

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, APRIL 7, 1986

Present: Chairman Josiah F. Frost, Anne W. Donald and David A. Wallace.

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

Town Meeting Articles

The Board reviewed overall speaking assignments and its positions on certain articles for the Annual Town Meeting.

Route 20 Resolution Chairman Frost stated that he would speak on the Resolution on the basis that it be defeated since, in his opinion, several of the statements made in the Resolution are erroneous, specifically: 1) the first paragraph regarding a plan for 80-foot paving does not take into account the fact that waivers have been granted; 2) the fourth paragraph stating potential adverse impact on road safety and the Town's water supply is incorrect because the Town's water supply is now better protected with the closed drainage system proposed; 3) the fifth paragraph pertaining to landscaping and undergrounding belies the fact that there is some provision for funding of landscaping and there have been established, at the instigation of the Board of Selectmen, commitments to and a committee for undergrounding of utilities in conjunction with the widening. Additionally, with regard to the final paragraph, Chairman Frost stated his feeling that any public body can only provide suggestions to the State and only the State can engineer the plan.

Selectman Donald voiced her concern with any possible delay caused in bringing a plan back to Town Meeting, as the Resolution is worded, and suggested instead that it be reviewed at a widely advertised public meeting, since a Town Meeting would not only be expensive to hold but its vote would not be binding on the Department of Public Works (DPW). Selectman Donald stated her feeling that an opinion of the Town at a public hearing would be just as effective and less costly both in dollars and time.

Ms. Abrams of the Route 20 Study Committee stated that the Committee had not actually seen the waiver, although she had been informed of a meeting that the DPW was planning with the Town Engineer.

Mr. Thompson informed Ms. Abrams that the meeting is informational in nature and discussion of the waiver will take place at that meeting.

Ms Abrams stated her concern that if the meeting was the one planned for 10:00 a.m. in the next week or so, it was scheduled at a time when it would be difficult for anyone to attend; in that regard, she had requested the Town Engineer look into rescheduling it.

Selectman Wallace stated that he would like the Board to show the Town that it empathizes but has problems with a Resolution that is incorrect.

Ms. Abrams was asked by the Board to take the idea of a public meeting back to the Committee for its feelings on the subject. She indicated she would do so.

Article 21 - Proposed Bylaw Amendments Chairman Frost stated it was his intention to move that the Planning Board bylaw proposing amendments dealing with site plans, design review and parking be discussed and voted as separate issues. The Board concurred.

Chairman Frost stated that he had problems with the design review section, noting that he felt that with the architectural rendering requirement in the site plan regulations and the requirement for review under standards established within the sign bylaw, the Town was adequately protected. Selectman Frost stated that the Special Permit process proposed allows the Selectmen to promulgate regulations and it would be the Board's intention to include architectural review of required renderings. This accomplishes the same intent but eliminates the need for one more committee.

Selectman Wallace stated he has a problem with the committee being advisory and, as such, having no "weight".

The Board was unanimous in its opposition to the design review section of Article 21 and Selectman Frost will speak for the Board.

Budget The Executive Secretary informed the Board that he had learned that the Town of Lincoln voted the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School budget subject to Sudbury's Town Meeting approval. He also informed the Board that the intention of the Long Range Capital Expenditures Committee (LRCEC) is to hold on the Local and Regional school budgets and move that the funds recommended to be restored by the Finance Committee be placed instead in the Stabilization Fund.

Selectman Wallace stated that he would be in favor of backing restoration of the funds to the Local School, but would oppose restoring funds to the Regional High School.

Town Counsel Paul Kenny stated that the Department of Revenue may consider such a LSRHS budget vote a contingent appropriation, and noted, in addition, that taking a position not to restore the funds to the schools would put the Selectmen in a "no win" position.

Selectman Donald, noting that the past five-year history shows both schools have funds remaining at the end of the fiscal year which they can then use for whatever purposes they desire, stated her agreement with the position of the LRCEC.

Selectman Frost concurred; Selectman Wallace agreed with Town Counsel.

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

Attest:

Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk