

IN BOARD OF SUDBURY SELECTMEN  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2013

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

Absent: Vice-Chairman Robert C. Haarde

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, the meeting was convened at 7:40 p.m. in the Lower Town Hall, 322 Concord Road.

**Opening Remarks**

At 7:40 p.m., Chairman O'Brien opened the meeting. He stated Vice-Chairman Haarde is absent tonight, and thus agenda items have been moved to future meetings to allow for his input. Chairman O'Brien thanked those who voted in the Town Election and the Town Clerk's Office, Public Safety and Building Department staffs who coordinated the day. He stated approximately 2,600 residents voted, and the results are posted on the Town website. Chairman O'Brien also stated the question to increase the number of Selectmen from three to five was approved by a significant margin. He explained a discussion will be held by the Board at its April 9, 2013 meeting with the Town Clerk to determine options for the next step, which will be a Town Election to fill the new positions.

Chairman O'Brien reminded residents to license their dogs prior to the April 2, 2013 deadline. The Town Clerk's Office will be open on April 1 and April 2, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to accommodate last minute registrations. He also reminded the community of the Spring Clean-Up on April 27, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Chairman O'Brien highlighted some upcoming agendas, noting the Board will hold a joint meeting on April 4, 2013 with the Finance Committee and the Sudbury Public Schools (SPS) and Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School (L-SRHS) Capital Committees to review a Strategic Financial Report. The Board will hold reviews of Pre-Town Meeting Articles at its April 9 (zoning and Community Preservation Act articles) and April 23, 2013 (Articles 16-21, 24 and Articles 39-43 submitted by Petitioners) meetings.

**Reports from the Town Manager**

Town Manager Valente announced the Goodnow Library will host its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities on April 27, 2013, and she encouraged residents to attend.

**Reports from the Board of Selectmen**

Selectman Drobinski thanked candidates who ran for elected offices, and he congratulated the winners. He also thanked everyone who voted in the Town Election, emphasizing the importance of everyone working together. Selectman Drobinski attended the Police Department's Open House. He encouraged the public to visit the Police Station to see the real need that exists for upgrades to the facility to comply with current regulations.

Chairman O'Brien stated the Maynard Board of Selectmen responded to the Board's letter regarding its concerns for the proposed 129 Parker Street development. He will respond to Maynard's Board again in order to coordinate a meeting to discuss shared concerns, including increased traffic and possible mitigation options.

**Inter-municipal Agreement with the City of Marlborough for Veterans' Agent Services – Extension**

The Board was previously in receipt of a draft “Veterans’ Services Intermunicipal Agreement Between the City of Marlborough and the Town of Sudbury.” Town Manager Valente stated this agenda item needs to be postponed to a later date because Marlborough has not been able to schedule its vote yet.

Selectman Drobinski asked if there are any issues of concern. Town Manager Valente stated feedback to date is that Marlborough is as equally pleased as Sudbury is with the proposal. She commended Assistant Town Manager Maryanne Bilodeau for her work coordinating the many local and State requirements needed for the Agreement.

**Firefighters’ and Dispatchers’ Unions - Collective Bargaining – Ratify Agreement**

Chairman O’Brien stated the Board approved collective bargaining contracts earlier tonight in Executive Session.

Town Manager Valente explained Agreements were reached with the firefighters’ and dispatchers’ unions, which follow the same financial patterns as previously agreed to by other labor groups, with a few provisions which are particular to these groups. Ms. Valente commended the civilian dispatchers for their cooperation through a particularly challenging year. She also explained two Agreements were reached with the firefighters, the first being a successor contract and the second one related to Advanced Life Support services and combined public safety dispatch.

Selectman Drobinski commended Town staff on these accomplishments, noting the Advanced Life Support (ALS) services will provide Sudbury citizens with quicker emergency response times.

Chairman O’Brien noted the ALS services are not new, but handling it locally is new, as a result of Emerson Hospital terminating its service to Sudbury in recent years. Thus, money which had been previously allocated to Emerson is now redirected to the Town to perform ALS services.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To ratify the vote taken in Executive Session for the two Agreements between the Town of Sudbury and the Firefighters’ and the one Agreement with the Dispatchers’ Union.

Town Manager Valente thanked Assistant Town Manager Maryanne Bilodeau for her work through the negotiation process. She also noted these were the last two Agreements to be resolved for the Town, and thus the budget in the Town Warrant will be able to reflect their conditions.

**Sudbury Celebrates 375/Sudbury Day Committee – Appointment**

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Sally Hild, 206 Nobscot Road, to the Sudbury Celebrates 375/Sudbury Day Committee for a term to expire November 30, 2014.

**MetroWest Regional Transportation Authority (MWRTA) – Proposal to Buy Property**

The Board was previously in receipt of a series of emails to and from Council on Aging Director Deb Galloway from Town Manager Valente and Assistant Town Manager Maryanne Bilodeau dated between March 11, 2013 and March 14, 2013 and a draft letter of support to be sent to the MWRTA from the Board's Chairman dated March 27, 2013.

Chairman O'Brien summarized the proposal by the MetroWest Regional Transportation Authority (MWRTA) to purchase the SMOC-owned property it currently leases at 15 Blandin Avenue in Framingham. He stated the MWRTA plans to refurbish the building as a Call Center/Dispatch and administrative offices, and vans will be maintained at the site.

Selectman Drobinski noted the proposal for funding to purchase the property does not impact funds Sudbury receives to operate its Council on Aging van.

Town Manager Valente stated feedback has been very positive since the change was made to receive these transportation services locally by the MWRTA and to receive funding for them.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve signing a letter of support by the Board of Selectmen Chair to the MetroWest Regional Transportation Authority (MWRTA) Administrator regarding the SMOC-owned building at 15 Blandin Avenue in Framingham which the MWRTA would like to purchase and adapt as a call center, using a grant and other funds which will not affect Sudbury transportation money, as requested by Deb Galloway, Council on Aging Director, in an email dated March 13, 2013.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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