

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, JULY 24, 2000

Present: Chairman Kirsten D. Roopenian, Selectman Lawrence W. O'Brien. Selectman John C. Drobinski was absent.

The statutory requirement for notice having been met, the meeting convened at 7:10 p.m. at the Town Hall, 322 Concord Road.

Meeting with Massachusetts Highway Department

Present: Matthew J. Amorello, Massachusetts Highway Department; David Soule, Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC); John Schneider, Executive Director, MetroWest Growth Management Committee; Representative Susan Pope; I. William Place, Director, Public Works.

Chairman Kirsten D. Roopenian thanked those present for attending the meeting, given their busy schedules. She stated the purpose of this meeting was to discuss the traffic light at the corner of Nobscot Road on Route 20. She briefly updated the group as follows: *This project has been important to Sudbury for a number of years, but most importantly, is the commitment the Town received in June of 1999 from Massachusetts Highway Department that the project was on the 2000 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Based on that commitment, the Town believed the project was ready to move forward. Much to our dismay and disappointment we learned in March of 2000 that the project had been removed from the list and would not be advertised.*

Chairman Roopenian stated, specifically to Mr. Matthew Amorello, Massachusetts Highway Department, that this meeting was to discuss the future of the project and whether a commitment can be made to the Town of a time certain, and whether to advertise the project. She addressed Mr. David Soule, Metropolitan Area Planning Council, as to whether MAPC would actively support and work with the Town, Mr. Amorello and Mass. Highway to see that the intersection project moves forward.

Ms. Roopenian asked for guidance on the correct process and procedures toward accomplishing this goal, who the appropriate contact people are, and to establish ongoing communications between MAPC, Mass. Highway, and the Town of Sudbury for other projects.

Ms. Roopenian asked Mr. Amorello if the Town could get a commitment that the light is on the 2001 TIP list. Mr. Matthew Amorello responded *the project is a priority of District 3 (which Sudbury is in). He stated Massachusetts Highway Department, MAPC and other planning groups, as part of special legislation passed by the State Legislature regarding the central artery project, as well as direction from the US Department of Transportation and Federal Highways, have been working together to have a stronger relationship in place for the State of Massachusetts in our planning process in working more closely with planning agencies. Not only are we talking about the federal government which is the primary responsibility of the regional planning agencies but also working with the folks from Mass. Highway in terms of the state dollars in the program so that our priority list and our agenda items that we develop at the Highway Department are going to be more reflected with a partnership with the RPA so that the \$380,000 project at Nobscot Road and Route 20 is one of the priorities for this region. It is our commitment to work to put it on the TIP list as it's being developed as a project that is being reflected as the spirit of cooperation and the memorandum of the TIP to be signed between all of us so that it would be a blueprint for the future.*

I'm here tonight at the request of Representative Pope. She's had me out here on a couple of other occasions to see this particular intersection and to give the assurances that it is a priority for us at Mass.

Highway and District 3. It is our intention to have it on the 2001 TIP list. That list is now being developed, within the next couple of months. As soon as the list is finalized and approved, and we can move it out to bid, we will move it out to bid as 100% designed, all the certificates in place. There are some issues with the gas station plus other issues you asked us to look at. There's been some discussion along those lines.

You have our commitment and my commitment to move this. As a former legislator, I share the frustration when a project is on the list and then projects do not move forward. We have to put faith in the Highway Department to establish a list that is real and that can be matched so that when we provide information to communities we stick to it, and we keep moving that agenda forward. Then we will not have Representative Pope calling in alarm.

I understand this project was on the 1999 TIP list, and it did not move forward. It did not stay on the 2000 TIP list. And I understand where that could cause some concern and feeling that it is not on track. Having the interest of the State Representative and us here tonight, asking if you're doing all the right things, you're showing the community that your legislative leadership is getting through to me at the Highway Department. We in turn will work with the MAPC to make sure that we're working on the same kind of priorities.

Chairman Roopenian commended Representative Pope for her hard work on this matter. Ms. Pope reiterated the Board's concerns of approaching the process correctly, and wanted to know when this project was going to be funded.

Mr. Amorello stated many changes have occurred in the past few months, including reduction in federal funds, a 40% cut in federal highway dollars, allowing the Highway Department to change the direction and scope of how they do business. He opined there is a stronger relationship between the Department and the regional planning agencies to work together to establish priorities. He suggested an issue may be that the Town of Sudbury is in District 3 and that MAPC is a broad area of over 101 cities and towns covering several Districts.

Mr. Amorello stated this is a priority for District 3, and it will be on their list when that list is being developed, and working with the regional planning agency to ensure it.

Chairman Roopenian thanked Mr. John Schneider, Executive Director, MetroWest Growth Management Committee for attending.

Ms. Roopenian distributed a copy of the project timeline. She stated the Town had received a letter from MAPC saying this project had been removed from the TIP list, and she asked whether that removal had been by recommendation of MAPC or just what happened. She asked for enlightenment of the process in general and how best to proceed from this point.

Mr. David Soule, Metropolitan Area Planning Council, thanked Chairman Roopenian for the opportunity to come before the Board. He stated this is an indication of what he hoped the Town would perceive as excellent service. He stated it is rare that Commissioner Amorello and himself are present on the same night to meet with the board, and that it shows their interest in the project. He reported Mr. Schneider gave up another meeting to make sure this issue was addressed.

Mr. Soule concurred with Mr. Amorello's comments that a spirit of cooperation has been developing. They appeared together in front of the Legislature during the "bail-out" for the Big Dig when the latest cost overruns were presented. He stressed that, as committed as they are to the Big Dig, they are as

committed to the statewide Road and Bridge Program and that it did not get mixed up with Chapter 90 and other local aid formulas. He stated the \$400 million Road and Bridge Program was something that needed to be enhanced and sustained. He stated further the Legislature and regional planning agencies put another \$100 million into the program to guarantee that those projects could be met.

Mr. Soule stated this particular project last appeared in the FY99 TIP and that is where the confusion started. It showed up as a \$180,000 project in the FY99 TIP which expired a year ago. There were a number of projects that were caught in a crunch at that particular time due to the tightening up of both the federal and the state funds. It fell into a "limbo" status. He declared that MAPC advised the Town of Sudbury they were in such a status, to make them aware this type of project is at a place where no one can take action on it. He stated, if the Highway Commissioner is prepared to present the Nobscot/Route 20 Intersection as one of his projects on the state list for FY2001, the MAPC will certainly support including it on the state list. He commented further he has seen correspondence to that effect, and that MAPC is only one of fourteen members of the Metropolitan Planning Organization. He added that some of the other members, such as Valerie Mulvey, Framingham, Maureen Dwinnell, Hopkinton, and Gordon Feltman, Bedford, would have liked to attend this evening

Mr. Soule stated the project has increased in price from \$180,000 in FY99, with the latest cost estimates indicated at \$341,000. It is fully signed and ready to go, and can be advertised as soon as it is included in the TIP. He opined the state list will have a lot of competition to be included on it. He indicated the rest of the FY2000 TIP would be finalized the following morning, and that the list for FY2001 is beginning. He stated the first indication of the process for FY2001 should occur in the next two weeks. He stated further MAPC is certainly sensitized to making sure the Nobscot intersection shows up on the list.

Mr. Soule expressed fascination with the timeline as it dates back to 1983. He stated, with the strong partnership that the Commissioner mentioned between the regions, local officials, and the State, the MAPC wants as many projects as possible to go forward. He opined having projects that are ready to go, have all the permits done, have all the rights-of-way completed, makes it possible to expedite those projects.

Chairman Roopenian asked about the role of the Metropolitan Planning Office in this process. She stated Ms. Mulvey is one of the Town's representatives in that group. Mr. Soule stated he has only one vote, as does Commissioner Amorello. He stated it is important that communications stay strong. He stated a letter from the Board or Town Manager is recommended, that the MAPC will communicate for the Town, but advised that all members of the MPO be apprised.

Mr. Amorello stated, from Mass. Highway's perspective, they will work very diligently to communicate to the MAPC that this is a priority for their department. He concurred that all necessary parts are in place to get this project out under construction.

Town Manager Valente asked for clarification on the relationship between the MAPC, Mass. Highway, and the MPO. Further, while Mr. Amorello declares this project to be a priority, it is actually the MPO who will make the decision. Mr. Amorello opined there is a great deal of cooperation and respect within the MPO toward other agencies and for their projects. He indicated greater cooperation with regard to state-funded projects as compared with projects supported by state and federal funds. He opined that, in the past, TIP lists became "wish lists" with projects that were not really ready to go forward. He stated accurate information is sought for projects that are actually going to happen, and that the Mass. Highway Department is working at the community level to make themselves more responsive to those needs. Mr. Amorello indicated local projects should be significant to the local community, Mass. Highway, and the regional planning agencies as they benefit residents from an entire area and not just one community.

Mr. Soule stated there are two pots of money over which the MPO has jurisdiction. One is controlled by the State. If the Commissioner supports putting the project on the State list, that is fine. The Commissioner has the authority to put that list together; if he does, the MAPC will certainly support it.

Selectman O'Brien asked Commissioner Amorello if this project was a priority for District 3. Mr. Amorello responded that if he stated it was a priority for District 3, it is also his priority. Mr. O'Brien wanted to know specifically who the Town should contact to make sure this project stays high enough on the list that it stays within the money flow. Commissioner Amorello indicated that person to be himself. He stated he already talked to District 3. Selectman O'Brien asked Commissioner Amorello if he was going to "carry the ball for Sudbury". Mr. Amorello responded "yes", and that District 3 basically works for him.

Selectman O'Brien asked what else the Town can do to keep this project in the forefront. Mr. Amorello reiterated Mr. Soule's suggestion that all members of the MPO be contacted by the Town, asking for their support for this project.

Mr. O'Brien asked how the Town can track the process, possibly by the Internet. Commissioner Amorello stated the Internet is not yet being used this way, but his office can be contacted at any time. He suggested keeping Representative Pope in the loop as she knows how to contact them as well. He indicated the MPO and TIP lists will be developed over the next few weeks, with those lists in place by October 1, the start of the federal fiscal year. He stated that, once it is on the list and certified, it will be advertised. If all those things happen, the Nobscot/Route 20 project should start in the spring.

Mr. O'Brien asked what criteria is used to get a project on the TIP list. Traffic improvement, safety, usage of the road were all listed as factors in evaluating a project. Mr. Amorello stated the Legislature will send \$500 million to the Highway Department over the next four years, \$100 million of which will be applied toward bridge projects. He opined that future funding formulas will split money 50/50 between the artery project and state projects, instead of the current 71/29 split.

Chairman Roopenian asked if funds offered by developers help a project go forward. The response was yes, as long as the design and other criteria are met.

I. William Place, Director, Public Works, stated the design for this intersection was paid through Chapter 90, stated two other intersections also need improvements due to increased number of accidents, and asked about hiring designers to work on improvements. He expressed frustration having the designs while sitting and waiting for funds to come through. He indicated this project has been in process since 1983. Commissioner Amorello stated the relocation of Route 44 in Plymouth has been in process since 1920 when the state survey crew came to lay out the route. He stated additional federal funds have been allocated for bikeways, certain road improvements and other projects, and those funds are being forwarded to the regional planning agencies.

Mr. John Schneider, Executive Director, MetroWest Growth Management Committee, stated his organization can help facilitate information, answer questions, etc. in order to keep all parties informed.

Maryann Clark, a resident of 118 Nobscot Road, expressed disappointment that this project has been on the books since 1983. She related an example of heavy road usage: transportation of loam from the Hawes property over to the Kane facility in Hudson, using large trucks making many trips through this particular intersection. She stated a traffic light would certainly help in this effort, making it safe and more organized. She asked if the Town could get something in writing to ensure that this project will indeed go forward.

