

IN BOARD OF SUDBURY SELECTMEN

EXECUTIVE SESSION

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

Present: Chairman Daniel E. Carty, Vice-Chairman Patricia A. Brown, Selectman Janie Dretler, Selectman Jennifer Roberts, Selectman William Schineller and Interim Town Manager Maryanne Bilodeau.

The statutory requirement as to notice having been complied with, the meeting was convened at 6:45 p.m. at Town Hall – Lower Level.

Open in Regular Session, and immediately vote to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining matters related to negotiation strategy for all Town unions, wherein strategy discussion with respect to collective bargaining in open session may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body pursuant to MGL chapter 30a §21(a)(3).

It was on motion unanimously

Carty–aye, Brown–aye, Dretler–aye, Roberts–aye, and Schineller–aye.

VOTED: To open in Regular Session, and immediately vote to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining matters related to negotiation strategy for all Town unions, wherein strategy discussion with respect to collective bargaining in open session may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body pursuant to MGL chapter 30a §21(a)(3).

Interim Town Manager Bilodeau stated the Board would vote whether to continue with the Group Insurance Commission (GIC) plan and explained that every three years the insurance agreement had to be reviewed with renewal due by June 30, 2020. Interim Town Manager Bilodeau provided a chronology regarding the Town's insurance history, noting that some time ago the Town was self-insured. When Municipal Health Care Reform was enacted, insurance negotiations no longer took place and the best terms for the Town are those provided with the GIC plan.

Chair Carty asked if SPS is included in the GIC plan and asked if SPS representatives attend related insurance meetings. Interim Town Manager Bilodeau responded in the affirmative and stated that SPS representatives come to the meetings at times.

Selectman Dretler commented that LS is not included in the plan. Interim Town Manager Bilodeau confirmed the statement. Vice-Chair Brown commented that LS must notify their insurer by December in order to renew the plan.

Selectman Roberts asked why Sudbury claim loss ratio is so high. Interim Town Manager Bilodeau replied a significant portion of the enrollees are retirees, among other factors. She stressed that the GIC plan offered continued savings for the Town. She asserted that the current FY20 Health Insurance Budget is lower than it was 13 years ago in FY07.

Vice-Chair Brown motioned and Selectman Schineller seconded the motion.

It was on motion unanimously

Carty – aye, Brown – aye, Dretler – aye, Roberts – aye and Roberts – aye.

VOTED: That the Board give their authorization for the Interim Town Manager to take the steps to effectuate the Town staying with the GIC.

Also, discuss strategy with respect to potential litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares (Hollyer v. Conservation Commission), pursuant to General Laws chapter 30A, §21(a)(3).

Interim Town Manager Bilodeau informed the Board that the Conservation Commission was not ready to bring forward litigation regarding the property at 0 Washington Drive, which is owned by the Hollyer family.

Interim Town Manager Bilodeau detailed that the Hollyers had installed beaver deceivers in their pond and last evening the Conservation Commission voted not to allow beaver deceivers. She explained that the Hollyers are proposing a possible gift to the Town in the amount of \$3,000, and that Town Counsel Jonathan Silverstein is reviewing the situation to determine if the Board needs to vote on this aspect.

Vote to close Executive Session and resume Open Session

At 7:05 p.m. Chair Carty moved to close executive session and resume open session. Vice-Chair Brown seconded the motion.

It was on motion unanimously

Carty – aye, Dretler – aye, Roberts – aye, Schineller – aye and Brown – aye.

VOTED: To close executive session and resume open session.