

SUDBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2015
8:00 AM, FLYNN BUILDING
SECOND FLOOR, SILVA ROOM

Present: Chairman Patricia A. Brown, Vice-Chairman Susan N. Iuliano, Selectman Charles C. Woodard, Selectman Robert C. Haarde, Selectman Leonard A. Simon, Town Counsel Barbara Saint Andre, and Town Manager Melissa Murphy-Rodrigues.

Chairman Brown called meeting to order at 8:00 AM in the Thompson Room.

Vote whether to call a Special Town Meeting for Tuesday, February 9, 2016, 7:30 pm, Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School, for the purpose of voting 1) Whether or not to approve any proposed amendments to the Regional Agreement, and, 2) Whether or not to withdraw from the District, pursuant to the Initial Withdrawal provisions of such proposed amendments. In addition, vote on whether to request that the Minuteman Regional School District name Sudbury as a declarant in the Initial Withdrawal section of such proposed amendments. Also, vote to open the warrant commencing December 23, 2015, and to close the warrant for said Special Town Meeting at 5:00 pm on January 4, 2016.

Motion made by Susan and seconded by Chuck Woodard and Pat Brown.

Len Simon provided the following report. He attended the Minuteman School Committee meeting last night (12/21), and there were three items on the agenda:

1. Vote to approve the revised Regional Agreement. This was voted.
2. Whether or not to vote for a new debt for construction for new school
3. Whether to enter into an IMA (Inter-municipal Agreement) between Minuteman and the Town of Lincoln.

The Selectmen met last Thursday in Weston where there was slight change to revised regional agreement – added Lincoln and Carlisle. This was on page 7 of the revised regional agreement; he will distribute copy. That was the only change.

They also voted for towns in the district within seven days to notify them to address this at their special town meeting.

The other piece of information was that he sent the proposal to other town's BOS's suggesting that they de-couple the fundraising or bonding for the new school from a vote. The reasons for this: (1) unless towns that were going to approve the agreement and stay in district, they wouldn't know how many students would be there and it would be difficult to calculate the capital cost, and (2) there was concern about possible confusion at town meeting by voting for new debt and new regional agreement, and (3) there would only be a delay of 8 weeks between of approval of the regional agreement and if towns wish to have a second town meeting to approve the new debt.

Both votes on the new regional agreement tabled vote on the new debt, and passed unanimously.

The school committee decided to enter into negotiations with Lincoln re: IMA with minuteman and Lincoln.

Pat Brown stated that for purposes of Special Town Meeting, we need language on the regional agreement. Pat also said Jim Kelly asked about placing an item on the Special Town Meeting Warrant regarding selling the old Police Station. We need a sense from the Board on whether or not this is appropriate to suggest to Jim that he get this together for the 2/9/15 STM. All articles must be approved by Town Counsel, and the Warrant closes on January 4th. Susan recommends that maybe Jim can do this, and put a placeholder for Annual Town Meeting. Len asked if Jim can provide specifics on this article? We may need to call a special BOS meeting. All in consensus for Jim to prepare that article for us for the 1/5 meeting. Pat asked Melissa to have Jim work on this.

Motion, seconded.

All in favor – aye, for preparing article for Special Town Meeting.

VOTE To reconsider item #1 to open warrant. So moved. Motion to open warrant.

Discussion and potential vote regarding Town Counsel services

Pat referred discussion to Town Counsel, Barbara Saint Andre.

Barbara referred to letter signed by herself and Chris Petrini; January 8 is her last day with Petrini. It's now up to the Board what you want to do. If we go to Kopelman & Paige we'll retain Barbara as Town Counsel; K&P will honor the current contract. Chuck asked Barbara why she is leaving Petrini. She replied that she was offered a really good opportunity; will do more variety of cases; will still represent towns; and her personal schedule has changed. Chuck mentioned that K&P was a second choice last year. Len congratulated Barbara on this move. There are still two more years on the contract – to 2017.

Susan shared that it's in the Town's best interest to continue to work with Barbara. Bob agreed. Len pointed out that K&P oversaw the Selectmen's recount last year, and has high confidence in this firm.

Motion made by Chuck Woodard, and was seconded, to vote to transfer town counsel services to Kopelman & Paige under terms of the contract with Petrini & Associates effective Jan. 11, 2016.

All in favor – aye. Vote was Unanimous

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:25 a.m.