

SUDBURY SELECT BOARD

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022

(Meeting can be viewed at www.sudburytv.org)

Present: Chair Jennifer Roberts, Vice-Chair Charles Russo, Select Board Member Janie Dretler, Select Board Member Daniel Carty, Select Board Member Lisa Kouchakdjian, Town Manager Henry L. Haynes, Jr.

The statutory requirements as to notice having been compiled with, the meeting was convened at 7:57 PM via Zoom telecommunication mode.

Chair Roberts announced the recording of the meeting and other procedural aspects included in the meeting.

Call to Order/Roll Call

Select Board Roll Call: Kouchakdjian-present, Roberts-present, Dretler-present, Carty-present, Russo-present

Opening Remarks by Chair

- Welcomed new Select Board Member Lisa Kouchakdjian to the Board
- Attended the Board of Health meeting today – Sudbury COVID numbers are up – especially in schools – Sudbury now considered high risk according to CDC.
- Attended ASHER (Active Shooter Hostile Event Response) training drill with Sudbury Fire Department and Police Department, as well as other participating Police/Fire departments
- DEI Commission distributing survey regarding “Lived Experiences”
- Many openings on Town Boards and Committees

Reports from Town Manager

- Fairbank project bids returned (3) - PBC will be reviewing those bids
- Memorial Day Parade ceremonies for May 30 – see Town website for additional information
- July 4th Parade and festivities – see Town website for additional information
- Annual Town Meeting results are now online – proud of Sudbury teams that coordinated Town Meeting

Reports from Select Board

Vice-Chair Russo:

- Congratulated Town Staff and residents on a successful Town Meeting; great to be meeting in person. Noted the Girl Scouts had increased presence at Town Meeting
- Welcomed new Board Member Lisa Kouchakdjian
- Extended condolences to the family of retired Sudbury Police Sargent Todd Eadie
- Recognized Sudbury Police and Fire Departments for their participation in the ASHER (Active Shooter Hostile Event Response) drill. Other participants included Police and Fire Departments from Lincoln, Concord and Wayland in addition to State Emergency Operations
- Eager to see results of the bids presented for the Fairbank Community Center project

Board Member Dretler:

- Condolences to the family of Sargent Eadie
- Hope all who celebrate had a happy Mother's Day
- Welcomed new Member Kouchakdjian to the Board
- Thanked staff for their efforts during the three-day Town Meeting
- Will request a Town Meeting recap, and will discuss intimidation tactics and bullying displayed by a member of the Finance Committee during Town Meeting
- Attended the second day of ASHER training drill

Board Member Carty:

- Condolences to the Eadie family; Sargent Eadie was on the force for over 30 years
- Attended SPS School Committee meeting, SPS received DESE grant, and will return ARPA funding to Town
- See Town website regarding Memorial Day activities including the parade and the opening of Hosmer House

Board Member Kouchakdjian:

- Condolences to former Sargent Eadie's family
- Looking forward to working closely with the Select Board Members

Citizen's comments on items not on agenda

Resident Len Simon, 40 Meadowbrook Circle, acknowledged that unethical behavior, demonstrated by intimidation and bullying, took place at Town Meeting. He emphasized the need for implementation of policy regarding ethical conduct to be adhered to by all.

Resident Tom Yelton, 167 Pratt's Mill Road, said he was pleased with the passing of Article #58, and was looking forward to the appointment of a Town Sustainability Director.

Resident Alex Vai, 5 Wadsworth Road, stressed that Article #58 was created out of real concerns for Sudbury. He stated that the Sudbury Energy and Sustainability Committee would help in the process, and looks forward to working with the Board.

Discussion on Historical Commission's request for Select Board action related to historical preservation of artifacts on former Mass Central Rail Corridor

Present: Sudbury Historical Commission Chair Chris Hagger, Sudbury Historical Commission Vice-Chair Diana Warren

Select Board Member Carty recused himself.

Chair Roberts detailed that the Sudbury History Commission (SHC) requested that the Select Board draft a letter to Ms. Tammy Turley of the United States Army Corp or Engineers (USACE) asking that USACE return to conversations with the SHC to consider preservation of historical artifacts along the former Mass Central Rail Corridor.

Ms. Warren presented an outline document for the Board's review and to consider when drafting such a letter of request to help ensure that related historic artifacts are not damaged or destroyed, such as the Section Tool House.

Board Members worked on draft letter with input from Mr. Hagger and Ms. Warren.

Board discussion took place regarding a Freedom of Information requested submitted to USACE by former Select Board Member Bill Schineller and that he used his home address. Several Board Members recommended that Vice-Chair Russo inform the USACE of the fact that Mr. Schineller is no longer a Board Member.

Board Member Kouchakdjian read aloud a letter from USACE to the SHC dated December 17, 2021.

Resident Jim Gish, 35 Rolling Lane, thanked the Board for submitting a letter advocating for the preservation of historical artifacts, and requested that the letter be sent immediately.

Resident Nick Pernice, 255 Peakham Road, confirmed he was part of the group that had also sent a letter of request to USACE on the same topic.

Resident Rebecca Cutting, 381 Maynard Road, stated that removal of track would preclude use the pump car house in the Section Tool House from demonstration as was intended.

