

IN BOARD OF SUDBURY SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2014
EXECUTIVE SESSION (8:30 P.M – 8:55 P.M.)

Present: Chairman Charles C. Woodard, Selectman Lawrence W. O'Brien, Selectman Robert C. Haarde, Selectman Leonard A. Simon, Town Manager Maureen G. Valente (8:30 p.m. - 8:35 p.m.)

Absent: Vice-Chairman Patricia A. Brown

Land Negotiations – Johnson Farm

Town Manager Valente referenced an email sent to the Board by Director of Planning and Community Development Jody Kablack, stating Mr. Moss has accepted all the terms of the Board's counter offer. She also referenced an email received from The Sudbury Valley Trustees' Director of Land Preservation Christa Collins regarding the possibility of raising funds to be used towards the purchase.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To instruct Town staff to proceed to take all steps required to obtain a Purchase and Sale Agreement for Johnson Farm.

Minutes – April 29, 2014 Executive Session – Discussion and Vote

The Board was previously in receipt of copies of the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of April 29, 2014.

Selectman Haarde presented the Board with copies of an amended version of the April 29, 2014 Executive Session Minutes, which incorporated revisions he had made.

Chairman Woodard suggested, and the Board concurred, the first two sentences of Selectman Haarde's revisions be amended to begin "Mr. Haarde expressed his opinion..." He also noted Selectman Haarde's version is far more detailed than the original version, which provided more of a summary of the meeting.

Selectman O'Brien stated his recollection is that Selectman Haarde's version follows closely the discussion which occurred, and he does not have an objection to a more expansive version as proposed by Selectman Haarde.

Chairman Woodard questioned if so much detail is needed, and if it is, whether even more detail of the meeting should be provided including the explanation of the work done by the subcommittee and other aspects of the negotiation process.

Selectman Simon stated he would like time to reflect on comments he and/or others might have made which are not reflected in Selectman Haarde's version.

Selectman Haarde stated he believes his revisions accurately reflect the discussion which occurred, noting he did the majority of the talking at the meeting, making his points, which were then voted down by the other Board members. He further stated he had come to the April 29, 2014 meeting as prepared as he could be given the few days of short notice he had to prepare for the topic being on an agenda.

Selectman O'Brien suggested, and the Board concurred, that the handout distributed by Chairman Woodard at the meeting which compared the Town Manager compensation to comparable towns and provided a comparison between the old and new contracts also be included with the minutes.

Selectman O'Brien opined the minutes should reflect what happened at the meeting, and thus it should include the handout, but he is not sure if a preamble regarding the negotiation process is necessary. He stated he has no objections to Selectman Haarde's version, if the handout is attached to it.

Chairman Woodard stated he has no objections to Selectman Haarde's version other than what he already suggested. However, he further stated he would like to see some text added to set forth the discussion about and explanation of the negotiation process. Selectman Simon concurred, stating he too would like to see more discussion possibly added.

Selectman Simon requested the Board be given copies of Chairman Woodard's handout which was distributed on April 29, 2014 in advance of the Board's next meeting.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To continue the discussion to approve the Executive Session meeting Minutes of April 29, 2014 at the Board's next Executive Session meeting, subject to the suggestions made tonight being incorporated into the revised version presented tonight by Selectman Haarde and to include Chairman Woodard's handout distributed on April 29, 2014.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Attest: _____
Maureen G. Valente
Town Manager-Clerk