

SUDBURY SELECT BOARD

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2022

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

Present: Chair Charles Russo, Vice-Chair Janie Dretler, Select Board Member Daniel Carty, Select Board Member Lisa Kouchakdjian, Select Board Member Jennifer Roberts, Interim Town Manager Maryanne Bilodeau

The statutory requirements as to notice having been compiled with, the meeting was convened at 7:14 PM via Zoom telecommunication mode.

Chair Russo 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, Dretler-present, Roberts-present, Carty-present, Russo-present

Opening Remarks by Chair

- Attended MWRA meeting today, and more information to come in March 2023 when a feasibility study regarding MWRA line connections to the MetroWest communities
- Sudbury Holiday Village scheduled for Saturday, December 3 in the Sudbury Center from 10 to 1
- Town Manager negotiations taking place; Town Manager Negotiation Subcommittee continuing to meet

Reports from Interim Town Manager Bilodeau

- Holiday Open House at the Hosmer House on Saturday, December 3rd and Sunday, December 4th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- Sudbury Historical Society hosting the Sudbury Holiday Village and Festival of Wreaths at Grange Hall, the Loring Parsonage and the Presbyterian Church, on December 3rd between 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM

Select Board Reports

Vice-Chair Dretler:

- She and Board Member Roberts will conduct Select Board Office Hours on December 15
- Finance Committee seeking a new member who would complete the fiscal year; she recommended that interested candidates submit an application to the Town Moderator
- MMA Annual Conference on June 20 and 21st, and planning to attend

Board Member Carty:

- Thanked Chair Russo for attending the MWRA meeting today and providing an update
- Recognized the excellent performance by the LSRHS Players and the success of their latest production
- Congratulated the LSRHS girls' volleyball team who participated in the State finals
- Mentioned his Zoom backdrop tribute to fallen soldier and former resident 1st Lt. Scott Milley who died serving his country; tomorrow marks the 12th anniversary of his passing

Board Member Roberts:

- Hoped all everyone had a nice Thanksgiving
- Finance Committee met last night, and getting ready for budget season in preparation for Annual Town Meeting
- Select Board Office Hours at 12:00 PM on December 15th with herself and Vice-Chair Dretler

Board Member Kouchakdjian had nothing to add.

Public Comments on items not on agenda

Manish Sharma, 77 Colonial Drive, acknowledged the ultimate sacrifice of Scott Milley, noting that his restaurant had donated food in his honor. He congratulated the LSRHS girls' volleyball team and the LSRHS debate team.

Mr. Sharma asked if there were any handouts from the MWRA conference that could be shared with the residents of Sudbury. Chair Russo responded he would inquire about availability of any such information, and commented that a related feasibility study was being prepared, and perhaps additional information would be available in March.

Annual Tax Classification hearing - In accordance with General Laws Ch. 40, sec. 56, as amended, to determine the percentage of local tax levy which will be borne by each class of real and personal property, relative to setting the Fiscal Year 2023 tax rate. In attendance will be the Board of Assessors (Joshua M. Fox, Esq. Trevor A. Haydon, Liam J. Vesely, Chair), Cynthia Gerry, Director of Assessing, and presenting will be Harald Scheid and Alex Cervone, Principal Regional Assessors.

Chair Russo read in the words of the motion. Board Member Roberts moved in the words of the Chair. Board Member Kouchakdjian seconded the motion.

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

VOTED: To open the Tax Classification hearing in accordance with General Laws Ch. 40, sec. 56, as amended, to determine the percentage of local tax levy which will be borne by each class of real and personal property, relative to setting the Fiscal Year 2023 tax rate.

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

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

VOTED: To close Tax Classification hearing, and immediately continue the hearing to Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 7:30 PM.

Consent Calendar

Vote to approve acceptance of MIIA's FY23 Rewards Grant in the amount of \$4,670.90 for the acquisition/procurement of the confined space entry equipment and ladders in accordance with the Grant Program and attached statement, as requested by Dan Nason, DPW Director.

Chair Russo read in the words of the motion. Board Member Roberts moved in the words of the Chair. Board Member Kouchakdjian seconded the motion.

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

VOTED: To approve acceptance of MIIA's FY23 Rewards Grant in the amount of \$4,670.90 for the acquisition/procurement of the confined space entry equipment and ladders in accordance with the Grant Program and attached statement, as requested by Dan Nason, DPW Director.

Vote to approve acceptance of Sustainability Materials Recovery Program (SMRP) grant as described and to authorize the Interim Town Manager to execute any agreements pertaining thereto, as requested by Dan Nason, DPW Director.

Chair Russo read in the words of the motion. Board Member Roberts moved in the words of the Chair. Board Member Kouchakdjian seconded the motion.

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

VOTED: To approve acceptance of Sustainability Materials Recovery Program (SMRP) grant as described and to authorize the Interim Town Manager to execute any agreements pertaining thereto, as requested by Dan Nason, DPW Director.

