable land available for such a district, nor is it likely that Town Meeting would rezone other land, if available, for such a district; therefore, the Town should take advantage of what it has;

- it is questionable as to whether construction of residences would be allowed upon the former dump site within the District;

- relative to traffic impact upon the Horse Pond Road neighbors, it is the Selectmen's expressed intent to limit the access to and egress from Codjer Lane at Horse Pond Road, to the proposed Technology Concepts building.

Selectman Frost will speak on the Article.

Article 18. Intensity Regulations

While the Board is in agreement with the concept expressed in the Article, it was noted that passage would make many businesses non-conforming and in need of a variance if there was need to enlarge or modify. The Board would prefer to have professional advice, such as may be available through the hiring of a Town Planner, for construction of an Article which would achieve the maximum good with a minimum of harm. The Board feels that there may be other more effective approaches which should also be considered, such as increasing off-street parking requirements, and that further research is required.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To oppose Article 18, Intensity Regulations.

Selectman Donald will speak on the Article.

Article 19. Architectural Renderings

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To support Article 19, Architectural Renderings, as amended.

Article 20. Environmental Impact Statements

During discussion, several failings were noted:

- lack of criteria, and guidelines should have been redrafted for local use;
- vagueness (i.e., "may be required");
- overlapping with functions of Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Town Engineer and other Town Departments;
- may impose financial hardship on smaller businesses.

It was, therefore, on motion unanimously

VOTED: To oppose Article 20, Environmental Impact Statements, for the reasons noted above and to ask that the matter be referred to the Town Planner for study.

Article 21. Aquifer Protection

The Board is taking no official position, but members will speak as individuals on this article if they desire.

Article 30. Haskell Recreation Area Development

The Selectmen reviewed their position with regard to support of this Article in the amount of \$45,000 and in light of proposed changes by Park & Recreation which are unknown at this time. No change in position will be made at this time until the Board is in receipt of further information.

Article 31. Stone Tavern Farm

No official position will be presented, but members will speak as individuals on the article if they desire.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Attest:

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Richard E. Thompson  
Executive Secretary/Clerk