

IN BOARD OF SUDBURY SELECTMEN  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2012

Present: Chairman Lawrence W. O'Brien, Vice-Chairman Robert C. Haarde, Selectman John C. Drobinski and Town Manager Maureen G. Valente

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, the meeting was convened at 7:35 p.m. in the Lower Town Hall, 322 Concord Road.

**Opening Remarks**

At 7:35 p.m., Chairman O'Brien opened the meeting. He stated the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) is seeking an Associate Member, who will also be a member of the Earth Removal Board. Anyone interested should contact Zoning Board Coordinator Sally Hild. Chairman O'Brien also announced the League of Women Voters will sponsor a Voter's Candidate Night to be held at the Goodnow Library on October 15, 2012 at 7:30 p.m., featuring the four candidates for Sudbury's Senate seat. He also reminded residents to vote in the November 6<sup>th</sup> State and National Election. The Town Clerk's Office will be open late until 8:00 p.m. on October 17, 2012, which is the last day for voter registration. Additional information is available on the Town website.

**Reports from the Town Manager**

Town Manager Valente reminded citizens that Town offices will be closed on Monday, October 8, 2012 for the Columbus Day Holiday. She announced that, yesterday, Sudbury went "live" with its combined dispatch for Police and Fire services. The system is working well and as was expected. Ms. Valente noted 911 calls no longer need to be transferred, if called in on land lines, which should offer residents more efficient service.

Town Manager Valente recognized the excellent work done by the Police Department recently, when burglars were apprehended and possessions were returned to two homes which had been robbed.

**Reports from the Board of Selectmen**

Selectman Drobinski attended Sudbury's Colonial Fair last weekend. He reported good attendance, in spite of the weather, noting the event is a good celebration of Sudbury's history.

Vice-Chairman Haarde also attended the Colonial Fair with local Cub Scouts, and stated the event was enjoyed by many.

Vice-Chairman Haarde asked if there should be follow-up discussion at a Board meeting regarding the Fairbank Building, as a result of the Special Town Meeting vote on the proposed article. Chairman O'Brien stated an agenda item has already been set aside on the Board's October 16, 2012 meeting.

Chairman O'Brien stated collective bargaining discussions are continuing with Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School (L-SRHS), and an Executive Session meeting is scheduled tonight, which he will attend following this meeting.

**Sudbury Cable Access Corporation - Discussion and Annual Performance Evaluation**

Present: Sudbury Access Corporation (SAC) (President Jeff Winston and Executive Director Lynn Puorro and SAC Board members

At 7:45 p.m., Chairman O'Brien welcomed Jeff Winston and Lynn Puorro to the meeting to update the community on the activities of the Sudbury Cable Access Corporation (SAC), which was created four years ago. The Board was previously in receipt of the "Sudbury Access Corporation 2011-2012 Financial & Operating Reports dated 10/2/2012," which provides details on notable accomplishments during the past year.

Sudbury Access Corporation President Jeff Winston introduced fellow SAC Board members Terry Lockhart, Bill Powell and Nancy Brumbeck who were also in attendance, noting Marty Greenstein was unable to attend. He reported SAC made significant upgrades to its website last year. Mr. Winston also noted SAC launched many new programs, and he asked Ms. Puorro to provide examples.

Ms. Puorro stated a cooking show for children aired last year, as did a new show featuring Coach Kate from the Curtis Middle School. She also stated a weekly news show was commenced, with three people rotating hosting duties. Production Manager Cliff McGann also initiated a drive-in movie show of classic movies shown on Saturday and Sunday evenings. Ms. Puorro also stated a local art dealer hosted a monthly show featuring local artists.

Mr. Winston stated several production workshops were held to teach the public how to use equipment, and training sessions were held at the Middle School and for the Park and Recreation Commission. He noted a capital project was completed enabling the Silva Conference Room in the Flynn Building to be used for cable-cast meetings.

Mr. Winston stated the Town's fiber network, which was built by Comcast in 2001, was missing links needed for live-streaming. He stated this has now been remedied, and he announced tonight's meeting and 100% of SAC programming can now go out live on the Internet. Mr. Winston noted this upgrade would likely improve signal and picture quality for residents. He also reported SAC covered more meetings this year, and it hopes to be invited to cover more in the future. In addition, Mr. Winston stated SAC increased its sports programming.

Ms. Puorro stated football, soccer and basketball are primarily covered in the fall, and coverage of a few rugby games were added this past year.

Chairman O'Brien asked if the games are carried live. Mr. Winston stated live coverage of outdoor sports would require equipment which is extremely expensive.

Mr. Winston referenced information in the reports which provides statistics for viewership and most watched programs. SAC is pleased to see the community relying more on its services as a resource.

Selectman Drobinski asked if the reports are on the Town website. Mr. Winston stated the information would be posted to the SAC website, which can be linked to from the Town website. Selectman Drobinski commended Mr. Winston and staff for the great work done for the public, noting it is a great Town resource.

Vice-Chairman Haarde stated he is pleased SAC's work has become more a part of the community and that more residents are accessing the information provided.

Chairman O'Brien asked if the Town is fully wired out. Mr. Winston stated Verizon was to complete the work by July 1, 2012, which he believes occurred. Chairman O'Brien asked if the issues on Willis Hill were resolved. Mr. Winston stated he believed they were, but he will further research the question and provide a response by email at a later time.

Mr. Winston announced SAC will cover the HOPEsudbury telethon on the first Saturday in November, and he encouraged interest from those who want to volunteer. Chairman O'Brien noted students who volunteer are able to use the experience as credit for their High School community service requirement.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept the "Sudbury Access Corporation 2011-2012 Financial & Operating Reports dated 10/2/2012" presented tonight.

At 8:02 p.m., Chairman O'Brien thanked SAC for its work and he concluded the discussion.

#### **Special Town Meeting – Follow-up Items**

At 8:02 p.m., Chairman O'Brien introduced the agenda item to consider administrative follow-up needed as a result of the Special Town Meeting on September 24, 2012. The Board was previously in receipt of the votes and submission paperwork as prepared by both the Selectmen's and Town Clerk's Offices for Articles 4 and 5 of the Special Town Meeting of September 24, 2012. Chairman O'Brien explained the requisite paperwork would be filed with the State Legislature for both articles, and with the proper Federal offices for Article 5.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To sign the submission document to the State Legislature for Article 4 of Special Town Meeting, Amending Chapter 131 of the Acts of 1994 to increase Sudbury Board of Selectmen membership from three to five; and a letter to the Federal and state legislature for Article 5 of Special Town Meeting, regarding Chemical Use on property by utilities, as voted on September 24, 2012.

#### **North Road/Great Road Intersection – Discussion**

At 8:05 p.m., Chairman O'Brien opened a discussion regarding the proposed work at the North Road and Great Road intersection, as presented by Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Bill Place. The Board was previously in receipt of copies of the Board's July 19, 2011 Meeting Minutes and a Highway Easement dated June 20, 2011 from Saint John Evangelical Lutheran Church and map exhibit. Chairman O'Brien stated the Board accepted the easement last year, and he stated DPW has recently put cones out to mark the bump out area which will be constructed soon. Vice-Chairman Haarde asked for the topic to be discussed tonight.

Vice-Chairman Haarde referenced the exhibit map, and he briefly described the intersection location. He stated he travels through this area a few times a week and is familiar with the traffic patterns. Vice-Chairman Haarde stated he approved the bump out on the original map, and he believes the work done to date is good. However, Vice-Chairman Haarde stated the recently coned-out area includes an area on North Road which he did not understand to be part of last year's proposal. He stated he had expressed concern to Mr. Place about the proposed bump out, which he does not believe is a good idea. In addition, Vice-Chairman Haarde stated the Board did not approve the work, which is now planned for the intersection.