Vote to enter into the Town record and congratulate Dylan Glin, Benjamin Rippy, Samuel Greenblat, and Karter Singh of BSA Scout Troop 60 for having achieved the high honor of Eagle Scout

Chair Russo read in the words of the motion. Board Member Roberts moved in the words of the Chair. Board Member Kouchakdjian seconded the motion.

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

VOTED: To enter into the Town record and congratulate Dylan Glin, Benjamin Rippy, Samuel Greenblat, and Karter Singh of BSA Scout Troop 60 for having achieved the high honor of Eagle Scout.

Board Member Carty stated that he would like to represent the Board at the Eagle Scout event. Vice-Chair Dretler commented that other Board Members could also attend, if they wished.

Interview the following six applicants for the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission (DEI): Helen Huang (1 yr term), Nadja Lamaute (3 yr term), Nnenna Uneke (3 yr term), Pristine Cyril (2 yr term), Stephanie Hunt (3 yr term), and Thomas Plihcik (3 yr term). Following interviews, vote whether to appoint applicants for terms as requested above.

Present: Pristine Cyril, 49 Brimstone Lane; Nnenna Uneke, 8 Eddy Street; Stephanie Hunt, 289 Dutton Road; Nadja Lamaute, 16 Richard Avenue; Thomas Plihcik, 595 North Road; Helen Huang, 16 Hollow Oak Drive

Chair Russo confirmed that the remaining DEI interviews would be on the December 6, 2022 Select Board meeting agenda; and related voting would take place at that meeting.

Nadja Lamaute

Ms. Lamaute introduced herself to the Board, noting that she was an SEI Science Instructor for the Boston Public Schools. She also is a member of the Cultural Diversity Team at the Boston Public Schools.

Board Members posed related questions to Ms. Lamaute.

Stephanie Hunt

Ms. Hunt introduced herself to the Board. She acknowledged that she was employed by Harvard Public Health in the student financial aid department. Ms. Hunt explained she was a member of the DEI Commission at Harvard Public Health.

Board Members posed related questions to Ms. Hunt.

Pristine Cyril

Ms. Cyril introduced herself to the Board, stated she was a junior at LSRHS. Ms. Cyril confirmed that she was a member of the Racial Equality Task Force at LSRHS and was performing independent research regarding racial health disparities in COVID pandemic times.

Board Members posed related questions to Ms. Cyril.

Nnenna Uneke

Ms. Uneke introduced herself to the Board, explaining that she was a licensed mental health clinician for the MA Welfare Department and was working with the most vulnerable groups. She also mentioned that her main focus centered on mental wellbeing and how inequities effect many populations. Ms. Uneke said she was a member of the State's Diversity Action Committee.

Thomas Plihcik

Mr. Plihcik introduced himself to the Board, noting that he has worked in the affordable housing area for some twenty years, and runs a nonprofit organization for homeless families.

Mr. Plihcik confirmed that he also serves as a trainer for homeless families with the Equity Group, and provides related training across the country.

Helen Huang

Ms. Huang introduced herself to the Board and spoke of her background in acupuncture and psychiatric medicine. She explained that she started a nonprofit enterprise to help the Chinese interact in the greater community. She stressed her involvement with mental health issues due to COVID.

Update and discussion on Select Board Transportation Goal

Board Member Carty reviewed the Sudbury transportation – taxi and Uber usage. He detailed that that projected use for FY23 would likely be over \$141,000. Board Member Carty explained that the Sudbury Transportation program put a cap of rides per person at 20 rides per month.

Board Member Carty stressed that determining Uber needs must be analyzed immediately and the Central Transportation Professional Staff (CTPS) organization is working on producing a report which would evaluate such projections, as well as analyzing transportation modes in neighboring towns as well.

Board Member Kouchakdjian stated that supporting transportation in Sudbury was very important, and she hoped a more sustainable program could be considered.

Vice-Chair Dretler mentioned voucher programs in Weston and Wayland via grants.

Board Member Roberts expressed her desire to learn more about a voucher-type program, or sliding scale fares, and wanted to hear what is happening in other communities.

Chair Russo indicated the need to have a more efficient transportation program for the Town.

Board Member Carty reminded Board Members that the Town Meeting Warrant closes in eight weeks.

Related discussion took place.

Resident Manish Sharma indicated that MA legislation must be included in funding and explore cooperative programming with other communities.

Board Member Carty stated he would share results from the CTPS study as it was made available.

Review and possibly vote to approve MBTA Communities Zoning Action Plan for compliance

Present: Adam Duchesneau, Director of Planning & Community Development

Mr. Duchesneau explained the deadline for the Town filing regarding compliance for the MBTA Communities Zoning Action Plan is January 1, 2023. The Town must file the Community Action Plan, adding that the Planning Board endorsed establishing a basic housing plan by December 31, 2022, and by submitting such procedural filing by January 1 the Town demonstrated compliance.