Mr. Amorello responded that, if something falls through the cracks, his office would notify the Town. Mr. Schneider stated this project would be discussed at MWGMC meetings as well.

Chairman Roopenian stated the Board met with the MWGMC and the MPO in May when the Central Transportation Plan was discussed. Many shared concerns were expressed at that time. She opined the political process sometimes leaves much to be desired and timetables become skewed.

Commissioner Amorello stated his job is to manage the budget and funds he is given. When more dollars become available, they will endeavor to see that more money is spent in this region.

Chairman Roopenian thanked all parties for attending this evening.

Department of Public Works Contracts

Present: I. William Place, Director, Public Works.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, the following contracts:

Contract 2001-CM-1 Cemetery Mowing (Sole Bidder)

- 1) Mowing and trimming 15 times @ \$1,550 = \$23,250 and Fall Cleanup @ \$3,000 – RNH Landscape & Design

Contract 2001-F-1 Diesel Fuel (Low Bidder)

- 1) Based on N. Y. Journal of Commerce Boston Tank Car Price(.7460)on 1-1-2000, a price differential of +.0775 with no transportation cost @ .8235/gallon—Alliance Express/ Heating Oil Partners LP

Contract 2001-M-1 Bituminous Materials (Split Bid)

- 1) Class I Bit. Conc. Type I @ \$27.00/ton At the Plant and \$30.00/ton delivered E. H. Perkins Corp.
- 2) Class I Bit. Conc. Type I @ \$ 27.00/ton At the Plant—Brox Industries
- 3) Type I Dense Mix @ \$ 27.00/ton At the Plant—Brox Industries
- 4) Type I Dense Mix @ \$31.00/ton Delivered E.H. Perkins Corp.
- 5) Asphalt Cold Patch w/additive NO BID
- 6) Asphalt Cold Patch w/out additives NO BID
- 7) Tar cold Patch NO BID
- 8) Mag. Cold Patch 70 @ \$55.00/ton At the Plant and \$58.50/ton Delivered—E.H.Perkins Corp.

Contract 2001-M-3 Borrow Materials (Split Bid)

- 1a) Ordinary Borrow @ \$4.00/ton At the Plant—E.H. Perkins Corp.
- 1b) Ordinary Borrow @ \$5.50/ton Delivered --Assabet Sand & Gravel
- 2) Gravel Borrow (bank run) @ \$6.50/ton At the Plant & \$6.65/ton Delivered—Assabet Sand & Gravel
- 3) Gravel Borrow (Screened) @ \$7.50/ton At the Plant & \$8.65/ton Delivered--- Assabet Sand & Gravel
- 4) Processed Crushed Bank Run @ \$7.50/ton At the Plant & 8.65/ton Delivered---Assabet Sand & Gravel