Chairman O'Brien stated the Board accepted the easement from the Church in 2011. He also stated the Board does not usually vote on roadwork, which is implemented at the direction of the DPW. Chairman O'Brien stated he visited the intersection last week, and he traversed the coned area several times. He believes the proposed work will accomplish the intended result, which is to slow traffic turning onto North Road.

Selectman Drobinski referenced the map, noting an easement on the east side was probably not requested because the area is in the public way. He suggested this be confirmed with Mr. Place. Town Manager Valente stated she believes this to be the case, but she will also confirm it with Mr. Place.

Town Manager Valente referred to a list of road locations where Mr. Place has designed and made intersection improvements, noting more are planned that are waiting for easements. The list was provided by Mr. Place.

Vice-Chairman Haarde stated that, last year, he agreed to accept the easement on the condition of a site visit, and the area which is now coned was not discussed at the site visit. He believes the current plan will make the intersection more dangerous, more congested and more confusing. Vice-Chairman Haarde further stated he believes any potential safety problems have been addressed with work already done at the intersection.

Town Manager Valente stated Police Chief Glavin supports the planned work, and she read aloud a communication sent by Chief Glavin.

Vice-Chairman Haarde stated the road is narrow at some points near the intersection, and he believes the proposed plan will narrow it even more. He stated that, at last year's site visit, he and Mr. Place observed half of the drivers did not signal before making the right hand turn off Route 117. Vice-Chairman Haarde is concerned that it will be even more difficult to ascertain which way cars are headed because now they are being directed left, as if proceeding on Route 117, in order to make a sharper right-hand turn.

Selectman Drobinski stated he is reluctant to interfere with what he considers to be a more operational aspect of the project which the DPW, Traffic Safety Committee and Police Department think is a good plan. He stated he saw no objections to the project on the site visit.

Town Manager Valente stated the Police Chief could be asked to review the location again for visibility and safety issues. Selectman Drobinski stated this would be appropriate and appreciated, similar to the input provided by the Chief regarding Landham Road.

Vice-Chairman Haarde stated he believes he would be remiss in his duties if he did not broach this issue tonight. He views the project as a public safety matter, and he believes the goal should not be to make the intersection more dangerous. Vice-Chairman Haarde reiterated that he believes the work done to date at this site is sufficient, and a larger bump out will cause congestion and confusion.

Chairman O'Brien requested Police Chief Glavin be asked to inspect the location again to assess potential safety and visibility issues.

Vice-Chairman Haarde volunteered to meet Chief Glavin and Mr. Place at the intersection to explain his concerns.

Chairman O'Brien asked Town Manager to inform the Board of the meeting time with Chief Glavin and Mr. Place in case other Board members would also like to attend.

**Minutes**

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the Regular and Executive Session minutes of September 18, 2012.

**Sudbury Arts Weekend – Proclamation**

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To proclaim October 13-14, 2012, as Sudbury Open Studios Weekend at events being held that showcase the talents and craftsmanship of well over 40 local artists and craftspeople in Town Hall, the Grange Hall and First Parish of Sudbury.

**United Nations Day - Proclamation**

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To proclaim October 24, 2012, as United Nations Day in the Town of Sudbury and to urge that all Sudbury residents participate in the United Nations Day celebration at the State House on Wednesday, October 24, 2012 as requested in a letter dated August 27, 2012, from Richard Golob, President of the United Nations Association of Greater Boston.

**State Election – Service of Warrant**

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To sign the Service of Warrant for the November 6, 2012 State Election, which must be posted no later than Tuesday, October 30, 2012, at least seven days before the election, as requested by the Town Clerk.

**One-Day Wine and Malt License – Knights of Columbus**

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To grant a one day Wine and Malt License to Frank Lyons, 53 Wayside Inn Road, representing the Knights of Columbus #5188 of Sudbury, to accommodate an Oktoberfest Dinner Dance fundraising event at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall, 160 Concord Road, on Saturday, October 6, 2012, from 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., subject to receipt of a Certificate of Liability.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Maureen G. Valente  
Town Manager-Clerk