Related Board discussion took place, and all acknowledged that a related joint meeting with the Planning Board would be scheduled.

Board Member Kouchakdjian motioned to approve MBTA Communities Zoning Action Plan for compliance. Board Member Carty seconded the motion.

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

VOTED: To approve MBTA Communities Zoning Action Plan for compliance

Resident and COD Chair Kay Bell, 348 Old Lancaster Road, inquired about MBTA Action Housing Plan and low-cost housing. Vice-Chair Dretler commented that the proposed multi-housing zoning plan was not necessarily proposing to create additional low-cost housing.

Acknowledge and discuss Open Meeting Law Complaint against Chair Charlie Russo filed by resident Manish Sharma and dated November 17, 2022; review and discuss response to complaint; votes may be taken

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

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

VOTED: To release the legal opinion regarding the Open Meeting Law Complaint against Chair Charlie Russo filed by resident Manish Sharma and dated November 17, 2022

Board Members provided no edits to the legal response provided by Sudbury Town Counsel, confirming that Chair Russo had not violated any Open Meeting Law provision.

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

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

VOTED: To direct KP Law to file their response on behalf of the Town with the Division of Open Government and the Office of the Attorney General, as written in the Select Board Meeting Packet.

Public Comments (Cont.)

None

Vote to review and possibly approve the open session minutes of 10/11/22

Board Member Kouchakdjian motioned to approve the open session minutes of 10/11/22, as edited. Vice-Chair Dretler seconded the motion.

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

VOTED: To approve the open session minutes of 10/11/22, as edited

Upcoming agenda items

December 6, 2022:

- Executive Session
- Tax Classification Hearing
- DEI Interviews (Cont.)
- Energy Committee Interviews

December 20, 2022:

- Small Cell Wireless Committee Update
- KPI Update
- License Renewals
- Eversource Update
- Financial Condition of Town 12/20 or 1/10

Adjourn

Vice-Chair Dretler motioned to adjourn the Select Board meeting. Board Member Kouchakdjian seconded the motion.

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

VOTED: To adjourn the Select Board meeting

There being no further business, the Select Board meeting adjourned at 10:52 PM.

SB Meeting 11/29/22 - Documents & Exhibits

3. Annual Tax Classification hearing - In accordance with General Laws Ch. 40, sec. 56, as amended, to determine the percentage of local tax levy which will be borne by each class of real and personal property, relative to setting the Fiscal Year 2023 tax rate. In attendance will be the Board of Assessors (Joshua M. Fox, Esq. Trevor A. Haydon, Liam J. Vesely, Chair), Cynthia Gerry, Director of Assessing, and presenting will be Harald Scheid and Alex Cervone, Principal Regional Assessors.

Attachments:

3.a TAX CLASSIFICATION HRG 2022

4. Interview the following six applicants for the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission (DEI): Helen Huang (1 yr term), Nadja Lamaute (3 yr term), Nnenna Uneke (3 yr term), Pristine Cyril (2 yr term), Stephanie Hunt (3 yr term), and Thomas Plihcik (3 yr term). Following interviews, vote whether to appoint applicants for terms as requested above.

Attachments:

4.a DEI New Applicant Recommendations
4.b DEI Applications and Resumes Nov 2022

5. Update and discussion on Select Board Transportation Goal

Attachments:

5.a Go Sudbury! 11292022SB spend actual and projected
5.b Draft_CTPS_Sudbury_scope_2022 edited
5.c TAXI SURVEY comments
5.d UBER SURVEY comments

6. Review and possibly vote to approve MBTA Communities Zoning Action Plan for compliance. Adam Duchesneau, Director of Planning & Community Development, to attend.

Attachments:

6.a MBTA Communities Zoning - Action Plan Form & Next Steps
6.b Action Plan Form for MBTA Communities DRAFT 221109

7. Acknowledge and discuss Open Meeting Law Complaint against Chair Charlie Russo filed by resident Manish Sharma and dated November 17, 2022; review and discuss response to complaint; votes may be taken.

Attachments:

7.a OML Complaint Form 2019
7.b KP-#840146-v1-SUDB_response_to_OML_complaint_(Sharma)_v__SB

9. Vote to review and possibly approve the open session minutes of 10/11/22.

Attachments:

9.a SB_draft_10.11.22_for_review

10. Upcoming agenda items

Attachments:

10.a Upcoming items 11.29.22

11. Vote to approve acceptance of MIIA's FY23 Rewards Grant in the amount of \$4,670.90 for the acquisition/procurement of the confined space entry equipment and ladders in accordance with the Grant Program and attached statement, as requested by Dan Nason, DPW Director.

Attachments:

11.a GrantStatement

13. Vote to enter into the Town record and congratulate Dylan Glin, Benjamin Rippey, Samuel Greenblatt, and Karter Singh of BSA Scout Troop 60 for having achieved the high honor of Eagle Scout.

Attachments:

13.a Troop 60 Eagle Scouts