- 5) Loam Borrow @ \$11.50/per yd³ At the Plant & \$12.00/per yd Delivered ---Assabet Sand & Gravel
- 6) Loam Sceded @ \$15.00/ton At the Plant & \$17.50/ton Delivered---E.H.Perkins Corp
- 7) Sand Borrow @ \$6.00/ton At the Plant & \$7.50/ ton Delivered---Assabet Sand & Gravel
- 8) Sand (ice control) @ \$6.75/ton At the Plant & \$7.70/ton Delivered---Assabet Sand & Gravel
- 9) Sand (bit. Cover) @ \$6.75/ton At the Plant & \$8.25/ton Delivered---Assabet Sand & Gravel
- 10) Brick Sand @ \$9.50/ton At the Plant & \$11.65/ton Delivered---Assabet Sand & Gravel
- 11) Concrete Sand @ \$6.75/ton At the Plant & \$8.25/ton Delivered---Assabet Sand & Gravel
- 12) Pea Stone Mix (sand 60/40%) @ \$8.25/ton At the Plant & \$10.50/ton Delivered--- Assabet Sand & Gravel
- 13) Pea Stone Mix (sand 40/60%) @ \$9.00/ton At the Plant & \$11.25/ton Delivered---Assabet Sand & Gravel
- 14) Pea Stone Mix (sand 30/70%) @ \$9.75/ton At the Plant & \$12.00 Delivered---Assabet Sand & Gravel
- 15) Pea Stone Washed @ \$9.00/ton At the Plant & \$11.25/ton Delivered---Assabet Sand & Gravel
- 16) Pea Stone @ \$9.00/ton At the Plant & \$11.25/ton Delivered---Assabet Sand & Gravel
- 17) ¾" Stone @ \$ 10.50/ton At the Plant & \$11.50/ton Delivered---E.H.Perkins Corp
- 18) 1 ½" Stone @ \$10.50/ton At the Plant & \$11.50/ton Delivered---E.H.Perkins Corp
- 19) 1-3" Stone @ \$ 10.50/ton At the Plant & \$12.50/ton Delivered---E.H.Perkins Corp
- 20) Processed Crushed Base Mix @ \$ 8.00/ton At the Plant & \$9.75/ton Delivered--E.H.Perkins Corp.

Contract 2001-M-5 Manhole/Catch Basin Frames/Grates/Covers (Sole Bidder)

- 1) With Le Baron Foundry, Inc. in accordance with bid opened June 15, 2000

Contract 2001-T-1 Trees and Stumps Removal and Disposal (Split Bid)

A) Complete Removal

- 1) 48-53" @ \$475.00—Rusty's Landscaping
- 2) 42-47" @ \$405.00---Rusty's Landscaping
- 3) 36-41" @ \$500.00---Rusty's Landscaping
- 4) 30-35" @ \$500.00---Rusty's Landscaping
- 5) 24-29" @ \$400.00---Rusty's Landscaping
- 6) 18-23" @ \$230.00 each---Rusty's Landscaping
- 7) 12-17" @ \$170.00 each Rusty's Landscaping
- 8) 6-11" @ \$40.00 each---Rusty's Landscaping

B) Top Removal

- 1) 48-53" @ \$325.00 each---Rusty's Landscaping
- 2) 42-47" @ \$250.00 each---Rusty's Landscaping
- 3) 36-41" @ \$180.00 each---Rusty's Landscaping
- 4) 30-35" @ \$140.00 each---Rusty's Landscaping
- 5) 24-29" @ \$125.00 each---Rusty's Landscaping
- 6) 18-23" @ \$60.00 each----Rusty's Landscaping
- 7) 12-17" @ \$30.00 each----Rusty's Landscaping
- 8) 06-11" @ \$10.00 each----Rusty's Landscaping

C) Stump Grinding

- 1) Day Rate (8 hours) @v \$400.00 Rusty's landscaping & Assabet Tree (Both)

2) Hourly Rate @ \$ 50.00/per hr. Rusty's Landscaping & Assabet Tree (Both)

D) Tree Climber w/helper

1) Day Rate (8 hours) @ \$360.00---Rusty's landscaping

2) Hourly Rate @ \$45.00/per hr.---Rusty's Landscaping

E) Sky Worker w/operator

1) Day Rate (8 hours) @ \$480.00/per day---Rusty's Landscaping

2) Hourly Rate @ \$60.00/per hr. ---Rusty's Landscaping

F) Chipper w/operator

1) Day Rate (8 hours) @ \$200.00/per day---Rusty's Landscaping & Assabet Tree (Both)

2) Hourly Rate @ \$25.00/per hr.---Rusty's Landscaping & Assabet Tree (Both)

Tree – Old Lancaster Road/Meadow Drive

Present: I. William Place, Director, Public Works; Doug and Lisa Barth, 286 Old Lancaster Road; Richard Gariepy, 213 Old Lancaster Road; other abutters.