Vice-Chair Russo offered to perform the final grammar/non-substantive editing of the drafted letter as composed by the Board.

Board Member Dretler motioned to send the USACE letter, as edited at tonight's meeting, with non-substantial edits to be reviewed and included, by Chair Russo. Board Member Kouchakdjian seconded the motion.

It was on motion 4-0; Kouchakdjian-aye, Dretler-aye, Russo-aye, Roberts-aye

VOTED: To send the USACE letter, as edited at tonight's meeting, with non-substantial edits to be reviewed and included, by Chair Russo

Board Member Carty rejoined the meeting at 9:59 PM.

Vote to elect a new Chair and Vice-chair and reappoint Town Manager Henry Hayes as Clerk to the Select Board. This will take effect at the close of tonight's meeting

Chair Roberts motioned to appoint Charlie Russo as Select Board Chair. Board Member Dretler seconded the motion.

It was on motion 5-0; Carty-aye, Kouchakdjian-aye, Dretler-aye, Russo-aye, Roberts-aye

VOTED: To appoint Charlie Russo as Select Board Chair

Chair Roberts motioned to appoint Janie Dretler as Select Board Vice-Chair. Board Member Kouchakdjian seconded the motion.

It was on motion 4-1; Carty-no, Kouchakdjian-aye, Dretler-aye, Russo-aye, Roberts-aye

VOTED: To appoint Janie Dretler as Select Board Vice-Chair

Chair Roberts motioned to reappoint Town Manager Henry Hayes as Clerk to the Select Board. Board Member Russo seconded the motion.

It was on motion 5-0; Carty-aye, Kouchakdjian-aye, Dretler-aye, Russo-aye, Roberts-aye

VOTED: To reappoint Town Manager Henry Hayes as Clerk to the Select Board

Board Members concurred that appointments would take effect at the close of tonight's meeting.

Vote to review and possibly approve the open session minutes of 3/24/22 and 4/12/22

3/24/22

Chair Roberts read in the words of the motion. Vice-Chair Russo moved in the words of the Chair. Board Member Dretler seconded the motion.

It was on motion 5-0; Carty-aye, Kouchakdjian-aye, Dretler-aye, Russo-aye, Roberts-aye

VOTED: To approve the minutes of 3/24/22, as edited

4/12/22

Chair Roberts read in the words of the motion. Vice-Chair Russo moved in the words of the Chair. Board Member Dretler seconded the motion.

It was on motion 5-0; Carty-aye, Kouchakdjian-aye, Dretler-aye, Russo-aye, Roberts-aye

VOTED: To approve the minutes of 4/12/22, as edited

Citizen's Comments (cont.)

None

Upcoming Agenda Items

May 17:

- Select Board Newsletter approval
- ARPA decisions
- Deliverables and liaison roles
- Town Meeting debrief
- FY Audit presentation
- Survey regarding remote and hybrid meetings
- Finalization of letter to USACE

Future:

- Vocational education in Sudbury
- Capital process for next year
- Appointment policy
- Peakham Road traffic
- Determination regarding two Select Board Subcommittees; the Select Board Policies subcommittee and the Sewataro Negotiations subcommittee
- Decision on whether to extend the Transportation Committee terms

- Discussion regarding passage of climate emergency declaration
- Article 29 action
- Verizon cable public hearing

Vote to Adjourn Meeting

Chair Robert read in the words of the motion. Vice-Chair Russo moved in the words of the Chair. Board Member Dretler seconded the motion.

It was on motion 5-0; Carty-aye, Kouchakdjian-aye, Dretler-aye, Russo-aye, Roberts-aye

VOTED: To adjourn the Select Board meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

05/10/22 SB Meeting Documents & Exhibits

1. Vote to enter executive session to conduct strategy session in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel and/or to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel (Town Manager) pursuant to General Laws chapter 30A, §21(a)(paragraph 2).

Attachments:

1.a H Hayes Signed Contract 3-3-20

3. Discussion on Historical Commission's request for Select Board action related to historical preservation of artifacts on former Mass Central Rail Corridor. (~20 min.)

Attachments:

3.a ACHP Letter to USACE April 30 2021

3.b HC-Letter-USACE-Jan-14-2022-f-1

3.c MHC-Letter-to-USACE-220210 (3)

3.d NAE-2017-01406_S-H MCRT MOA_DRAFT v.3_26JAN2022 (1) wo tracking
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3.e SHC-Letter-to-USACE-March-2022 (1)

3.f SHC-Letter-to-USACE-October-25-2021-r.doc_

3.g Updated-Project-Impacts-to-Railroad-Features-2.11.22 with SHC Issues &
Suggested Alternatives

3.h Draft_

3.i NAE-2017-01406_2021-07-30_S-H MCRT MOA_DRAFT v.2 For All parties

3.j USACE Letter to SHC 210806

3.k NAE-2017-01406-20211217-DOE_Letter-MW

5. Vote to review and possibly approve the open session minutes of 3/24/22 and 4/12/22.

Attachments:

5.a SB_draft1_3.24.22_min_for_review

5.b SB_draft1_4.12.22_min_for_review

6. Upcoming agenda items

Attachments:

6.a Upcoming items 05.10.22