The Board was in receipt of a report, dated July 18, 2000, from the Director of Public Works relative to the outcome of the July 11, 2000 public hearing at the DPW garage on the question of removing an oak tree at the intersection of Old Lancaster Road and Meadow Drive. The tree was deemed hazardous by Safety Officer Hutchinson and DPW Director William Place as it inhibits sight distance. Recommendations include increased police presence, removal of brush around tree to improve sight distance, and continued monitoring of sight distance and accident reports.

I. William Place, Director, Public Works, presented photographs taken this day, depicting the area around the tree has been cleared, greatly improving the sight distance. He noted that the area residents cleared the brush, from both the Old Lancaster Road side and Meadow Drive. He stated the Police Department will increase police presence and monitor accidents at that location.

Selectman O'Brien expressed appreciation for being able to keep the tree, noting the stark appearance of another location where four large trees were recently removed. He implored residents to take care driving through all parts of Sudbury, to show respect for other neighborhoods other than their own, and, above all, to observe the posted speed limits in Town. Chairman Roopenian echoed these sentiments.

Richard Gariepy, 213 Old Lancaster Road, suggested posting a warning sign indicating that the road narrows in that spot. Mr. Place indicated it could easily be done.

Lisa Barth, 286 Old Lancaster Road, thanked the Board for keeping the residents informed of the process, and expressed appreciation for their combined efforts at keeping Old Lancaster Road safe for those who travel and live on it.

Town Manager Valente stated a Traffic Summit is being planned for sometime this fall to discuss various approaches to the traffic situation throughout the Town. She opined many of the infractions are actually caused by Sudbury residents trying to get from one part of Town to another. She suggested some kind of public awareness campaign, as well as exploring traffic calming techniques. Ms. Valente stated the Old Lancaster Road residents would be notified through Ms. Barth. Chairman Roopenian stated the announcement would also be posted on the web site when it is again operating.

Utility Petition 00-05, Hadley & Haynes Roads

At 8:00 p.m. Chairman Roopenian reconvened a Public Hearing for the purpose of continued consideration of Utility Petition #00-05 of Boston Edison Company for the installation of 1025 feet of conduit in Haynes and Hadley Roads. This matter was continued from July 10, 2000.

Town Manager Valente stated this matter should be tabled due to insufficient information.

After discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To continue this hearing until August 14, 2000.

Chamber of Commerce Banner Project

The Board reviewed the following: (1) a letter, dated July 15, 2000, from David L. Levington, Sudbury Chamber of Commerce, stating the existing banners will be replaced with a new design; and (2) a letter, dated July 21, 2000, from the Design Review Board, stating the crooked utility poles detract from the banners and that two colors would be more effective than three. The DRB also felt the design was too nautical, having nothing to do with Sudbury's heritage, but otherwise liking the idea of quarterly designs. A design contest was suggested.

Selectman O'Brien asked if the banner hangers could be used for something by the Chamber or other organizations when quarterly banners are not displayed, possibly holiday designs to "shop Sudbury". Town Manager Valente stated she would forward the comment. Chairman Roopenian suggested contacting the Goodnow Library as they may wish to publicize various programs.

After discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To endorse the second phase of the banner project of the Sudbury Chamber of Commerce, subject to the approval by the Massachusetts Highway Department.

Minutes

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the regular and executive sessions of July 10, 2000, as drafted.

Council on Aging Donations

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept \$104.87 in miscellaneous donations, to be deposited into the Van Donation Account, and to authorize the Council on Aging to expend same for the purposes of operating and maintaining the Council on Aging vans.

Fire Department Donations

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept on behalf of the Town and Fire Department the following donations: (1) \$9.19 in miscellaneous donations collected by Scott Pheifer and Michael Wright, and (2) \$50 from Stephen and Alayna Hale, 5673 Mireille Drive, San Jose, CA 95118, both to be placed in the Fire Department gift account for purchase of a thermal imaging camera.

Library Network Contract

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve, on behalf of the Goodnow Library, a contract with Minuteman Library Network for participation in said network for the period ending June 30, 2001, at a cost of \$27,698.98.

Sudbury Cultural Council Resignation

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept the resignation, dated June 30, 2000, of Janice C. Rudolf from the Sudbury Cultural Council, and to send a letter of appreciation for her service to the Town.

Election Officers Appointments

Selectman Lawrence O'Brien stated he had previously served as an Election Officer prior to his election to the Board of Selectmen. He has resigned from his position as Election Officer, and his wife graciously stepped in to serve in his place. He felt it a conflict of interest to cast a vote on her appointment, and asked that her name be held from appointments made this evening. Chairman Roopenian agreed.

After discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Election Officers to serve for the 2000-2001 Election Year commencing August 15, 2000, in accordance with the names (Lauren O'Brien excluded) supplied by the Democratic Town Committee Chairman dated May 1, 2000, and the Republican Town Committee Chairman dated May 19, 2000, and approved by the Town Clerk. Ms. O'Brien's appointment will be voted at a later date.

Land Use Priorities Committee

Chairman Roopenian reported many members of the Land Use Priorities Committee are presently unavailable, and the Committee's report will be presented at a later date.

Alexander Automotive – Storage Trailer

Town Manager Valente stated the permit granted to Alexander Automotive in November of 1998 for a temporary storage trailer has expired. The applicant has been notified. Ms. Valente noted the applicant has requested additional time as the project is taking longer than expected. She recommended allowing four to eight weeks for removal of the trailer as there have been no complaints.

Selectman O'Brien suggested a definite date be attached. The Board agreed on Monday, October 2.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To extend the permit granted to James Alexander on behalf of Alexander Automotive for a temporary storage trailer/container on property at 316 Boston Post Road until October 2, 2000.

Special Town Meeting 10/23/2000 and Ballot Question 11/7/2000

The Board of Selectmen reviewed a schedule prepared by staff for the calling of a Special Town Meeting and placing a Proposition 2 ½ question on the State Election ballot to accommodate the building project of the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School and to consider recodification of the Sudbury Zoning Bylaw.

Accordingly, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To call a Special Town Meeting to be held on Monday, October 23, 2000, at 7:30 p.m. in the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School Auditorium, opening the Warrant therefor, and to close said Warrant on Friday, August 18, 2000, at 5:00 p.m., and further unanimously

VOTED: To advise those who might wish to submit articles that the Board of Selectmen desires the Special Town Meeting to be confined, if possible, to the two major issues of the high school construction and the bylaw recodification, and to request that any matter not of an emergency nature be held until the April Annual Town Meeting.

It was further, on motion unanimously

VOTED: To place the following question on the November 7, 2000 State Election Ballot:

Shall the Town of Sudbury be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for its apportioned share of the bond issued by the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School District in order to finance costs of constructing and equipping a new District High School, which may incorporate a portion of the existing District High School, including the financing of all other costs incidental and related thereto?

SERF – Vidbel's Olde Tyme Circus

Town Manager Valente stated she spoke with Jamie Gossels of SERF regarding restoration of the field following the circus performance. They agreed to meet after the circus this year to view the condition of the field. Ms. Valente opined this effort should be one of planning, and to determine a baseline for future years. She stated she did not ask SERF for a financial commitment at this time.

Cablevision License Transfer Meeting

Town Manager Valente stated there will be a Public Hearing tomorrow to consider an application for transfer of the cable television license held by Cablevision of Massachusetts, Inc. to AT&T Corporation. She indicated this hearing is for license transfer only and has nothing to do with services provided to any specific community. Selectman O'Brien stated he was planning to attend the hearing.

Third Quarter Tax Bills

Town Manager Valente stated there is a possibility the Town will have to issue third quarter estimated tax bills. This means the Tax Classification Hearing would not occur until mid-February instead of in December. She stated this is the year when the largest number of communities go through a re-evaluation and certification process. A third quarter estimated bill would reflect the same tax figure as in the first and second quarters. Fourth quarter bills would be actual amounts, with adjustments reflected. Ms. Valente stated this situation will not affect budget planning.

Hosmer House

Town Manager Valente asked the Board to consider the relationship with the Hosmer House with regard to the possibility of increased maintenance and additional insurance on the contents. She stated a painting belonging to the Town has been discovered, worth approximately \$20,000 on initial appraisal. Additional insurance costs on property and contents may impact budget planning. She stated the current insurance rider for individual items carries a cap of \$2,500 per item, and a different type of coverage may be required. Appraisal of items may cost up to \$15,000, and then require the Town to secure the additional coverage. Ms. Valente stated she would put together pertinent information for the Board's consideration.

Sudbury Youth Soccer Commission

Town Manager Valente stated a proposal has been submitted from the Sudbury Youth Soccer Commission to do some work on the Haskell field. She stated she met with Pat Savage, Director, Park and Recreation, and Bill Place, Director, Public Works, to discuss it. The proposal consists of turf management and development of a well to provide water to maintain the field. Ms. Valente expressed concerns to the Commission that this effort must be ongoing, if approved, so that future maintenance costs are not a surprise and an impact on Town resources.

Selectman O'Brien asked if the new mowing contract might be amended to include the mowing of Haskell field. Ms. Valente stated she would look into it. She stated Department of Public Works has limited manpower to cover all the duties required of them.

Mr. O'Brien asked about other sources of money, such as grants. Ms. Valente stated one of the duties of the new Assistant Town Manager will be to research grant funds, write grant applications, and to monitor just where those piles of money might be.

Discussion followed on various ways organizations and individuals can donate funds to the Town for specific purposes.

LSRHS

Chairman Roopenian stated a meeting was recently held with the architects for the new school. Town officials, Board of Selectmen, and professional staff were invited to meet with the architectural staff. She stated she plans to compose a summary memo to note pertinent comments. Town Manager Valente stated she plans to walk through the school with staff to see if the Town might utilize parts of the existing building for other purposes. Ms. Valente stated she would forward any comments to the Board.

Brimstone Lane

Chairman Roopenian stated there is still no report from some of the professional staff in Framingham with regard to the Brimstone Lane situation. GZA Environmental is the consultant; their preliminary findings have been distributed. Water quality and quantity seems to be the main concern from the Framingham perspective. The Sudbury perspective centers on access with respect to fire protection, narrowness of Brimstone Lane and access to Route 20, and the impact on services the Town of Sudbury would be expected to offer. She cited a recent event where a truck jackknifed in the area, and the fire truck could not get up there to assist and had to back down the hill. She asked that copies of the GZA report be forwarded to the Town Planner, Conservation Commission, and Sudbury Valley Trustees. She stated the hearing with the Conservation Commission will be held on August 6, 2000.

Board of Selectmen and Town Manager Goals for FY2001

Chairman Roopenian presented the Statement of Values and Goals for Board of Selectmen and Town Manager for Fiscal Year 2001, reading through the document line by line. Values include:

- Protect and Enhance the Financial Health of the Town
- Protect and Enhance the Education Excellence offered by the Town
- Protect and Enhance the Unique Sense of Place offered by the Town
- Protect and Enhance the Professionalism of the Town's Staff, Boards, and Committees
- Protect the Environmental Quality of Town
- Enhance Relationships and Communications
- Emphasize Long-term Planning and Outlook

Ms. Roopenian stated this report will be available to residents at the Town Manager's Office, Town Clerk, Goodnow Library, and on the Town web site. Selectman O'Brien invited citizens to feel free to contact the Board with any questions they may have.

Executive Session

A scheduled Executive Session was called by Chairman Roopenian at 9:15 p.m. to discuss litigation matters. She announced that the Board would not return to open session following the Executive Session.

It was on motion by roll call

VOTED: To enter into an executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation in the matter of Town of Sudbury v. Alice Mahoney, et. al. (Chairman Roopenian, aye, Selectman O'Brien, aye).

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Attest: _____
Maureen G. Valente
Town Manager-Clerk